

GEORGE NYMPTON & QUEEN'S NYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Extraordinary Meeting of George Nympton & Queen's Nympton Parish Council on

Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7.30pm in George Nympton Village Hall

BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA

2023/076-Apologies/Attendance Register-To receive apologies and to record reasons for absence.

2023/077-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.

2023/078-Minutes of Previous Meeting-To consider approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

2023/079-Announcements from the Chair.

2023/080-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.

2023/081-County Councillor's Slot.

2023/082-District Councillor's Slot.

2023/083-Financial Matters - To agree Budget/Precept for 2024/25.

2023/084-Dispensation Requests.

2023/085-Planning Matters – Single-storey side and rear extensions together with installation of solar panels on garage at North Woodhouse Queens Nympton.

2023/086-Village Hall

2023/087-Correspondence – Changes to postal and proxy voting.

2023/088-AOB

2023/089-Date of Next Meeting- Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

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Our Ref: 77956

Date: 20 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: 77956

Single-storey side and rear extensions together with installation of solar panels on garage at North Woodhouse Queens Nympton South Molton Devon EX36 4JH Grid Ref: 271497; 122076

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/77956?cuuid=1F82B619-46CE-4A05-88C3-EE549F660B29> 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.

Please note that any representations made to us should be on behalf of the organisation and not personal.

Yours faithfully

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The Association of Electoral Administrators Changes to postal and proxy voting

1. Identity checking requirements

- All absent vote applications (except for emergency proxy applications) made on or after 31 October 2023 must contain a National Insurance Number (NINo) or a reason why one cannot be provided.
- The personal identifiers contained on the application (name, address, date of birth and NINo) must initially be verified against Department of Works and Pension (DWP) data.
- Where an application fails to match with DWP data – electors will be required to provide documentary evidence to verify their identity. Where this is not possible, electors must submit an attestation to confirm their identity.

2. Online absent vote applications

- From 31 October 2023 electors (except for anonymous electors) will be able to apply for most types of absent vote online via <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>
- Electors can apply for the following absent votes both online and through a paper application:
 - o Postal vote
 - o Proxy vote for a particular election or referendum
 - o Proxy application for definite or indefinite period for overseas and service electors
- Electors will not be able to apply for the following absent votes online but can continue to be applied for through a paper application (forms are available by contacting the elections office, elections@northdevon.gov.uk or 01271 388277):
 - o Proxy postal application
 - o Postal waiver application
 - o Proxy application for definite or indefinite period due to disability
 - o Proxy application for definite or indefinite period due to employment, service etc.
 - o Emergency proxy application

3. Maximum period for absent vote applications

- From 31 October 2023, a postal vote can be in place for:
 - o a particular poll (poll held on specific date)
 - o a definite period of not more than 3 years
 - o a maximum period of up to 3 years
- Electors applying for a postal vote from 31 October 2023 onwards will only be able to hold their postal vote until the third 31 January following the date on which their application was granted. Different rules will apply to overseas electors – for further information on how these changes impact overseas electors please contact the elections team on 01271 388277 or email elections@northdevon.gov.uk.
- For electors with a long-term postal vote (in place before 31 October 2023) there will be transitional arrangements. Existing domestic electors will be able to vote by post for relevant polls until 31 January 2026.
- Proxy voters can continue to put in place a proxy arrangement for an indefinite period (subject to a three yearly eligibility check and five yearly signature refresh). However, all existing proxy voters who

have an arrangement in place before 31 October 2023 must reapply and make a fresh application by 31 January 2024. We intend to send out a notice to existing proxy voters informing them of the need to reapply in December 23/January 24.

4. Changes to proxy voting limits

- The number of people a person can act as proxy for has also been restricted.
- From 31 October 2023, a person is not entitled to vote as proxy in any electoral area on behalf of more than four electors. Within the four electors, no more than two electors can be domestic electors. Domestic electors are those electors who are neither service voters nor overseas electors.
- For any by-elections whose notice of election is published from 31 October 2023 to 30 January 2024 – transitional provisions will be in The Association of Electoral Administrators place. Further information will be provided to candidates should this scenario arise.

5. What does this mean for you?

- For future election campaigns you may wish to direct electors to the online absent vote website to apply for a postal vote - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> rather than providing them with a paper application. This web link could also be included in any campaign literature you send out.
- As absent vote forms are not prescribed, political parties can continue to create their own forms for electors if they wish. However, you must ensure any forms provided from 31 October 2023 contain all the newly required information. For postal vote applications this includes:
 - o Need for the NINo or reason it cannot be provided
 - o Whether request is for a particular poll, a definite period that does not exceed 3 years or for the maximum period of up to 3 years.
- Online postal vote applications allow electors to supply their previous name if they wish to help with DWP matching. While it is not a legal requirement for paper applications, it would be helpful to include this to allow for more efficient processing.
- Paper absent vote applications designed by the Electoral Commission are also available should you wish to supply paper forms – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote>
- North Devon Council will be sharing social media posts related to the proxy vote reapplication. It would be helpful if you could share such posts on your social media accounts.
- If you require any further information on the changes to postal and proxy voting, please contact 01271 388277 or email elections@northdevon.gov.uk.
- We will be issuing a further briefing note the beginning of next year, outlining the changes to postal vote handling that take effect for polls taking place on or after 2 May 2024.