

## North Nibley Parish Council Meeting - Minutes of Council Meeting 17 May 2021

Recorded by: Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk

Date: 17th May 2021

Meeting Commenced: 19:35

Meeting ended: 21:10

Present:	Mr Ken Brown Mr D Purnell Mr K Larkin Mr D Palmer Mr R Symons Mr T Andrews
District Councillors:	Mr K Tucker Mr G James
County Councillor:	Ms L Cohen
Clerk:	Miss A Rossiter
Other:	Three members of the public

### Items

1. To receive and accept any apologies for absence  
Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Burton and Cllr C Braun  
District Cllr K Tucker & County Cllr. L Cohen gave apologies for only being able to be present for part of the meeting
2. To invite and receive any declarations of interest  
None received
3. To receive and approve the minutes of the council's April 2021 meeting  
(Previous minutes are available to view on the Parish Council website)  
All agreed
4. Election of Councillors into council responsibilities for 2021/22
  - a) To receive completed declarations of acceptance of office - All received
  - b) To receive completed declarations of pecuniary interests - Clerk will send via email to save time in meeting
  - c) To receive written confirmation from all councillors to abide by NNPC Code of Conduct - Clerk will send via email to save time in meeting
  - d) To elect a Chairman  
A nomination for Cllr Symons was made and seconded. Cllr Symons accepted the position.  
Cllr Brown relinquished his role as Chair and was thanked for his service by the councillors. It was agreed that Mr K Brown would continue to support the council as a member of public by maintaining his responsibilities as a Knoll Trustee and will manage the Knoll in line with the Council's interest.
  - e) To elect a Vice-Chairman  
A nomination for Cllr Burton was made and seconded - Cllr Burton was not present to accept the position, however, had indicated to councillors previously that she would be pleased to fulfil the role if the opportunity arose
  - f) To decide and accept roles and responsibilities
    - Stinchcombe Hill Trust: To remain responsibility of Cllr Purnell
    - North Nibley Recreation Field Trust Committee: To be handed over from Cllr Burton to Cllr Larkin
    - Village Hall Management Committee: To remain responsibility of Cllr Burton
    - Parish Footpaths: To be handed over from Cllr Palmer to Cllr Hay

- William Purnell Education Charity: To remain responsibility of Cllr Purnell
- Tyndale Monument Trust: To remain responsibility of Cllr Palmer
- Stroud Joint Cluster Group: To be handed over from Cllr Symons to Cllr Andrews
- Speedwatch - To be handed over from Cllr Palmer to Cllr Symons

g) To receive completed declarations of acceptance of office from Chairman - Document received from newly appointed Chair, Cllr Symons

5. To note any matters arising from the meeting held in April's meeting and not covered by agenda items

(item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)

Blocked Gully at Wood Lane - PROW are investigating a new Gully system to help prevent this repeated issue

Blocked Drains - Clerk has resubmitted request for investigations into multiple blocked drains around the Parish and has not received evidence of any actions. Clerk to chase Highways again.

Snitend Lane - Actions/Assessments received from Highways are unacceptable to council. Clerk to write to Paul Helbrow and ask for the damage along Snitend to be reviewed. The council has agreed to request support from County Councillor L Cohen should the response from Highways still be unsatisfactory.

6. Meeting for public discussion and questions

(Open to members of the public to raise issues)

Two members of the public raised the subject of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (one in person, one via email). Following a discussion around previous attempts to raise this and noting recent queen's speech a proposal was made that we add to July agenda and advertise for public engagement in the June OTE with posts also being added to PC social media.

Email received from member of public re Playground developments requesting information. Clerk to contact member of public with information requested and advise that Cllr. Ken Tucker will support with lack of response from county council contacts.

Email received from member of public re Wild Festival. Clerk to forward email to Parish, District and County councillors for full review. Any actions required will be considered in June meeting

6.a Item 18 moved due to district and county councillor's other commitments

The Council to receive the following reports from councillors.

a. Verbal reports from parish councillors

Cllr Hay - Directional sign by Tyndale monument now erected. Temporary bridge over Dovere Brook, will be replaced by permanent structure.

Cllr Palmer - Has cut back weeds and growth around the monument area.

Valuation agency has requested information, Cllr Palmer will respond to the request. Clerk to contact valuation co. and advise of the change of clerk details

b. Written report from district councillors

Parish council asked District Councillors what the implications of a push for more houses means for North Nibley. District Council discussed the allocations and that there were no plans to build in North Nibley. When local plan is printed NNPC will get copies from Cllr Tucker and will have an opportunity to consult with parishioners

Parish councillors also asked if the recent announcement/queen speech was likely to change direction of planning again. District Councillors advised that if it was to happen, it would take some time. Cllr Tucker will keep NNPC informed.

c. Written report from county councillor Cllr Cohen

Cllr Cohen is newly elected and will have a report for June meeting

7. To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):
  - a. S.21/0944/FUL | Retention of an agricultural dwelling (C3) approved under temporary permission S.17/2688/FUL. | Land At Meadow Breeze Farm Bournstream Wotton-Under-Edge Gloucestershire GL12 7PA  
The council discussed the history of the application and the current temporary agreement in place. It was proposed that NNPC support the application on the basis that the applicants have proven on grounds of CP15 (essential to maintenance and forestry and farming). It was noted that the PC usually objects or makes no comment towards planning applications, however, do have the right to support an application. The proposal was voted on with five votes for and one abstain.
  - b. S.21/0474/FUL | Alterations to field access and creation of private way. | Waterley House Waterley Bottom North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6EF  
The council discussed the application and considered the impact on the landscape in regards to the the material used for the track. It was proposed that that NNPC's comment to Stroud Planning should neither support or object to the application but to request that the track is kept natural. The proposal received a vote of unanimous agreement.  
It was noted that Google Earth images indicate works being commenced and that the planning officers are responsible for looking into those matters.  
A councillor queried redactions of documents on SDC planning site, however due to the multitude of possible reasons for the redactions (GDPR, Commercial sensitivity, irrelevance etc.) the remaining council was unable to respond.
  - c. S.21/0914/HHOLD | Erection of rear single storey extension | Innocks House New Road North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DR  
The council discussed the application and a voted unanimously to make no comment
8. The council to note the following planning application / enforcement decision(s) / appeal(s)
  - a. Appeal notification received for APP/C1625/C/21/3272045 & APP/C1625/C/21/3272046 - Land opposite the New Inn, Waterley Bottom, North Nibley, GL11 6EF - Appeal against alleged breach of planning control by the carrying out of excavations, building and engineering operations and storage of imported waste materials to east of unauthorised building without planning permission on land opposite New Inn Waterley Bottom  
After discussion it was proposed that NNPC submit representation in support of SDC to dismiss the appeal and confirm terms of enforcement, remaining consistent with the grounds that NNPC have commented on before and including the previously submitted document. The proposal was voted on with five votes for and one against.  
  
It was agreed that a draft would be prepared and circulated to council for comment and agreement, updating previous submissions so that the clerk can submit to PINS before the May 25th deadline.
9. To receive an update on Speed watch project  
Chair has been in touch with county council and police and been informed that there is currently no way forward with installing ANPR cameras. Four parish councils already have them in place and they have been told to hold off further developments until the matter is brought to new Police Commissioner. This means that we cannot move forward on this as Highways and Police are at an impasse.

It was suggested that a Speedwatch working group should consider gateway signs. Chair will contact Highways and obtain costings for gateways and signs for review at July meeting. Clerk will add an engagement piece to the June submission into OTE to encourage volunteers for a new Speedwatch group.

10. To receive an update on Churchyard wall and agree action  
The council discussed the tenders and quotes received and agreed to send the tenders to Don Hughes (surveyor) to see if they match the works and proposals that he made to ensure safety and structural integrity.
11. To receive an update on repairs to flower displays on the triangle at New Road/Barrs Lane junction  
Local builder F Cole has quoted around £300, he will supply written quote to be reviewed in June
12. To receive update on audit  
Internal audit being undertaken by GAPTC, clerk to send final details and required documents. AGAR form yet to be received.
13. To review and update asset register  
Noted that Asset register has been reviewed within the last 12 months, with no changes. Will be added to later agenda.
14. To agree policies as per clerk's written report  
No policies to be reviewed this month
15. To consider and approve Insurance quotes  
Quotes to be sent via email to council for review and discussion at next meeting
16. To consider encouraging the formation of a community group to explore parking solutions within the village. As per Item 5 of January 2021 minutes  
Proposal that we add an OTE article in the upcoming months to engage community to make suggestions
17. Parish council finances
  - a. To agree and pay clerk's wages 12th April - 16th May (£597.30) agreed
  - b. To note North Nibley United Charities funding is currently being held in the PC account due to Covid restrictions affecting banking abilities and that this funding is not to be included in 2021 audit. **Noted**
18. The Council to receive the following reports from councillors.
  - a. Verbal reports from parish councillors
  - b. Written report from district councillors
  - c. Written report from county councillorSee item 6a.
19. The council to receive and approve a written cemetery report
  - a. To consider any proposals relating to the general management of the cemetery  
Proposal to pay an honorarium to Jean Palmer for her work as burial clerk a sum of £250 was agreed by unanimous vote
  - b. To receive an update on nettle clearance  
Cllr. Palmer has cleared the nettles personally
20. To receive for information details of any correspondence received (written report supplied by clerk)  
No further comments

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 14th June 2021, at 7.30 pm