

# NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL 2020

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NORTH NIBLEY, AT 7.30 PM.

**Present:** Mr Ken Brown (Chair), Mr D Purnell, Mrs J Burton, Mr D Roberts, & Mr R Symons.

**District Councillors:** Mr K Tucker & Mr James.

**County Councillor:** Dr J Cordwell.

**The Acting Clerk:** Mr. R Symons

Twelve members of the public attended the meeting.

**The Chairman opened** the Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman advised the Council that because of incomplete information Item 7b had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

**1. The Chairman invited apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr. Mr K Larkin, Cllr. Mr D Palmer, & Dist. Cllr. Mrs C Braun.

**2. The Chairman invited any Declarations of Interest.** There were none.

**3. The Council approved the Minutes of the Council's January 2020 Meeting.** The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a true record.

**4. The Acting Clerk reported the following matters arising from the Minutes.**

- Proposed affordable housing development. As far as the Clerk was aware a planning application has not been submitted to Stroud DC.
- The Clerk had written to Paul Helbrow (GCC Highways) regarding concerns about speeding vehicles on the B4060 out of North Nibley towards Stinchcombe, and in particular where it is crossed by the Cotswold Way at Stancombe. The Council is awaiting a reply.
- The Council's plans to install cameras in the Village have been put on hold. GCC Highways have raised concerns that the equipment is there to monitor speeding vehicles and not for "traffic calming purposes". Two Clerks from other parishes are working with GAPTC to demonstrate to Highways that these are traffic calming measures. It would appear that Highways consider it illegal to use cameras for recording speeding vehicles as exceeding the speed limit is no longer a criminal offence. Glos CC Lighting have been asked to delay the installation of new posts.
- The Council's application for Precept has been submitted.

**5. The Chairman opened the Meeting for Public Discussion and Questions.**

- A parishioner expressed concerns about the delay in "traffic calming" action by the Council and asked what more can be done to improve the crossing area by the Island on the B4060. The acting clerk advised that the Council had previously discussed various ideas with County Highways, but all were

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rejected. Cllr. Purnell stated that other ideas were being progressed on traffic calming through the Village.

There being no other matters from parishioners the Chairman closed the Meeting.

## 6 To receive a presentation on proposals and information for an improved children's play area in the Village.

A parishioner provided further information and ideas on how the Village could develop a new children's play area. Cllrs. Purnell and Symons provided information following their visit to the Slimbridge play area.

Following discussion it was agreed that the way forward would be to promote the idea to all parishioners via an article in On The Edge; followed up by a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. A Group of interested parishioners supported by the Parish Council would need to be organised to raise funds through activities and from various grant awarding organisations. The Group would need to involve the Recreation Field Trust and the Village School in developing their ideas.

Meanwhile the parishioner will be seeking out further information about a similar development at Hawkesbury Upton.

## 7. The Council discussed and commented upon the following Applications to Planning:

- **S.19/2743/HHOLD:** Construction of extension to be used as a workshop. The Old Kings Head , Nibley Green, North Nibley, Dursley. GL11 6AZ: Planning Application  
Following discussion the Council agreed to request that should the application be approved the workshop should be restricted to the use of the householder.
- **S.19/2712/FUL.** Location:Agricultural Building, Waterley Bottom, North Nibley,Gloucestershire. Application Type:Full Planning  
ApplicationDescription:Erection of open fronted agricultural building (retrospective). **This application was withdrawn from the Agenda.**
- **S.19/2738/FUL:** Modern building (referred to as Building A) which is used as an office (use Class B1) and for research in connection with the development of an electric car; and associated access, metal gate and surrounding hard standing. Swinhay Farm Buildings, Vernals Lane, Wotton under Edge.  
Following discussion by the Council it was **agreed to make No Comment.**
- **S.19/2737/CPE.** New building for storing garden machinery and other domestic paraphernalia (Retrospective). Swinhay Farm Buildings, Vernals Lane, Wotton under Edge.  
It was pointed out that this is a CPE application and as such does not require Parish Council comment.

## 8. To note the following Planning Application decision:

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**S.19/2079/FUL.** Pasture Land, Field East of the Reservoir and North of The New Inn, North Nibley, Gloucestershire. Description of development. Small shed, with private way. **Permission.**

**9. The Council received a written District Council Report from District Councillors.** District Councillor Mr Tucker presented the Report. He brought to the Council's attention:

- The forthcoming District & Parish Council Elections.
- There was also a brief discussion on activities relating to the Stroud Canal.

The Chairman thanked District Councillors for their report.

**10. The Council received a written County Council Report from County Councillor John Cordwell.** There were no matters arising from Cllr. Cordwell's report.

- The Chairman brought to Cllr Cordwell's attention certain Highways matters which required Highway's attention.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cordwell for his report.

**11. The Chairman invited Parish Councillors to report on any meetings they had attended.**

- Cllr. Roberts also said that the damaged footpath alongside houses in Wotton Road, had been inspected by Highways and there were plans for repair

**12. The Clerk provided information about the forthcoming Parish Council Election on Thursday 7 May 2020.**

This will be posted on the Council website and information put in next edition of On The Edge.

**13. Parish Council Finances.**

**a. There were no payments to be made:**

**b. Other Financial matters to be discussed.**

- **Internal Audit on 2019/20 accounts.** The Council agreed to progress with the Internal Audit of 2019/20.
- **The Council approved** a revised rate for grass cutting in the Cemetery and Closed Churchyard. Cemetery rate will increase from £116.40 to £119.90 per cut. Churchyard rate will increase from £212.50 to £218.90 per cut. A 3% increase per cut.

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**14. The Council received and approved** a request for a new memorial to the late David Stokes.

**15. The Council has previously received reports of dog fouling in Nibley Green.** Cllr. Burton reported that this particular problem appeared to be resolved and suggested no further action. Other Councillors and members of the public reported similar problems elsewhere in the parish. It was agreed to approach the Neighbourhood Warden to ask him to post signs around the village and to include a message in OTE.

**16.** There was no Correspondence to report.

**17. The Chairman announced** that the Annual Village Clean-Up Day is arranged for Saturday 21 March 2020. It was hoped that Councillors would be joined by parishioners in an effort to tidy up the Parish.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.35 pm.**

**The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 2 March 2020.**