

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of the Council 19th January 2023

Minutes of the Meeting

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

2023/001-Apologies-Apologies were received from Roger Gay who was away.

2023/002-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-There were none.

2023/003-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

2023/004-Announcements from the Chair-Jon Ride reported that no update had been received from the SCART team at the Highways Department re the monitoring of traffic speed through the village.

2023/005-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time. There were no members of the public present.

2023/006-County Councillor's Slot-Jeremy Yabsley sent his apologies as he had another commitment.

2023/007-District Councillor's Slot-Eric Ley attended the meeting and provided an update.

2023/008-Financial Matters.

2023/008.1-Account Balances-Community Account: £6,917.54. Business Premium Account: £1,640.57. Total: £8,558.11.

2023/008.2-Recent Transactions-Second payment of Support Grant to Village Hall £250. Second payment of £925.00 for Parish Precept received from North Devon Council.

2023/008.3-Online transfer of £565.24 to Mark Dean for payment of materials purchased to refurbish phone box.

2023/008.4-Online transfer of £99.99 to Nan Maxwell for payment of MacAfee subscription.

2023/008.5-Online transfer of £25 as donation to Citizens Advice.

2023/009-Dispensation Requests- There were none.

2023/009-Planning Matters.

Planning application 76120 (Prior Approval for change of use from barn to one dwelling at Woodhouse Farm, Queen's Nympton) has been approved, despite the concerns raised again by the Parish Council about the development of this site.

Planning Application 75812 (Erection of houses on land adjacent to Bowden Hayes.) Since the last meeting the number of houses has been reduced from 3 to 2. The planning decision is still pending

and we have reiterated our objection to the houses being connected to the main sewer. The S106 contribution to the village no longer applies because of the reduction to 2 houses.

2023/010-Village Hall.

Adele Poole informed the meeting that the Village Hall Constitution has been updated in line with the Charities Commission Requirements. Adele thanked Ian Bateman for his work on updating the constitution.

The former trustees of the village hall have now retired from their positions and Adele thanked them for all their work over many years for the hall and the community. New trustees have been elected and trustees will be considered for election annually. Adele said that ideally trustees and committee members would be representative of all the groups and societies within the parishes. Anyone interested would be very welcome.

Beaford Arts presented The Moscow Drug Club in December and despite the snow and some people not being able to travel here, the event was very successful. Future Beaford Arts will be arranged.

Future events planned include Ferret Racing on 25th February, Vintage Afternoon Tea on Sunday 7th May to mark the King's coronation and a car boot sale on 10th April.

A survey will be delivered locally to ask for opinions/suggestions on how the village hall could better serve the community and what would attract locals to use the facility more.

Adele has applied to Jubilee Fund for a grant towards further refurbishment. An application will also be made for £1,000 from the Warm Space Fund.

2023/010-Phone Box.

Work to refurbish the phone box is underway. Thanks to Trevor Allen for his work on the door. The materials needed to finish the box have now been delivered. The box will be valued for insurance purposes when the work is complete.

2023/011-Correspondence.

Email from NDCC re Code of Conduct Training. More details to follow.

2023/012-AOB.

Adele Poole raised concerns about lack of salting of the roads and lanes around the village during snow and ice spells this winter. It was agreed that a more coordinated approach would help keep the roads safer and more accessible. Volunteers with suitable vehicles or those willing to help would be welcome.

The ongoing road closure between South Molton and Clapworthy has caused a significant increase in traffic through and around the village. Reopening dates have moved back. Clerk to write to highways department re concerns and to ask when the works will be completed.

2023/013-Date of Next Meeting-16th March 2023.