

**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**

**Minutes of the Meeting.**

**Councillors Present-** Ian Horsnell (Chair), Roger Gay, Jon Ride, Richard Toller, Richard Poole, Nan Maxwell

**2023/062-Apologies/Attendance Register-** Apologies received from Mark Dean and Adele Poole.

**2023/063-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-** None

**2023/064-Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Unanimously approved and signed by Chairman.

**2023/065-Announcements from the Chair –** Upcoming speed limit on Alswear New Road discussed.

**2023/066-Democratic 15 Minutes/Public Question Time-** Ian Bateman informed councillors about Anthony Karlake's work involving the history of George Nympton. There are extensive records, enough for village history book to be published but a volunteer needs to be found to continue the work. Richard Toller offered to store the material at his house until such person can be found.

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

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

**2023/069-Financial Matters.**

**069.1 Account Balances-** Community Account £3,179.99. Business Premium Account £4,662.76

**069.2 Recent Transactions –** £925.00 received from North Devon District Council as second part of Precept payment for 2023/24; £50.50 reimbursed to Jon Ride for purchase of defibrillator batteries; £250.00 paid to George Nympton Village Hall as second part of Support Grant for 2023/24.

**069.3 Updates –** Increase in hourly rate for church maintenance; changes to banking mandate confirmed by Barclays; Barclays 'Know Your Client' review completed.

**069.4 To agree Budget/Precept for 2024/25.** Unanimously agreed.

**2023/070-Dispensation Requests -** None

**2023/071-Planning Matters –** Barn B, Great Frenchstone, Queens Nympton – no objections.

New access road at Thorn Farm – no objections.

**2023/072-Village Hall-** Invoice received for work to soffits and fascia boards - £1374. Awaiting quotes for repairs to roof and replacing toilets. Future plans include: ramp and handrails, professional oven, more user friendly staging. The plan for a porch has been put on hold for now.

**Future events:**

Christmas bingo 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7.30 pm. Claire Taylor is taking donations for prizes.

Christmas lunch 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 4 course meal £20. Tickets still available at time of meeting.

Ferret racing – February 2024.

Curry and quiz night – date to be announced.

Mother's day tea – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Beaford Arts events – date(s) to be announced.

There will be a village hall Christmas tree this year, lights kindly supplied by Steve and Jane Howe.

**2023/073-Correspondence** - None

**2023/074-AOB** – Donation for Citizen's Advice increased to £30 from £25. Richard Toller suggested putting notice in newsletter to promote awareness of services available.

Fireworks cancellation.

After week long speed survey conducted in centre of village it was found that excessive speeding was rare and further action would not be taken.

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