

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of the Council 16th March 2023

Minutes of the Meeting.

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

2023/016-Apologies/Attendance Register-There were no apologies. All Councillors were present.

2023/017-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-Mark Dean declared an interest in agenda item 2023/025.2.

2023/018-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Unanimously approved and signed by Chairman.

2023/019-Announcements from the Chair-Jon Ride informed the meeting that the Parish Clerk intends to step down from the position in May. He thanked Nan Maxwell on behalf of the Council for her service over the past seven years. The next newsletter will ask for anyone interested in the vacancy to contact the Council.

Jon also said that it is his intention to step down as Chair to the Council at the AGM in May. There was a discussion around electing a new Chair at the AGM.

There has been no update from the SCART team from the highways team on monitoring traffic speed through the village.

There was an agreement that the Council should look at costs for purchasing commemorative mugs to mark the King's coronation to give to the children of the parishes.

2023/020-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time-There were no members of the public present.

2023/021-County Councillor's Slot-Jeremy Yabsley attended the meeting and provided an update. He spoke about some of the budget constraints on the Council. There was a discussion on the surface conditions of local roads and Councillor Yabsley stressed the importance of residents reporting potholes via the County Council's website. Adele agreed to draft a letter to our MP re the lack of progress on road repairs.

2023/022-District Councillor's Slot-Eric Ley attended the meeting and provided an update. He informed the meeting that he would not be standing for election at the local elections in May.

2023/023-Financial Matters-

2023/023.1-Account Balances-Community Account £6,227.31. Business Premium Account £1,642.61.

2023/023.2-Transactions since last PC meeting on 19th January. £25 donation to Citizens Advice Bureau. £99.99 to reimburse Nan Maxwell for McAfee subscription. £565.24 to Mark Dean for reimbursement of cost of materials for phone box repairs.

2023/023.3-Cheque for £164.10 raised and signed to Jon Ride for reimbursement of website hosting/build for 23/24.

2023/023.4-Richard Poole proposed transferring £3,000.0 from GNQN PC Community Account to Business Premium Account at start of next accounting year. It was unanimously agreed.

2023/023.5- Richard Poole provided details of the communications and difficulties he has had over Barclays Bank request for provision of the Council's business details.

2023/024-Dispensation Requests-Mark Dean said he would leave the meeting while agenda item 2023/025.2 is being considered.

2023/025-Planning Matters

2023/025.1-Reference 76694. Demolition of barn and erection of new dwelling and associated works following class Q approval 76120 at Woodhouse Farm, Queen's Nympton, Ex36 4 JH. The Council unanimously agreed there were no objections to this application.

2023/025.2-Reference 76787. Demolition of barn and erection of a single dwelling (following class Q approval) at Thorne Farm, George Nympton, EX36 4JF. The Council unanimously agreed there were no objections to this application.

2023/026-Village Hall-Adele Poole provided an update.

A successful Ferret Race Night raised around £460 for the village hall.

A car boot sale is planned for Monday 10th April with car and van spaces outdoors and tables indoors. Food & refreshments will be available.

To celebrate the King's coronation a Vintage Afternoon Tea will be held at the village hall. This will be a community event and Adele asked the Council to consider a grant of up to £500 towards costs. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

2023/027-Phone Box-The door has been repaired and is now back in place. Jon Ride thanked Trevor Allen on behalf of the Council for his work on the door. Volunteers are needed to clean and repaint the box.

Annabelle Holloway has suggested using the box as a produce exchange and the Council were unanimously in favour of this.

2023/028-Local Elections-To be held May 4th. All seven Councilors are willing to continue on the Parish Council. If fewer than nine people come forward to be considered for election and those who do are proposed and seconded then no Parish Council Election will be held.

Jon Ride reminded the meeting that parishioners voting at the District Council will need photo ID.

2023/029-Correspondence-There was none.

2023/030-AOB-Adele Poole offered to write to the County Council about the broken streetlight near the Castle Inn which has been reported several times since early 2021.

2023/031-Date of Next Meeting-AGM 6.30pm Thursday 18th May. Annual Meeting of the Joint Parishes 7.30pm Thursday 18th May.