## **NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **Parish Council Meeting - Minutes**

Recorded by: Mandy Rossiter - Clerk

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Meeting Commenced: 19:15 Meeting ended: 20:40

Present:	Dave Palmer (Elected as Chair for meeting)						
	Keith Larkin						
	John Hay						
	Tim Andrews						
	Les Smitherman						
	Liesl Smith joined meeting at item 9.						
District Councillor Catherine Braun, Ken Tucker, George James							
County Councillor:							
Clerk:	Mandy Rossiter						
Other:	Five members of public						
NOTE:	The meeting was live streamed and will be made available to view online						

#### **Items**

#### 1. To elect a chairman

Cllr Palmer agreed to withdraw his verbal proposal to only stand as chair for one meeting and agreed to remain as chairman through September. Agreed by council.

### 2. To receive chairman's declaration

Received at August meeting

## 3. To receive and accept any apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from County Councillor Linda Cohen

## 4. To invite and receive any declarations of interest

No declarations received

## 5. To receive and approve the minutes of the council's August 2022 meeting

Minutes were agreed and a copy was signed by the chair

### 6. To receive declarations from newly co-opted councillor Smitherman

- a. Declaration of acceptance of office
  - Signed declaration received
- b. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Signed declaration received

## c. Declaration to abide by Council's Code of Conduct

Signed declaration received

# 7. To review any applications for the casual vacancies created by the resignations of Rex Symons and Jane Burton, and to co-opt a councillor following confirmation from Stroud District Council that no election has been called

Four applications were received from members of the public for co-option. Chair provided the opportunity to any of the applicants or councillors to raise any additional comments. It was questioned whether the applicants were required to be present for

any votes to be valid but confirmed that this was not the case. Apologies were not recorded in item 3 as the applicants are members of public until co-opted. The council confirmed that they had read and considered each application and a silent vote took place to fill the two vacancies based on the written applications received. The clerk collated the votes and announced that the applicants with the most votes (in no particular order) were Liesl Smith and Lisa Carr. The chair congratulated the two applicants on their appointment and thanked the other two applicants for their applications and interest in the council, reminding them that their applications for future vacancies would be welcomed.

- 8. To receive declarations from newly co-opted councillor(s)
  - a. Declaration of acceptance of office

Declaration signed by Liesl Smith, Lisa Carr to sign and return in October

b. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

The following discussions took place:

MoP – What areas of the parish do the newly co—opted councillors come from/represent?

Council - Lies Smith from Southend and Lisa Carr from Millbank

MoP - How was Cllr Smitherman co-opted without being included in the vote? Council - Cllr Smitherman was co-opted in August meeting, filling the vacancy created by Cllr Purnell which occurred earlier than the vacancies filled in tonight's meeting. Minutes from August's meeting are available on the PC website.

- 10. The Council to receive the following reports:
  - a. Written report from district councillors

No questions or further comment on report.

b. Written report from county councillor

Suggestion was made that the Highways Report-It link is made easier to access on the PC website

Chair thanked councillors for their reports

11. To note any matters arising from previous meetings and details of any correspondence received/sent which are not covered by agenda items (item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)

Item of correspondence received in relation to a planning matter is to be responded to and clerk to add matter on October agenda

- 12. To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):
  - a. S.22/1788/HHOLD | Extension of stable block including tack room and hay storage. | Westridge Smarts Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6EQ

Following consideration and a full discussion, the council resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

1. Proliferation of buildings:

The submitted plan does not show the other buildings/structures within the landholding including the recently constructed storage building which is in the same field as the proposed stable extension. There are also a number of other buildings on the north and south side of the lane. Please see PC meeting notes from December 2020 (minute 6b) on the PCs previously raised concerns over the proliferation of buildings on this land and cumulative impact on the character of the AONB.

2. Requirements of Policy ES 9 of Local Plan not met:

Policy ES 9 of Local Plan deals specifically with Equestrian Development. Part of this policy requires the submission of a longer-term landholding and management plan which "will be expected to accompany any equestrian development proposal". The requirement of the policy has not been fulfilled as no such plan has been submitted with the application.

3. Application Inadequacies:

Part of the justification for the proposed stables extension is to provide storage for hay plus equipment. It is noted that part of the justification for the storage building approved in 2021 and recently built was "needed for storage of feedstuff, sundries and equipment needed for equestrian use", as recorded in the officer's report.

 b. S.22/1618/FUL | Change of use of main building to a single dwellinghouse. | Nibley House 48 The Street North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DL

After consideration the council resolved to make no comment

c. S.22/1702/VAR | Variations of conditions 2 (app plans), 5 (colour), 6 (CMS), 8 (SUDS), 9 (SUDS management) & 10 (CEMP) from the application S.19/0372/FUL to vary the layout and site components | Solar Park at Actrees Farm Heathfield Alkington Gloucestershire GL13 GPP

The council noted Alkington Parish Council's to make no objection to the amended plans and resolved to make no comment.

It was requested that the process and costs of projecting plans at meetings could be considered at the October meeting.

- 13. To note the following decisions on planning applications, enforcement notices and appeals:
  - a. S.22/1582/HHOLD | Extension to garage & home office to provide a secure cleaning area & new dormer to roof | 2 Burleigh Cottage Nibley Green North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DH - Decision: Refusal

Noted

14. To consider and agree placement of poppy wreath for Armistice Day 2022

It was agreed that the clerk should order a wreath via Royal British Legion and a donation of £25 was agreed

15. To receive update reports / agree or approve actions on ongoing matters from previous meetings

Churchyard Wall - Surveyors draft report has been received, will be circulated with suggested notes. It was agreed that a start up meeting should be arranged to discuss and agree access, facilities etc. To be actioned once report has been finalised.

Village Clean Up – It was agreed that the event would start with a briefing at North Nibley Village Hall at 9:30am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Clerk to obtain list of areas used in previous years and arrange waste collection, equipment and refreshments for on the day. Clerk to advertise on Facebook, Website, On the Edge and Village Noticeboards. Refreshments to be served between 11 and 12.

## 16. Parish council finances

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

All agreed

North Nibley Parish Council Payments Schedule 2022/23									
Agenda Month	Minuted	Invoice No.	Amount	VAT	Total	Comments		Powers	
September			6.54	0	6.54\	Vater Plus - Water Supply at Cemetery		LGA 1972 s214 & s215	
September			774.58	0	<b>774.58</b> /	A Rossiter Monthly Salary Payment		Local Government Act :	1972, S112 (2) (2A)
September			100	0	<b>100.00</b> A	A Rossiter Contractual Expenses		Local Government Act :	1972, S112 (2) (2A)
September			881.12	0	881.12				

- **b.** To note receipt of any payments in Noted receipt of interest and cemetery fees
- c. To review and agree bank reconciliation
  Deferred to October
- d. To note that North Nibley United Charities funding is currently being held in the PC account due to problems with Lloyds bank account opening services and that this funding is not to be included in any audit Noted

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

The clerk's report was noted and all agreed. In addition to the report, the following inscription to a memorial was agreed:

Diana Caroline Wilcox (nee Brown)

Died 23rd April 2020

Aged 86

A dear Mother, Grandmother and Friend

# 18. To receive verbal reports from parish councillors (including risk assessments)

- Badger Action Network stickers have been reported to police due to scaremongering
- Road Crossing at Black Horse is getting increasingly more dangerous due to dangerous parking. There has been a parked vehicle causing dangerous obstructions to vision around the junction on numerous occasions. Clerk to write to police and flag the ongoing issue of dangerous parking along the B4060 by the Black Horse and parking on the traffic island. Clerk to ask Cllr Cohen re land ownership of triangle.
- A meeting is being planned with covenant owners in regard to Play Area
- Monument Trust recently held a meeting and highlighted lots of concerns and issues to be addressed. They have confirmed expenditure of the money which the council gave as a community grant in April this year. It was noted that

payments have been made for inspection of lightning conductors, and that further payments need to me made for repairs totalling approximately £6,000. Cllr Palmer to find out if the Monument trustees have obtained several quotes for the proposed works.

 Reports of fallen tree limbs and potentially further risk of damage or injury from trees on the land behind Highlands Drive - Cllr Hay will contact PROW to find out who has responsibility for the trees.

The next General Meeting of the council will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

Signed: Mandy Rossiter, Clerk Date: 1st August 2022