

## GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### Minutes of the meeting.

**Councillors Present-** Roger Gay (Chair), Jon Ride, Trevor Allen, Adele Poole, Richard Toller, Mary Burbidge.

**2018/089-Apologies/Attendance Register-**Apologies received from Mark Dean, Andy Warren & Trudy Herniman.

**2018/090-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-**There were none.

**2018/091-Announcements from the Chair-**Roger Gay told the meeting he attended the recent Parish Forum meeting which had been informative. Matters discussed at that meeting included council tax increase and increased funding for link road and drain clearance. The minutes from that meeting will be forwarded on to councillors when available.

**2018/092-Minutes of Previous Meeting-**The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2018/093-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time –**There were no questions from members of the public present.

**2018/094-Dispensation Requests-**There were none.

**2018/095-Planning Matters-**Ref. 65772-Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (class ab) at Narracott Farm, George Nympton, EX36 4HZ. The Prior Approval Application was noted and the Council had no comments to submit.

**2018/096-County Councillor's Slot-** Councillor not present.

**2018/097-District Councillor's Slot-**Councillor not present.

**2018/098-Councillor Vacancy-**It was agreed to postpone filling the current vacancy until the May elections.

#### **2018/099-Financial Matters**

2018/099.1-Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment. Cheque no 100333 for £200 raised & signed.

2018/099.2-Donation to British Legion in lieu of a wreath unanimously agreed. Cheque no. 100335 for £50 raised & signed.

2018/099.3-Account Balances-Community Account £1971.86. Business Saver Account £1633.47

2018/099.4-Budget & Precept. The budget for the coming year was proposed and unanimously agreed.

An increase in the grant to the Village Hall from £400 to £500 per year was unanimously agreed. The first increase for several years.

The Parish Council Training Budget increase to £100 was unanimously agreed.

The Parish Precept was set at £1850. An increase of £150 to cover the above. This was unanimously approved.

2018/099.5-Communities Together Fund-Payment of £790 received for defibrillator.

2018/099.6-Investing in Devon Fund-Approval received for £3000 for planned work to village hall passageways.

2018/099.7-McAfee Annual Payment- Payment of invoice. Cheque no.100334 to Nan Maxwell for £41.99 raised & signed.

2018/099.8-South West Heritage Trust- It was agreed that the Council would not make a contribution this year.

**2018/100-Broadband**-Adele Poole provided an update. Confirmation is awaited from Openreach re. the precise scope of the planned project to bring superfast broadband to the area and the final costs. So far £59,000 worth of vouchers have been committed to the project.

**2018/101-Village Hall**-Adele informed the meeting that the refurbishment programme continues. Work to the passageways is planned to go ahead next month.

The recent Quiz & Curry night organised by the Church and Village Hall Committee was very successful and raised more than £800.

Further fundraising events are planned and the Village Hall Committee are committed to future joint events with the Church.

Adele thanked Ian Bateman for agreeing to take over the role of treasurer to the Village Hall.

**2018/102-Correspondence**-Letter from South Molton Scout Hall requesting support for grant application. Clerk to send letter.

Email from NDC re. Electoral Role. Clerk to request an encrypted copy.

**2018/103-AOB**-There was none.

**2018/104- Date of next meeting. January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.