Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 1st September 2026
Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall

MINUTES

1. **Attendance:**
   Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), James Everett (JE), George Ford (GF)
   Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB)
   Parish Clerk: Lisa McGrath (LM).
   Members of the public - 1 members of the public

2. **Apologies:**
   John Mallone (JM), Ingrid Williams (IW), Peter Rendle (PR)

3. **Approval of minutes of meetings:**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2026 were reviewed and signed by the Chairperson. Proposed PH seconded JE.

4. **Public Participation:**
   PH asked if member of the public had any points to raise. Member of the public wanted to discuss Rugmore Farm. PH said this would be discussed under agenda item 9. Planning – Enforcement.

5. **Ward Councillors Update:**
   AB talked about the local plan, outlining the main points and explained that more new housing is required than detailed in the previous submission which had been rejected. AB explained that BANES is required to build 27,000 new homes over the coming years and the main villages that will be affected in the Chew Valley area is Bishop Sutton, Chew Stoke and Chew Magna. Sites will mainly come from infill and village expansion. The original local plan must be revised, if the revised plan doesn't get through villages run the risk of not receiving any CIL payments to improve local services. Concern was expressed that expanding these villages could affect schools and increased traffic on surrounding roads. The outstanding allocation will be taken on by the area west of Bath, Midsummer Norton, Hicks Gate and Keynsham.

   AB Raised the issue of road safety in the area – This is to be covered under separate agenda point 7 Dangerous driving around the Chew Valley.

   AB Talked about cycle network and how they were looking to improve this around the Chew Valley, predominantly Chew Valley Lake.

   AB Updated on busses. There are three new routs operating in the Chew Valley area which locals are now making use of.

6. **Declarations of Interest:**
   None

7. **Dangerous driving around Chew Valley Lake and RORR (Rescue Our Rural Roads):**
   PH had received an email from Steven Read (Chew Stoke PC) outlining concerns of speeding in the local area and that an action group, RORR had been set up. PH confirmed Nempnett Parish Councils (NPC) commitment to assisting the group any way they can. AB said inspector Matthews had spoken to her and other councillors saying it had not gone unnoticed there had been deaths on the roads and funding may be available to help combat speeding. AB explained various options were being considered, enforcement just resulted in displacement of the activity. Speed bumps had been considered and decided not a viable option. It has been suggested that footpaths may help, joining up existing paths and creating new ones and it should be a priority that children and locals are able to walk safely. AB asked NPC to put forward any ideas regarding speeding, traffic control and prevention. If locals see speeding or racing cars in the area the police have asked them to gather evidence, car registration numbers, dash cam footage and ring doorbells, however they cannot accept 'dangerous evidence' where the public may have put themselves in a position of danger to take a video or slow down a speeding car. Reports can be made by dialling 101 or 999 for more serious cases or immediate danger.
   PH would welcome any suggestions from councillors. No actions just keep reporting back.

8. **Highways:**
   No issues.

9. **Planning:**
   a. No live planning applications at present
   b. Enforcement:
      i. Parcel 5342, Bellevue Lane 24/00362/UNAUTH

   PH Said nothing had happened since the last update and it has all gone quiet. Most bunds have now grassed/grown over, one had been slightly flattened but no further developments to report.

      ii. Rugmore Farm

   PH explained that there had been two events so far and asked for feedback. LM Said that the first event had been incredibly loud and disruptive to the village, running from Friday until early hours of Sunday morning. Several neighbours had logged a noise complaint with BANES including residents of Ubley and Blagdon. Although a TEN (Temporary Event Notice) was in place for the event LM believed this event ran outside the agreed dates and is currently in contact with licencing at BANES regarding this. There was also some uncertainty as to what time the TEN allowed to play music until, LM in contact with licensing to clarify. AB suggested meeting with the owners of Rugmore farm to discuss. Member of the public said that when residents had objected to the noise on the local Whatsapp group the owner had offered a meeting to discuss which was welcomed by members of the village however nothing further was forthcoming. LM reported that the second event was more low key however the noise

was still disruptive and expressed great concern that under a TEN such events could happen over most weekends during the summer ongoing. PH suggested keeping an eye on future licence applications.

10. Finance:

a. Bank reconciliation for 1st July 2026 to 31st August 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed by PH approved by JE and signed by the Chair.
b. Payments for approval.:
    i. Clerk salary - £746.11
    ii. Clerks Expenses mileage -£17.55
    iii. JM expenses mileage - £19.80

JE proposed the payments and GF seconded the payments.
LM asked for approval of community heartbeat invoice. PH asked if we could confirm exactly what the invoice was for LM to speak to Ingrid to see if she knows whether this covers the new defibrillator or relates to the old one. If Ingrid doesn't know LM will speak to heart beat.

11. Parish Council Airports Association (PCAA):

PH updated on behalf or JM. JM had received an email from the PCAA detailing an enforcement order issued by North Somerset Council. It relates to a previous enforcement issued back in 2006 to close down an illegally operating car park. The operator claimed that as they had continued operating for over 10 years the original order didn't apply, however North Somerset Council had reenforced the original order to close them down. PH said this was an example that outstanding orders can still be enforced even if a substernal time had passed and asked all to remain vigilant and still report unauthorised sites.

PH said no updates on Felton Common which is still ongoing.

No further updates from the PCAA.

12. Parish Matters:

a. Jubilee bench.

PH said that IW had expressed concerns that the Jubilee bench is not being used and what can be done to make it more visible/used. PH suggested that lack of usage may be down to the overgrown hedge blocking the view. LM to write a letter to Bristol Water requesting them to cut the hedge lower next time their contractors are working there, or see if they would be happy for someone to trim that small section of hedge to maintain the view.

PH asked if anyone had any other ideas. PH suggested putting it on Google maps or a sign. PH asked everyone to come up with some suggestions for the next meeting.

PH said the bench needed rubbing down and repainting which he had started, and asked if anyone would be able to offer help.

13. Defibrillator training:

IW had asked LM to discuss training days on her behalf. IW had been in touch with South West Ambulance Service (SWAS) who are happy to provide the training. They have asked for a selection of dates and times, it was suggested that we go back to him with Tuesdays in October providing these avoid school holidays and PC meetings time preferred is 19:30. LM to update Ingrid, once a date has been agreed with SWAS it can be shared on the village Whatsapp group. They do not charge for the training but ask for a donation through their just giving page to help fund future training. PH asked if they could give us some idea of the donation amount they would be looking for. A suggested donation and link to their just giving page can then be shared on the village group.

14. Next Meeting

PH proposed and confirmed the next meeting for Tuesday 6th October at 19:30.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:43 PM.