

Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 2nd June 2026

Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

Agreed MINUTES

1. Attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), James Everett (JE) John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Rendle (PR)

Ward Councillor: Anna Box

Parish Clerk: Alicia Fox (AF).

Members of the public- 2 members of the public

2. Apologies: Councillor George Ford (GF),

3. Approval of minutes of meetings:

The minutes of the meetings held on 5th May 2026 and 7th April 2026 were reviewed and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Public Participation:

Member of public expressed concern regarding a near miss with a speeding vehicle on the 25th April as he was trying to pull out of his land.

He saw a dog off the lead in the field off Pit lane and he went down to see who it was. He was pleased to see that the water is going down the drain better and the hedge has been cut back at Five Ways.

Member of public would like to know the cost of sign that has gone up on Stitching road and the cost to BANES for the drainage works outside the village hall.

Member of public raised an issue he had between himself and Councillor Everett in May.

The Chair advised the issue was not one for discussion at the Parish Council meeting.

Ward Councillor update:

Situation with buses is not looking positive. They have been lobbying and are having meetings with WECA.

IW asked if the issue is due to lack of use?

AB- Said there were two buses set up, one has been unsuccessful however the second bus has been a success story but unfortunately it forms part of a bigger picture.

Airport parking- the enforcement officers are partially funded by the Airport. AB is trying to get onboard with the comms and expertise. If you see illegal parking need to report to the Bristol Airport team. They find it useful for you to use Whatthree words when logging the parking.

AB- will share the email address for where the parking needs to be reported to.

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No update on the Local Plan but should be published in July.

99% children in BANES got the school placements which they wanted.

Children entitled to free school meals can apply for vouchers for the summer holiday period.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Clerk/RFO recruitment

Clerk advised she has posted the position on the Parish website and it has been shared on a local Whatsapp group.

PH advised he will reach out Parish Magazine about sharing the job advert.

ACTION: Clerk to email job advert to AB

7. Highways

- a. Drains or any other areas of concern

JE shared an email he had received regarding electric fencing across a public footpath at Church Farm.

8. Planning:

IW and JM both attended a planning meeting on how the planning team will operate going forward.

IW said the table she was sat on were from much larger villages who had bigger developments being built. She will attend the follow up meetings to continue to feedback and provide local knowledge.

JM said that the facility for Ward Councillors to request a delegated application be referred to committee was to be removed except in very limited circumstances.

- a. New applications-

- b. Ongoing- None

- c. Decisions

- d. Enforcement:

- i. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

Enforcement officer requested the bunds and vehicles to be removed but the applicant is now appealing against this.

JM said the appeal has to have been lodged prior to the enforcement notice coming into effect, so he asked if AB knew when the appeal was lodged.

ACTION: AB will ask BANES what date the appeal was lodged.

PH invited a resident to speak about issues:

They have been asked to remove vehicles including caravans, portable loos and the bunds.

Landowner has said he needs vehicles for relief and tea breaks and has implied they are temporary.

He said he has removed the portable loo's but will be putting in an application for a permanent loo and claims the bunds will reduce by 50% then he will be planting a hedge on top.

The barn is now erected, but there are no sides. There is now a huge mountain of earth between the gates and the barn.

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JM said spreading of one or two bunds had been started.

The resident asked why vehicles cannot be moved into the barn? If he doesn't do this, he should be given a deadline for when they need to be moved off site.

Bunds- he is allowed to do what he is doing but again a timeline should be given as an act of good faith.

PR- asked if the bunds followed the line of the footpath and said that hedging on both sides will make the footpath quite enclosed.

PH will draft a response for submission to BANES.

PR- asked AB if the land owner needed a feasible plan and had one been submitted?

AB advised she will ask the planning officer.

ACTION: PH will draft a response on behalf of the PC to be submitted.

1 member of public left the meeting.

9. Finance:

a. Bank reconciliation for 30th April 2026 to 31st May 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

b. Payments for approval.:

i. Clerk salary - **£402**- The Clerk received an updated tax code which means a change to the original agenda.

ii. Clerk work from home allowance and expenses-

Putting agendas up-24 miles – £10.80

Attending meeting-24 miles – £10.80

Work from home allowance- £26.00

Total expenses: **£47.60**

iii. **Somerset Forge £1182**

JE proposed the payments and PR seconded the payments. These will be sent by JM and PH.

The Somerset Forge payment was from The Mendip Society Grant.

10. Adoption and review of policies:

These documents were circulated in advance of the meeting for the Councillors to review.

Code of Conduct

Proposer: JE

Seconder: IW

Password and device security policy

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Proposer: JE

Secunder: IW

11. Parish Council Airports Association (PCAA)

Document which had been written by a member of the PCAA regarding objecting to the Bristol Airport 15mppa planning application had been circulated to members.

PH has drafted a response to the planning application which he shared with the Councillors for reviewing.

JM suggested adding in about bats and skylarks.

AB suggested adding about the loss of tourist income to the country.

PR could add about no infrastructure to support the local community.

12. Clean Air Strategy response

This policy is linked to roads in Bath and surrounding areas where traffic congregates and sits. Already below government levels but want to continue to improve. BANEs want to bring in a Clean Air policy which is better than the current Government policy.

AB asked if there is a location the councillors would like her to get the testing equipment out for. The PC agreed there is not a suitable location in the village.

The PC agreed to not submit a response but encourage people respond individually.

13. Parish Matters

JE- clarified the situation raised by the member of public and confirmed it was a matter of two residents and not one for the Parish Council.

PR raised concerns regarding robberies that have taken place in the village and surrounding villages. There have been a mix of items that have been taken and encourage residents to be vigilant, lock away valuables and report any matters to the police.

AB- advised a lot of antisocial driving over the bank holiday weekend. If any antisocial behaviour is witnessed people are encouraged to submit any dashcam footage.

14. Old finger-posts renovation

PH the fingerpost near the hatchery has been removed and is undergoing repairs.

15. Next meeting- 7th July 2026

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00.