**NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Recorded by:  Amanda Rossiter, Parish Clerk

Date: 4th January 2021

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 20:30

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| Present: | Mr Ken Brown (Chair)  Mr D Purnell  Mr K Larkin  Mr D Palmer  Mr R Symons  Mrs J Burton |
| District Councillors: | Mr K Tucker  Mrs C Braun  Mr G James |
| County Councillor: | Dr J Cordwell |
| Clerk: | Miss A Rossiter |
| Other: | Seven members of the public |

**Items**

1. *To receive and accept any apologies for absence*

None Received

1. *To invite and receive any declarations of interest*

None Received

1. *To receive and approve the minutes of the council’s December 2020 meeting*

*(Previous minutes are available to view on the Parish Council website)*

Accuracy of minutes agreed

1. *To note any matters arising from the meeting held in December 2020 and not covered by agenda items (item for information only - covered in clerk's written update)*

Item for information only

*4.a Chair made decision to move item 9 forward and create Item 4.a*

Council has reviewed submissions of interest for co-option and have sent individual votes via email to chair. Council noted that the applications from both candidates were very detailed and left no requirement for further questioning. Chair thanked both candidates for their submissions and announced that the candidate with the highest number of votes was John Hay. Chair confirmed that Mr Hay would need to sign relevant declarations before commencing role as a councillor but welcomed Mr Hay to the council and invited him to join discussion within the meeting, without powers. Clerk to send all relevant forms to Mr Hay and inform SDC of the changes.

1. *Meeting for public discussion and questions*

*(Open to members of the public to raise issues)*

* A local representative from Wotton Area Climate Change Action Group asked if there were any areas within North Nibley which could be used for a planting ground. In other areas, trees have been donated by Woodland trust, and member of public (MoP) was hopeful that more would be received if council could agree use of an area for planting. Suggestion was made by MoP to plant trees on recreation field. Cllrs requested that MoP send an email to clerk which could be forwarded to local land owners, especially due to a covenant in place on the field. Suggested that PC could add this to the annual meeting in April (Covid restrictions permitting).
* MoP raised item 10. Which was discussed at this point of the meeting.

MoP has been tending grass verge at Tyndale Close/Barrs Lane and has also planted and maintained the fruit trees. MoP is moving away and would like to handover responsibility of the maintenance to the PC. Cllrs discussed the location and the history of the maintenance and pathways. It was agreed by all that MoP would write to SDC to request that they maintain the fruit trees and grass verge. Cllr Braun to send details to MoP of appropriate SDC contact. Clerk to be copied in on communications in order to keep PC updated. It was also noted that Cllr Braun would discuss with SDC concerns over length of time taken to occupy vacant properties.

* Cllrs felt that it was appropriate to raise at this point in the meeting a concern recently discussed by numerous residents on social media. There have been problems with parking, specifically near the cemetery. The issue is predominantly created by visitors to the knoll. Cllr made a suggestion that PC could encourage a community group to look into potential parking solutions. Clerk to add to future agenda.

1. *To consider and comment upon the following planning application(s) / appeal(s):*
2. *S.20/2557/FUL | Retrospective consent for works to existing vehicle access, extension to access track and erection of agricultural building. | Hunts Court Forthay North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DZ*

The Parish Council noted  that the alignment of the access shown on the plans has now been amended to avoid the public footpath and moved away from the boundary with the planning pods area which overcomes previous concerns. It was agreed to comment that if Stroud are minded to approve the application a condition should be attached that the access should not be used in connection with the glamping pods business which has its own approved access to the north using the existing drive into Hunts Court

1. *To note the submission of the following planning appeals:*
2. *S.20/058/APPREF | Re-submission of the application S.19/0701/FUL - Demolition of a disused building and erection of two buildings to create a live/work unit. | Land East Of Stumpwell Lane Southend Wotton-Under-Edge Gloucestershire*
3. *Land opposite the New Inn Waterley Bottom . Appeal against non determination of prior approval application S.20/0801/AGR for agricultural barn.*

Items noted

1. *The council to note the following planning application / appeal / enforcement decision(s)*
2. *S.20/2318/HHOLD | Proposed garage. | 4 The Street North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DW -* ***Permitted***
3. *S.20/2379/DISCON | Discharge of condition 4 (biodiversity enhancement) from the application S.20/1233/HHOLD. | Purnell House Lower House Lane North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6DN -* ***Permitted***
4. *S.20/044/APPREF | Re-submission of withdrawn application S.19/0820/AGR - Erection of a storage shed storage (retrospective) | Barn To East Of Pitt Court North Nibley Gloucestershire -* ***Appeal Dismissed***

Items noted

1. *To review submissions of interest and co-opt new councillor via voting process*

Item covered above under item number 4.a

1. *To discuss the ongoing maintenance of the verge and fruit tree at Tyndale Close/Barrs Lane and decide on actions required*

Item covered above in public discussion. See second bullet point of item 5.

1. *To receive an update on the Churchyard Wall repairs*

Cllrs confirmed that two of the builders invited to tender have reported that further work may be required, cllr attended a site visit with one of said builders. It was agreed that a sub-committee will be formed to investigate this further and work with clerk to prepare an addendum to the tender which will then be reissued to all original recipients with an extended deadline.

1. *To receive an update on the Community Speed Watch project*

Cllr Symons has contacted the Clerk of Whiteshill about the latest on ANPR.  He has been advised that the Police have approved continued support for existing ANPR cameras in other parishes.

A zoom meeting has been set up by police for 11 February inviting other parish councils with an interest in setting up cameras to be involved. Cllr Symons will attend that meeting.

1. *Parish council finances*
2. *To agree 2021 budget (Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003)*

Council has received proposal and agree

1. *To agree 2021 precept request (Local Government Finance Act 1992 s41)*

Council has received proposal and agree

1. *To agree and pay clerk's wages 7th Dec - 4th Jan (£468.60) (LGA 1972 s112)*

All agreed

1. *To agree cancellation of lost cheque and repayment of VisionICT invoice no. 11918 (£54) (Previously agreed and paid in October 2020 Meeting)*

All agreed

1. *To note that North Nibley United Charities funding is currently being held in the PC account until Lloyds bank resume their account opening services and that this funding is not to be included in 2021 audit*

Item for information only

1. *The Council to receive the following reports from councillors.*
   1. *Verbal reports from parish councillors*

Cllr Brown has contacted LLoyds bank re signatories on the account. Cllr Burton and Cllr Symons are now full signatories.

A query was raised over a container near the hub which is currently causing a visual obstruction to traffic. It was understood that the container was a temporary measure, therefore no action was required.

* 1. *Written report from district councillors*

Cllr raised a question re Community Infrastructure Levy, what happens to local CIL payments with the new proposals? Cllr Tucker will investigate and report back, made a suggestion for PC to have a plan in mind for these payments. PC suggested new play area.

Cllr Braun noted that the paper appeared to only refer to District Council and not Town and Parish council

* 1. *Written report from county councillor*

No Comments

1. *The council to receive and approve a written cemetery report*

Council agreed new application for memorial as detailed within report (Wooden Cross. 92 cm tall and 44 cm wide. Small plaque 5cm x 10m on cross.)

Cllr Symons advised that he will follow up works request with Garden Supplies

1. *To receive for information details of any correspondence received (written report supplied by clerk)*

Council discussed note re WaterPlus invoice and agreed that Clerk should obtain a detailed bill and discuss the waiving of late payment fees with the customer service team to allow the council to consider and agree the bill at February's meeting

Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st February 2021, thanked all for their attendance and input and welcomed John Hay as a new Parish Councillor whilst offering thanks to Daniel Romero Brown for his interest and support within the village

**Meeting closed**