

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

5th December 2019

Minutes of Meeting

2019/098-Apologies/Attendance Register-Apologies were received from Mark Dean & Trudy Herniman.

2019/099-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2019/100-Minutes of Previous Meeting-The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

2019/101-Announcements from the Chair-There were none.

2019/102-Broadband Project- Adele Poole thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced Matt Holmes, Openreach Project Manager.

2019/102.1-Overview- The purpose of the project is to introduce ultrafast broadband (up to 330mbps) to the village and some of the surrounding areas. A map showing the extent of the project and addresses included was distributed.

2019/102.2-Update on Vouchers Agreed- The project is jointly funded with Openreach. Our contribution to the cost of the project is £117,138 including VAT and subject to contract. There will be no ongoing costs.

The Village Hall receives a grant of £30,000 as a charity. The Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme allocates £1500 for residential customers and £3500 if a business is being run from home. There is a deadline of 31st December 2019 to secure the Village Hall grant.

By allowing your voucher to be used towards the project you will be committing to taking out a new broadband contract when the project is completed, with an internet provider of your choice.

2019/102.3-Self Dig Requirements-There are a few properties within the project area that will require some self-digging to access the Openreach equipment.

2019/102.4-Question & Answers- Matt Holmes & Adele Poole took questions from the Parish Council and members of the public present.

The timescale for the project is approximately 12 months.

On completion of the project, customers will need to contact their chosen service provider who will complete connection to individual properties.

The contract must be signed by a legal entity (Parish Council) and the £30,000 grant applied for no later than 31st December 2019.

Residents who choose not to apply their voucher to the scheme may not benefit.

The value of the vouchers committed so far is £139,000 which leaves approximately £22, 000 contingency.

2019/102.5-Next Steps- Adele Poole proposed that the Parish Council agree to sign the contract to proceed with the project before 31st December. Trevor Allen seconded the proposal and the Council voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Matt Holmes will apply for the vouchers on behalf of everyone who has agreed to commit to the scheme. Residents will then be contacted to confirm.

2019/103-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time-Included in item 2019/102. There were no further questions.

2019/104-Correspondence-There was none.

2019/105-AOB- There was none.

2019/106-Date of next meeting- Thursday 16th January.

