

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

22nd September 2022

Minutes of Meeting

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

2022/064-Apologies/Attendance Register-Apologies were received from Richard Poole and Adele Poole who were on holiday and from Trudy Herniman who had work commitments.

2022/065-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2022/066-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Unanimously approved and signed by Chairman.

2022/067-Announcements from the Chair-Jon Ride told the meeting that a new planning application has been received. Application no. 75963. Erection of log cabin at Garramarsh Farm Road from Garramarsh Farm to Laurel Cottage, Alswear, Devon, EX36 4LF. Councillors present proposed that the Council's response could be agreed by all councillors by email without the need for an extraordinary meeting.

2022/068-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time-Members of the public who attended the meeting commented on agenda items 2022/073, 2022/076 and 2022/078.

2022/069-County Councillor's Slot-Jeremy Yabsley was not present at the meeting.

2022/070-District Councillor's Slot-Eric Ley attended the meeting and provided an update. He also said that his budget would not be able to provide any funds towards the village hall refurbishment this year.

2022/071-Financial Matters. Richard Poole provided details ahead of the meeting.

2022/071.1-Account Balances-Community Account: £6,242.54. Business Premium Account: £1,639.66

2022/071.2-Recent Transactions-15th July-15th September.

Income-£0.51 interest.

Outgoings-£128.45 Community First Insurance. £1,107.50 GN PCC Churchyard Maintenance. £842.69 GN Village Hall Platinum Jubilee grant.

2022/071.3-Bank Account Signatories

-It was unanimously agreed to remove former Councillor Trevor Allen from the mandate.

-The remaining approved signatories, Richard Toller, Mark Dean, Roger Gay and Richard Poole agreed to continue as signatories.

-Richard Toller is currently the only approved signatory with online access. He agreed to continue having online access.

-Jon Ride is now linked to the bank account as an approver of mandate changes.

-Mark Dean and Roger Gay agreed to have online banking access set up in order to be authorised to approve online payments.

2022/071.4-Online Banking-Richard Poole has made progress and will action the agreements from agenda item 2022/071.3 when possible.

2022/071.5-Council unanimously agreed to remain co-opted into SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

2022/072-Dispensation Requests-There were none.

2022/073-Planning Matters-Planning application 75812. Erection of 3 dwellings and associated works at land adjacent to Bowden Hayes, George Nympton, EX36 4JE.

The Council heard concerns from two members of the public and responses from the applicants. The Councillors present voted to broadly support the application and to submit their reservations to planning department. Councillor Roger Gay abstained from the vote.

One concern is that the plans do not address the fact that the sewage system for the village is already at capacity and alternative sewage arrangements to the site would be necessary.

It was agreed that there should be a detailed Landscape Ecology Management Plan with an indication of how it would be implemented, monitored and managed.

2022/074-Village Hall-Several events are planned over the coming months including fireworks and Halloween party on October 30th.

2022/075-Phone Box-It was agreed that the cost of disconnecting the electricity supply and moving the box to the village hall could not be justified and that the box should be repaired in order to retain it as a landmark in the village. Mark Dean offered to purchase the materials needed to restore the box and submit an invoice to the Parish Council. Roger Gay and Mark Dean will speak to Trevor Allen who has kindly agreed to repair the door. They agreed to repair the rest of the box and attach the door.

2022/076-Digital Landline/Mobile Signal-Despite several attempts since the last meeting, Jon Ride has had no response to his requests for advice from the County Council on this matter. Selaine Saxby MP has replied to our letter asking for advice re. parishioners concerns around connectivity in the event of a power outage. She outlined plans to improve mobile signal nationwide but was unable to provide an immediate practical solution.

Richard Tucker who attended the meeting suggested individuals might look at purchasing a BT cyber power back up unit.

2022/077-Recycling Waste Collections-Jon Ride has had a response from North Devon Council regarding the lack of collections from many houses in the village. NDC acknowledged the issues and has listed the steps they will take to provide the service to all houses.

2022/078-Village Traffic Speed-After concerns were raised at the last meeting about the speed of traffic going through the village, Jon Ride contacted Richard Stables, Highway Neighbourhood Officer at Devon County Council. Mr Stables replied and said that speeding concerns will be referred to Speed Complaint Action Review Forum who will review the complaint at their meeting.

2022/079-Correspondence-

Email re. delay to the completion of works on B3137 Alswear New Road. Works now expected to be completed week beginning 3rd October.

Email from NDC re. temporary suspension to green bin collection. Richard Tucker informed the meeting that he had successfully applied for a rebate from NDC after several missed collections throughout the year.

2022/080-Date of Next Meeting-Thursday 17th November 2022.