

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk

Date: 6th September 2021

Meeting Commenced: 19:45

Meeting ended: 22:00

Present:	Rex Symons (Chair) Jane Burton Tim Andrews Keith Larkin Dave Palmer Dave Purnell John Hay
District Councillors:	Catherine Braun Ken Tucker
County Councillor:	Linda Cohen
Clerk:	Miss A Rossiter
Other:	Eight members of the public

Items

1. To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr George James.

2. To invite and receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Palmer declared an interest in item 8b

**3. To receive and approve the minutes of the council's August meeting
(Previous minutes are available to view on the Parish Council website)**

Councillors present at the August meeting agreed the minutes

**4. Meeting for public discussion and questions
(Open to members of the public to raise issues)**

A member of public spoke in regards to Item 8b and informed the council of their reasons for their objections to the application. The member of public confirmed that the objections and information discussed had been sent to the SDC planning team. The applicant was also in attendance as a member of public and explained to the council and objecting member of public that the boundary drawing is incorrect on the plan and confirmed that they had spoken to their architect who will update Stroud. The applicant noted that they were willing to discuss the application and negotiate options with the objecting member of public.

Chair suggested that the applicant and neighbour discuss separately to meeting

A member of public asked if PC were aware of new "pop-up" camp site in Waterley Bottoms. The campsite, named Valley View is located on the road from Waterley Bottoms towards Dursley (Bottom of Old Hollow) and is advertised on Pitch Up. The member of public expressed their concerns over the increase in traffic and the risk to pedestrians and equestrians. The council confirmed that they were not aware of the site. It was agreed between PC and member of public that due to recent relaxation in campsite rules, the campsite itself didn't appear to be in breach of any regulations. It was suggested that the access may have been widened and alternate materials may have been laid. It was agreed that the council would bring the matter to the attention of the planning enforcement team for investigation. The council thanked the member of public for bringing the matter to their attention.

5. To receive an update on plans for a new play area

Nick Riddiford attended as a member of public and provided an update summary of his meetings with playground equipment supplier, Proludic. Due to a covenant on the

proposed site, Mr Riddiford has decided to work on the concept and design before agreeing the location. Mr Riddiford has requested that Proludic provide a concept and design for two suggested locations within the recreation field and to also include a view of the playground location from the surrounding roads. Mr Riddiford is expecting this work back by mid September and will then look to hold a public consultation meeting to discuss the plans with the community. Cllr George James has been supporting this project and has been in touch with SDC Legal department.

**a. Item 12 moved to this section of the agenda at discretion of chair
"To receive a verbal update on road safety issues"**

Head Teacher of North Nibley Primary School, Paul Bachelor spoke about the road safety concerns discussions which took place in July (See July Minutes Item 5 for full details) and made the suggestion that the recording of data should be done during the week commencing 27th September 2021. Councillor Cohen agreed to put this date to Highways.

A discussion took place over Speed Indication Devices and their previous impact and also about the current issues around GDPR with VAS and ANPR options which the chair is still looking into.

6. The Council to receive the following reports:

a. Written report from district councillors

Councillor Tucker briefly summarised key points of the report (which will be made available on the PC website). Councillor Tucker answered council questions on the progress of the Grace Network.

Chair thanked the district councillor for support on DCC and enforcement cases

b. Written report from county councillor

Councillor Cohen provided a brief overview of her report (which will be made available on the PC website) and noted that very few applicants have made contact with her in regards to the community recovery fund

Chair thanked Councillor Cohen for her report and support

7. To note any matters arising from the meeting held in August and not covered by agenda items and details of any correspondence received/sent (item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)

Clerk summarised key points from her report (which will be made available on the PC website)

8. To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):

a. S.21/1961/HHOLD | Erection of double storey side extension plus alterations to front porch | 7 The Street North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DW

The council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment

b. S.21/1918/HHOLD | Erection of single storey side extension | The Chimes Forthay North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DY

The PC considered the application and noted the representations from both the applicant and the directly affected neighbour during item 4 of the meeting.

After discussion the council resolved to express concern over the accuracy of the submitted plans in relation to the boundary shown between the two properties and the potential adverse impact of the proposal on 2 Forthay. In particular it noted that the proposal involves the use of the end gable wall and the demolition of the side wall of 2 Forthay with a window directly on the boundary which it is claimed will overlook the garden of that property. It was also noted that the property had already been extended within the building curtilage and therefore the current proposal could be considered contrary to Local Plan policies HC 8 and ES 3.

The applicant indicated that amended drawings were due to be submitted and the PC considered that further discussions between the two parties would be helpful.

A proposal was made and unanimously agreed that the council should make a comment to SDC to advise that it considers the application should be deferred to allow the applicant to resubmit the corrected plans.

The PC agreed to request that it is reconsulted and given the opportunity to comment if new plans are provided.

c. S.21/1905/LBC | Proposed re-roofing, mechanical and electrical installations and internal and external works | Burleigh Court Farm Nibley Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DH

The council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment

d. S.21/1818/LBC | Replacement of roof material for flat roof extension | Purnell House Lower House Lane North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DN

The council discussed the application and resolved to make no comment

e. S.21/1843/AFP Lots 1/2 Waterley Bottom Proposed agricultural building

The PC noted that the application had been refused earlier in the day. The council discussed what action it should take considering that the council was consulted but not provided the opportunity to comment despite a request for extension being sent to SDC. The council agreed to write to SDC and comment that it was in support of their decision to object and to also reaffirm the objections set out in its previous letter dated 18th June 2021 in relation to application S.21/1084/FUL for a third barn which apply equally to this application.

9. To note the following decisions on planning applications, enforcement notices and appeals:

a. S.21/1339/HHOLD | Extension to detached garage | 2 Burleigh Cottage Nibley Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DH - Permitted. Note from Cllr Burton re change of drawings and permitted with conditions

Noted

b. S.20/2678/FUL | Development of 16 dwellings comprising of both open market and affordable tenure along with the provision of associated infrastructure and an ecological corridor. | Land To The West Of Wotton Road North Nibley Gloucestershire - Refused

Noted

c. To receive a verbal report on outcome of DCC decision on S.19/2712/FUL | Erection of open fronted agricultural building (retrospective) (376559, 196595) | Agricultural Building Ashen Plains Waterley Bottom North Nibley Gloucestershire

Chair noted that the application was rejected. Chair thanked Cllrs Braun, James and Tucker and Cllr Larkin for their report to the Development Control Committee

10. To note that comments have been sent by North Nibley Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate on the following planning appeals:

a. Land opposite New Inn. Proposed stable building. Appeal against non determination APP/C1625/W/21/3276894

Noted - Now with inspectorate

b. Use of stable building as an annexe at Doverte Cottage Millend Lane North Nibley. Planning Appeal Ref APP/C1625/W/21/3277066. Stroud Refs.21/0211/HHOLD and. S.21/024/APPREF

Noted - Now with inspectorate

11. To receive update on Churchyard wall and agree any further actions

Clerk advised that the builders had enquired as to whether works should be commenced as soon as possible for them (November) or whether it would be preferable to wait for the spring to avoid potential ground damage in adverse winter weather conditions. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the neighbouring landowner and seek their preference, with a 2 week response deadline.

A council member commented that the PCC has requested that the second grass cut is completed this month. Clerk will write to contractor and respond to PCC with proposed cut date.

12. To receive a verbal update on road safety issues

Covered in agenda item 5a

13. To review background and decision(s) previously made regarding damaged flower beds on island between Barrs Lane and New Road and to agree next steps

Clerk summarised that a decision had been made in August to instruct a builder to repair the damage on the flowerbeds, however, wanted to minute the background for transparency. Specifically, that the flowerbeds are not PC property and not on PC land. Clerk noted that the beds were built circa 30 years ago by a parishioner on Highways property and were damaged when a local resident's car collided with them, possibly around 2 years ago. Clerk reminded the council of a legacy fund available to them for community improvements.

A proposal was made to write to vehicle owner and request that they fund the cost of rectifying the damage. The proposal was defeated by a 4 to 3 vote.

A second proposal was made that repairs are made with the legacy money with a letter to vehicle owner requesting a donation toward the legacy fund. The proposal was agreed by unanimous vote.

14. To consider and agree the placement of a poppy wreath on behalf of North Nibley Parish Council for remembrance day 2021

All agreed. The cost should come from the Chairman's budget.

15. To receive and approve written cemetery report from Burial Clerk and agree any actions/requests

The council confirmed receipt of the report and a request for a seat in the cemetery was agreed by unanimous vote.

a. To consider and approve quote for spraying and removal of nettles and ivy in cemetery

Quote received for £405 (plus VAT)

All agreed the total of £606 incl. VAT with a condition that contractor includes a re-spray if initially ineffective (LGA 1972, s214)

16. To review and approve policies/protocols

a. Review and adopt a Reserves Policy

All agreed to adopt policy

17. Parish council finances

a. To review and agree payments on the attached payment schedule (appendix 1)

a. Insurance Fees

Payment of £562.32 agreed (LGA 1972 s111)

b. Clerk's salary

Payment of £597.30 agreed (LGA 1972 s112)

c. Clerk's expenses

Payment of £100 agreed (LGA 1972 s112)

b. To note receipt of any payments in

Noted that no payments received

c. To review and agree bank reconciliation

All agreed

Proposal made and agreed by all to transfer £10,000 PCC donation to reserve account. Transfer to be made by cheque

d. To agree signatories update on all PC accounts

Council agreed to remove Ken Brown and add Tim Andrews and John Hay. Cllr Palmer agreed to obtain forms from Lloyds and Nationwide

18. To receive verbal reports from parish councillors

a. To receive report on Footpath review

Council reported on concerns about dog mess. Cllr Hay agreed to put up signs

It was noted that a request had been made to PROW to replace the stile along the footpath down Lower House Lane with a kissing gate.

Council reported that the foliage behind Warren Croft is overgrown and obstructing the footpath. Clerk to write to hedge owners to request that they cut back the obstruction and take away the cuttings.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 4th October 2021 and will be chaired by Cllr Purnell in the absence of Councillors Symons and Burton