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Annual General Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council

18th May 2023

Minutes of Meeting

Councillors Present-Richard Toller (Vice Chairman), Richard Poole, Roger Gay, Ian Horsnell, Mark Dean.

2023/001-Election of Chairperson-Ian Horsnell was proposed by Richard Toller and seconded by Roger Gay. The Council unanimously agreed and Ian Horsnell was duly elected.

2023/002-Election of Vice Chairperson-Mark Dean was proposed by Richard Toller and seconded by Ian Horsnell. The Council unanimously agreed and Mark Dean was unanimously elected.

2023/003-Declaration of Acceptance of Office-Acceptance of Office forms were signed by the Councillors present and were witnessed.

2023/004-Election of Responsible Finance Officer-Richard Poole was proposed by Ian Horsnell and seconded by Roger Gay. The Council unanimously agreed and Richard Poole was duly elected.

2023/005-Apologies/Attendance Register-Apologies were received from Jon Ride who was unwell and Adele Poole for family reasons.

2023/006-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Unanimously approved as accurate and signed.

2023/007-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2023/008-Announcements from the Chair-Ian Horsnell confirmed that Nan Maxwell would be stepping down from the role of Parish Clerk and informed the meeting Tom Sellick had kindly volunteered to take over. The Council unanimously voted in favour of Tom becoming Parish Clerk and he was welcomed by the Councillors.

2023/009-Democratic 15 Minutes/ Public Question Time-There were no members of the public present.

2023/010-Dispensation Requests-There were none.

2023/011-Planning Matters-There were no new planning applications.

2023/012-County Councillor's Slot-Jeremy Yabsley attended the meeting and provided an update. He informed the meeting that a new CEO to the Council, Donna Manson, had been appointed.

The Council reported the poor condition of the surface on Old Alswear Road since traffic had been redirected along it some months ago. He was also asked to report possible subsidence at Womford Bridge.

Councillor Yabsley asked for everyone to continue to report potholes.

2023/013-District Councillor's Slot-Not present.

2023/014-Financial Matters.

2023/014.1-Account Balances-Community Account: £4,089.01. Business Premium Account: £4,642.61

2023/014.2-Transactions since last meeting-£3,000 transferred from Business Premium Account to Community Account.

DALC affiliation fees for 2023-2024 £86.57

Dash UK £124.80 for commemorative coronation mugs

£925.00 received from North Devon District Council as 1st precept payment

VAT refund-£312.17 received

2023/014.3-Online payment of £250 for first part of Village Hall support grant unanimously approved.

2023/014.4-Online payment of £1,062.50 to PCC for 2022 churchyard maintenance costs unanimously approved.

2023/014.5-Community First Insurance. It was unanimously agreed to include the phone box valued at £1,500 under "All risks" and to reduce cover for "Office contents" to £1,500. Online payment of circa £128.44 for 2023-2024 premium unanimously approved.

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2023/015.1-Council resolved that it meets criteria for, and wishes to be an authority exempt from external audit (criteria: turnover < £25,000, no outstanding legal issues, authority has been in existence for more than 3 years). Signed by RFO and Chairman.

2023/015.2-Council unanimously approved Annual Governance Statement. Signed by Chairman and Parish Clerk.

2023/015.3-Council unanimously approved accounting statements. Signed by Chairman.

2023/015.4-Dates for period for the provision of public rights confirmed and unanimously approved as 19th June-28th July 2023.

2023/016-AOB-Chairman thanked Nan Maxwell for her service as Parish Clerk.

2023/017-Setting Dates and times for future ordinary meetings.

Next Meeting-20th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Future Meetings-21st September, 16th November, 18th January, 21st March all at 7.30pm.