

**GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Councillor's Present**-Roger Gay (Chair), Mary Burbidge, Mark Dean, Trevor Allen, Jon Ride, Richard Toller, Adele Poole.

**2017/083-APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**-Apologies received from Trudy Herniman & Andy Warren who had work commitments.

**2016/084-DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**-Mark Dean disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 2017/092.

**2017/085-ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**-There were none.

**2017/086-DEMOCRATIC 15 MINUTES/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**-There were no questions from the public.

**2017/087-DISPENSATION REQUESTS**-There were none.

**2017/088-MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**-The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved and signed by Roger Gay.

**2017/089-PLANNING MATTERS**-Reference: 63992-Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (class C3) & associated operational development at Thorne Farm, George Nympton, South Molton.

Mark Dean declared an interest in this item and left the meeting room while it was discussed.

The council voted unanimously and had no objections.

**2017/090-COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S SLOT**-Jeremy Yabsley attended the meeting. It was confirmed that £3000 had been received from his fund.

He told the meeting that pot holes are being under reported and encouraged everyone to report any that they are aware of.

**2017/091-DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SLOT**-Eric Ley attended the meeting. He said that the implementation of the Local Plan has been delayed until a review of housing needs has been completed.

The decision of the Boundaries Commission on the Electoral Review is awaited.

**2017/092-VILLAGE HALL**-Adele Poole updated the meeting on the progress of the refurbishment, grants applied for and fundraising plans.

Cheque no. 100319 for £4891.13 raised & signed for works completed on ladies toilets, front entrance & lights in main hall.

**2017/093-FINANCIAL MATTERS-**

2017/093.1- Account Balances: Community Account: £6057.55, Saver Account: £1630.75

2017/093.2- DALC invoice for £30 for Jon Ride's attendance at New Councillor's Training. Cheque no. 100318 raised and signed.

2017/093.3-McAfee annual subscription reduced to £59.99. Cheque to be raised at next meeting.

2017/093.4-Recommendations from External Auditors. Question re Trust Funds should have been answered "N/A" rather than left blank. Auditor requires this to be minuted.

2017/093.5-The Parish Grant has been reduced by £161 for the coming year.

2017/093.6-Budget & Precept- The Council approved the budget for the coming year unanimously, including an increase in the Parish Precept of £131.

2017/093.7-British Legion- The Council unanimously approved a donation of £50 to The British Legion in place of a wreath donation. Cheque no.100320 raised and signed.

2017/093.8-TAP Fund- TAP fund application has been approved and will pay £199.99 for cost of new hand drier in Village Hall.

2017/093.9-Village Hall-Cheque no.100317 for £200 to Village Hall raised & signed.

**2017/094-BROADBAND**-Adele told the meeting that she has arranged a meeting with BT's South West Regional Director to discuss the options for improved broadband.

**2017/095-CORRESPONDENCE**-The Council unanimously agreed not to proceed with an expression of interest in s106 Open Space Funding.

**2017/096-DRAINS**-Trevor Allen reported that The Highways Department are no longer routinely monitoring drains. Richard Toller agreed to find out how neighbouring parishes are managing their drains.

**2017/097-SNOW WARDEN**-Roger Gay confirmed that a supply of salt is still available.

**2017/098-AOB**-Adele Poole suggested that The Village Hall Committee could pass on details of progress with refurbishment & upcoming events to the Parish Clerk for publication on the Parish Council's website. The Council unanimously supported this.

**2017/099-DATE OF NEXT MEETING-18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

