GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

17th March 2022

Minutes of the Meeting

Councillors Present-Jon Ride (Chair), Trudy Herniman, Adele Poole, Richard Toller, Trevor Allen, Roger Gay.

2022/015-Apologies/Attendance Register-Apologies were received from Ian Horsnell who was unwell.

2022/016-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2022/017-Minutes of Previous Meeting-The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted as accurate and were signed by Jon Ride.

2022/018-Announcements from the Chair-Re. planning applications references 74607 & 74626 at Great Hele Barton Farm. Jon Ride informed the meeting that decisions on the above applications were still pending. The comments agreed by the Council at the meeting in January have been submitted and other interested parties had agreed with them. Jon will update the Council when a decision has been made by the planning department.

2022/019-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time-Ian Bateman asked if the Council should consider how to support any parishioners or refugees from Ukraine who may come to the parishes. Trudy Herniman asked for this to be a regular item on future agendas.

Steve Howe asked about reporting ongoing problems with blocked drains and was advised to do this via the County Council's website.

2022/020-Co-Option of Councillor-Trudy Herniman proposed the co-option of Richard Poole, East Trayne Farm, George Nympton, EX36 4JG on to the Council. Jon Ride seconded the proposal and Richard was unanimously voted on to the Council to fill the long standing vacancy.

2022/021-County Councillor's Slot-Jeremy Yabsley was unable to attend.

2022/022-District Councillor's Slot-Eric Ley sent his apologies.

2022/023-Financial Matters.

2022/023.1-Account Balances-Community Account-£7,319.42. Business saver Account-£1,638.99

2022/023.2-Cheque no.100362 for £141.30 to Jon Ride for cost of website hosting raised and signed.

2022/023.3- Grant to Village Hall- It was agreed in principle that a grant of £3,750 was available to support repairs / refurbishment in the village hall. £1,750 of this total was from the County Councillor's grant. Adele Poole will write to the Parish Council on behalf of the village hall detailing the costs of planned works.

2022/024-Dispensation Requests-There were none.

2022/025-Planning Matters-There were none.

2022/026-Purchase of new laptop-It was agreed that the laptop computer owned by the Council and used by the Clerk should be replaced. Jon Ride has sourced a Dell laptop costing £379 + £36 for transfer of storage on to new computer. A further £120 may be required to purchase a Microsoft programme. The purchase was unanimously approved.

2022/027-Phone Box-The village phone box was purchased by the Parish Council at the request of some parishioners who expressed a wish to restore it. The phone box has fallen into further disrepair and suffered damage in the recent storms. It was agreed at the meeting that the box should be removed for safety reasons if no restoration work by the community is underway before the next Parish Council meeting in May.

2022/028-Platinum Jubilee Celebrations-The Parish Council agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of planned community events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June.

2022/029-Village Hall-Adele Poole provided an update.

Four new members have been welcomed to the committee.

Fund raising events are planned over the coming months.

Further refurbishment is planned when funds available.

Hire charges are being reviewed in line with neighbouring village halls.

There had been a meeting to plan the platinum jubilee celebrations which was optimistic and enthusiastic ideas were welcomed.

2022/030-Correspondence- Email from Monitoring Officer re. new code of conduct and associated training for Parish Councillors. All Councillors were strongly encouraged to register for the online training on April 26th.

2022/031-AOB-There was no other business.

2022/032-Date of Net Meeting.

Annual Meeting of Combined Parishes-12th May 2022 at 6.30pm.

Parish Council Annual general Meeting-12th May 2022 at 7.30pm.