

## GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### Minutes of Meeting

**Councillors Present**-Jon Ride (Chair), Ian Horsnell, Richard Toller, Roger Gay, Richard Poole.

**2022/081-Apologies/Attendance Register**-Apologies were received from Adele Poole who was ill.

**2022/082-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**-There were none.

**2022/083-Minutes of Previous Meeting**-Unanimously approved and signed by Chairman.

**2022/084-Announcements from the Chair**-Jon Ride reported that the Clerk was absent due to family illness – the Council sent her their sympathies. Richard Toller agreed to take notes in her absence.

Jon Ride reported that the recycling collection problems that were discussed at the last 2 meetings now appear to be resolved.

There had been no further news from Highways re the speeding concerns that had been referred to the Speed Complaint Action Review Forum.

Jon Ride reported that the Register of Interests had been updated on the parish website.

**2022/085-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time**-There were no members of the public present.

**2022/086-County Councillor's Slot**-Jeremy Yabsley reported on the difficult financial position that the County Council is in. The head of Children's Services has left the Council. He also provided an update on cuts to the link road project.

**2022/087-District Councillor's Slot**-Eric Ley provided useful information on several items on the Agenda (see below).

**2022/088-Financial Matters.** Richard Poole gave an update on the Account balances and recent transactions, which were approved. A cheque (No 100370) for £250 for the second installment of the Village Hall support grant was raised and signed. He also provided an update on progress re online banking/payment abilities/signatories (RG, MD, RT, RP; the latter 2 already have on-line access to view bank accounts). Hopefully it will soon be possible to transfer monies online during a meeting and largely eliminate the use of cheques.

Following consideration of past budgets, and the predicted budget for next year, it was unanimously agreed to keep the precept for 2023-4 at the same level as this year (£1850).

**2022/089-Dispensation Requests**-There were none.

**2022/090-Planning Matters**- Jon Ride reported that Applications 75963 (Erection of log cabin at Garramarsh Farm) and 75736 (Demolition of existing barn and erection of new holiday let at Narracot) have now been approved by the planning department

Application 75812 (Erection of 3 dwellings on land adjacent to Bowden Hayes). The planning decision is still officially pending, but Eric Ley reported that despite getting conflicting indications from different planning officers, it now seemed possible that the application would be approved. He

also reported that if approved, there would be a potential 'S106 Public Open Space contribution' of £8,777 given to the Parish. It was agreed that this would go towards further enhancement of the Parish Hall. Eric emphasized that we should put in an immediate application (prior to planning being approved) to "Community Projects"; any application should be phrased in such a way that expenditure is necessary "to deal with the pressure of additional residents". S106 money can get allocated elsewhere within the district if not grabbed asap.

Application 76120 (Prior Approval for change of use from barn to one dwelling at Woodhouse Farm Queens Nympton). This was circulated by email around the council for comments. The Council had the same comments as for last year's application – we did not object to the specifics of this particular conversion, but raised concerns about gradual overdevelopment of the site and general access. A letter reiterating our concerns was therefore sent to planning.

**2022/091-Resignation of Councillor Trudy Herniman-** the Chairman reported that, sadly, Trudy had recently resigned from the Council. The Council thanked Trudy for her many years of contribution - her efforts were very much appreciated. The vacancy has been advertised.

Richard Toller kindly agreed to take over as Deputy Chairman until the next annual meeting.

**2022/092-Village Hall-** A Quiz and Curry night will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and the Moscow Drug Club cabaret evening will follow on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December."

**2022/093-Phone Box-**It was agreed at the last meeting not to move the phone box, but to at least repair it. Mark has ordered the required parts and Trevor is still willing to repair the door.

#### **2022/094-Digital Landline/Mobile Signal**

Jon Ride reported that he had still not been able to get any advice from the County Council about our issues – despite numerous attempts. He reported that there is a 'mobile boost voucher scheme' run by Connecting Devon and Somerset – but that you need good outdoor 4G mobile signal to apply – and each household would have to apply separately and pay £250 towards the cost. It is unlikely that this would be of help to most people in the village, and the best advice might be to get a battery backup to protect the broadband router, and hence telephone line, during a black out. Wifi calling would appear to be the best solution to the lack of a mobile signal (for those with phones and broadband suppliers that support it).

#### **2022/095-Correspondence**

Notification has been received of a public consultation on the Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. Details are at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/devon-electric-vehicle-charging-strategy/> for those who wish to comment.

Citizen's Advice have asked for donations from all parishes. It was agreed that this was a good cause, and Eric Ley indicated that most parishes were contributing around £25. It was unanimously agreed that the Council would donate £25.

#### **2022/096-AOB – None**

Meeting closed 8.51pm.

**2022/097-Date of Next Meeting-Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**