

**GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council on  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in George Nympton Village Hall**

**BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA**

**2023/062-Apologies/Attendance Register**-To receive apologies and to record reasons for absence.

**2023/063-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**-To disclose any pecuniary interests in any matter under consideration at this meeting where such interests are not already on the authority's register of interests.

**2023/064-Minutes of Previous Meeting**-To consider approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

**2023/065-Announcements from the Chair.**

**2023/066-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time**-Electors are invited to give their views and to question the Parish Council. Any new issues may be moved for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair. Each member of the public is entitled to speak for no more than 5 minutes. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council Meeting.

**2023/067-County Councillor's Slot.**

**2023/068-District Councillor's Slot.**

**2023/069-Financial Matters.**

069.1 Account Balances

069.2 Recent Transactions

069.3 Updates

069.4 To agree Budget/Precept for 2024/25.

**2023/070-Dispensation Requests.**

**2023/071-Planning Matters** – Barn B, Great Frenchstone, Queens Nympton.

**2023/072-Village Hall**-To provide an update.

**2023/073-Correspondence**

**2023/074-AOB** – Discuss donation for Citizen's Advice

**2023/075-Date of Next Meeting- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm.**

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Our Ref: 77917

Date: 10 November 2023

Queens Nympton Parish Council The Old Barn George Nympton South Molton EX36 4JE

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Dear Sir or Madam Reference: 77917 Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class Q(A)(B)) at Barn B Great Frenchstone Queens Nympton South Molton Devon EX36 4JH Grid Ref: 271379; 123052 We have received an application for the above. The case officer will be allocated and published on the website in three working days. Full details and documents submitted in respect of this application are available to view on the planning tracker on the North Devon Council website, please click here

<https://planning.northdevon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/77917?cuuid=02157BE1-B031-4339-A28A-89741EE936D7> to view the documents and submit your response.

If you have any comments you would like to make about the proposal please ensure they are submitted within 21 days from the date of this notification. If we have not received your comments within this time we will assume you do not wish to make any. The Local Planning Authority has to assess this Prior Approval application on the following criteria:

- a) transport and highways impacts of the development
- b) noise impacts of the development
- c) contamination risks on the site
- d) flooding risks on the site, or
- e) whether the location or siting of the building makes it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the building to change from agricultural use to a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order.
- f) Design or external appearance of the building.

Unlike a Planning Application, this isn't an opportunity for the Parish Council to make a recommendation on this Prior Approval Application this is purely for your Parish Council to note and to submit any comments they may have. Please note that any representations made to us should be on behalf of the organisation and not personal.

Yours faithfully Lynton House,

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c/o Clerk to the Parishes of George Nympton and Queen's Nympton

22 September 2023

Dear Councillors,

**Ref: Parish Council Donation to Citizens Advice**

I am writing on behalf of Citizens Advice Torrige, North, Mid & West Devon to appeal for your support towards the running of our vital community services.

**In 2022-23 we worked with 23 residents of George Nympton and Queen's Nympton Parishes, with 60 issues and generated £4,805 income gain for local households.**

We are a local independent charity staffed predominantly by volunteers. Our ambition at Citizens Advice is to give people the knowledge and the confidence they need to find their way forward – whoever they are and whatever their problem. We also aim to advocate on behalf of our clients through our Research and Campaigns work to improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives. Enabling us to help more people and prevent future problems.

We achieve all this by providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice.

We cover half of Devon serving a population of over 300,000 people with a workforce of around 35 paid staff and over 80 volunteers.

Our specialist training and advice giving, is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Advice Quality Standard (AQS). We are also cybersecurity certified.

We are a trusted organisation and are regularly audited to demonstrate that our advice is accessible, effectively managed, and our advisors have the skills and knowledge to meet the needs of our clients.

The amount of funding we receive from North Devon District Council has been frozen for many years and does not cover our basic operating costs. Therefore, we are looking for wider support to ensure our advice services are always available to local people at any point in their lives that they may need it.

During the financial year 2022/23 we have received unprecedented levels of demand for our services as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. Across our whole region we supported 15,088 people through phone calls, webchat, letters and emails and face to face appointments particularly for our most vulnerable clients. We dealt with 34,053 new problems and generated £9,605,780 income gain for local households. This is a 13% increase in client numbers and 5.5% increase in number of problems as well as a higher degree of complexity, and 18% increase in household income generated which is then fed back into the local economy.

In 2022-2023 we worked with 5,360 North Devon Clients through online appointments, phone calls, webchat, letters and emails, as well as face to face appointments particularly for

our most vulnerable clients. We dealt with 11,367 new issues and generated an incredible £3,479,969 income gain for households.

Your funding will directly contribute towards the local service as follows

- Providing a face-to-face service for the most vulnerable residents in your area
- Assist with volunteer recruitment, training and expenses. It costs around £1,500 to recruit and train each new volunteer and this high-quality training needs to be continually updated.
- Supervision of advice provided by a qualified, paid Team Leader.
- Telephone (AdviceLine), Webchat and email services that all local people can benefit from. This digital service is a vital part of our overall delivery of advice locally and the preferred contact method for many of the people we help and allows the charity to provide face to face appointments for the most vulnerable.
- Residents additionally benefit by being referred onto our specialist services as required. These are grant funded by partners such as Macmillan cancer care to support specific advice needs such as welfare benefits, energy, debt and money management, cancer and life limiting illness and families with disabled children.

If you can continue to support us, to save our admin costs,

Preferably donations can be paid by BACS directly to:

Account Name: Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice  
Sort Code: 30-90-78  
Account Number: 22917160

Or by cheque to the address above (which may have changed since you last sent a cheque to us).

We would also welcome your support in our appeal for new volunteers to help with the increased demand for our services amid the deepening cost of living crisis.

Based on our 2023-4 volunteer survey, 100% of our Volunteers who completed the survey, said they would recommend us to their friends or family as a place to work or volunteer. 93% of the volunteers who completed the survey said they felt Citizens Advice cared about their mental health. As a volunteer at Citizens Advice, you don't need qualifications or experience, just good basic IT skills, to be willing to learn, and be part of our friendly team. Information can be found on our recruitment website: <https://ruraldevoncab.livevacancies.co.uk/>

If you are not already in receipt of our regular monthly advice columns for your parish or village magazines and would like to receive these please contact [admin@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:admin@ruraldevoncab.org.uk).

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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