Nempnett Thrubwell Parish Council

Parish Council meeting at 19:30 on 6th October 2026
Nempnett Thrubwell Village Hall
DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Attendance:**
   Councillors: Peter Hellier (PH - Chair), Ingrid Wilms (IW), Peter Rendle (PR)
   Parish Clerk: Lisa McGrath (LM).
   Members of the public - 2 members of the public

2. **Apologies:**
   Councillors: John Mallone (JM), George Ford (GF) James Everett (JE)
   Ward Councillor: Anna Box (AB)

3. **Public Participation:**
   PH asked if members of the public had any points to raise.
   Member of the public made the following comments which were noted. Dog relieving itself in his field in Nov 25. Drainage pipes outside the village hall, discussions are still ongoing between BANES, highways and his agent. Airport expansion and where larger planes would be stored. Costings of new highway signage in Bishop Sutton. (Costing provided by AB were handed out). Displeasure with BANES pay rises of 5% and raised council tax. Concern over large housing developments in Chew Stoke and Bishop Sutton.

4. **Co-option of parish councillor:**
   PH introduced Bob Phillips (BP) who has expressed an interest in filling the vacant councillors position advertised. PH said that BP was already an active member of the village and would be a credit to the parish council. IW proposed his appointment, PR seconded. Passed unanimously. IW mentioned new councillors normally commit to serve a four year term of office unless elected out at the next election. BP confirmed he was happy with this. LM to add BP to WhatsApp group and email distribution list. LM to complete all relevant paperwork inline with council guidelines.

5. **Approval of minutes of meetings:**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2026 were reviewed and signed by the Chairperson. Although some councillors were not present at the last meeting all councillors had received the minutes via email and have read and approved them. Minutes proposed IW seconded PR. Passed unanimously.

6. **Ward Councillors Update:**
   AB Not present as she was poorly. PH gave update on her behalf. AB had attended a meeting in Chew Stoke regarding the local plan. Many residents were upset and concerned at the large number of new houses (circa 100 Chew Stoke) allocated to the village and the impact it would have on the community. AB had had similar concerns from the residents of Stowey Sutton who have circa 280 new houses allocated. Although no new homes have been

allocated to Nempnett Thrubwell AB has asked councillors to consider the impact so many new homes may have on Nempnett Thrubwell and comment on the local plan before the end of October. Main concerns discussed as follows
Extra traffic on already busy local roads, lanes unsuitable for more traffic, local facilities under pressure such as schools, doctors. Lack of facilities in the area meaning more people driving in and out of villages, lack of regular busses, no parking at Chew Stoke and Chew Magna primary schools causing congestion at school drop off and pick up times, dangerous parking outside Chew Valley School making road single lane causing congestion. Extra homes means extra cars with no space for parking. PH to put together response outlining these concerns LM to circulate to councillors for agreement, then submit agreed comments the council.

7. **Declarations of Interest:**
   None

8. **Dangerous driving around Chew Valley Lake and RORR (Rescue Our Rural Roads):** PH said unfortunately the first meeting had to be cancelled but was being rescheduled. Hopefully dangerous driving would naturally reduce during the winter months although there was still a big concern. When a new meeting date is set LM will share with the Parish Council.

9. **Highways:**
   PH said that fly tipping was getting more frequent. The items tipped by the village hall had been reported and removed promptly, however fly tipped items in the bridle way near Howgrove Hil had been reported but still not removed. PH said there was no ideal way of monitoring but for all to be vigilant and report any evidence they may have.

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

          PH said that planning permission for an additional barn had been applied for on Belle View Lane although Nempnett Parish Council had not been asked to comment. The application had been refused and notified on 22nd September on the grounds that there was not enough information in the application. The applicant had provided an outline of the fields but not the location of the barn. PH asked all to keep an eye on the planning portal and comment where necessary. AB emailed PH for an updated on the appeal against the enforcement. PH said that it had not been addressed and was still outstanding.

ii. Rugmore Farm 26/00161/UNDEV
PH said no further events have taken place and there are no current TEN applications. No further action other than keep monitoring TEN applications as normal. PH agreed item can be removed from agenda. Finally, it was noted that the property is now up for sale.

11. Finance:

a. Bank reconciliation for 1st September 2026 to 30st September 2026 was agreed as being an accurate record. Proposed by PR approved by IW and signed by the Chair.
b. Payments for approval.:
   i. Clerk salary - £342.25
   ii. Data Protection fee - £52.00
   iii. PCAA fee - £50.00
   iv. Vision ICT fee - £202.13

PR proposed the payments and IW seconded the payments. Passed unanimously.

12. Parish Council Airports Association (PCAA):

Nothing to report from the PCAA. There are still concerns regarding the smell of aviation fuel, IW said that fuel dumping had been discussed at a previous meeting and that smaller aircraft cannot fuel dump, only larger aircraft which do not currently fly into Bristol. In response to a concern expressed by a member of the public as to where larger aircraft would be 'parked' under the new expansion plans PR mentioned that the airport planning applications were online and are open for public comment and encouraged everyone to add any concerns and objections there. IW mentioned that public transport back to rural areas from the airport was extortionate for a 4 mile journey doing nothing to support the local rural community using the facility.

13. Parish Matters:

a. Jubilee bench.

PH said that the bench needed maintenance and welcomes any help. PH read email response from Bristol Water saying they were unable to meet our request to trim the hedge in front of the bench so people could enjoy the view. However Bristol Water did say there are big plans in place for the whole of the Rugmore Estate, including the relaying hedges of which this would be one. He was keen to engage with locals regarding their plans and has offered to attend the next parish council meeting and do a presentation. PH welcomed this offer. LM to arrange with Bristol Water and notify parishioners.

b. Coronation Bench

PH said he had received an email from a member of the parish who was struggling to access the coronation bench because of the uneven ground and platform the bench sits on. PH asked for suggestions on how to make the bench more accessible. The existing surface would need to be levelled. A slope up to the bench would help but may not be viable. An extra step would also be a good option. IW suggested asking the council for additional funding as there is a public accessibility

issue and there may be grants available. PE suggested speaking to AB. All councillors to investigate options and bring to next meeting.

14. Defibrillator training:

LM said that a date for training had been arranged for Tuesday 24th November 7:30pm at the Village Hall. LM to put details on the village WhatsApp group and display poster on noticeboards. IW had an update regarding the Community Heartbeat invoice queried at August's meeting. PH had asked her to look into the service we received for the membership fee. IW explained Community Heartbeat was very similar to an insurance. You pay your annual premium and they would replace perishable items such as battery or pads upon request. IW said the pad costs vary between £35 up to £70. A complete set replacement is around £180.00 which we would need in a few years time. Given that in the past 10 years we have only had to replace once and our defibrillator is new the fee didn't offer value for money. PR proposed that we don't renew. IW seconded. Passed unanimously. IW to contact Community Heartbeat and cancel the agreement but keep an eye on prices of these items for any increases.

15. Next Meeting

PH proposed and confirmed the next meeting for Tuesday 3rd November at 19:30.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.03 PM.