

NORTH NIBLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Councillor Liesl Smith

Date: 7th August 2023

Meeting Commenced: 19:45

Meeting ended: 21:15

Present:

Parish Councillors:	Dave Palmer (Chair) Keith Larkin John Hay James Smith Liesl Smith Les Smitherman
District Councillors:	Ken Tucker, George James
County Councillor:	
Clerk:	
Other:	No members of public present
NOTE:	The council were unable to live stream this meeting

Agenda Items

1. To receive and accept any apologies for absence
Apologies accepted from Lisa Carr, Linda Cohen, Mandy Rossiter, and Catherine Braun
2. To invite and receive any declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest
3. To receive and approve the minutes of the council's July 2023 meeting
(*Previous minutes are made available to view on the Parish Council website*)
The minutes were agreed and signed by chair.
4. Meeting for public discussion and questions
The member of the public gave some background information on the planning application at 6b.
There was no proper kitchen facilities and the annex was not self-sufficient.
5. The Council to receive the following reports:
 - a. Written report from district councillors
Cllr Tucker outlined the current changes to personnel in planning enforcement
The Chair thanked the District councillors for their report.
 - b. Written report from county councillor
The Chair thanked Cllr Cohen (in her absence) for her report.
6. To consider and comment on the following planning applications, enforcement notices and appeals:
 - a. S.23/1377/LBC | Replacement of two loft windows and replacement of front door.
(Retrospective) | 2 Old Yew Tree Cottage Pitt Court North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire
GL11 6EB
The council discussed the application and agreed to make no comment
 - b. S.23/1238/HHOLD | Replacement porch and side extensions | Galloway Cottage Waterley
Bottom North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11
The council discussed the application and agreed to make the following comment:
The PC would not wish to see the creation of a separate dwelling unit. It therefore requests a condition is attached requiring the side annexe to only be used as ancillary accommodation incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling house and for no other purpose.

c. S.23/016/APPREF | Agricultural storage building | Brookside Farm Waterley Bottom North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6EF

The Parish Council reaffirmed its objections submitted on the original application in March 2023 . Minute 6d of Parish Council dated 6 th March refers. It confirmed its grounds of objection as follows ;

1. The case has not been made for this additional barn as being essential to the agricultural needs of this small agricultural holding. The reasons given for the need are similar to the reasons given for the two existing barns adjoining. No evidence has been submitted in the appeal to demonstrate that the agricultural storage needs of this small holding have outgrown the other barns . No reference has been made to the logging business operating from the site.
2. The siting of a third barn in this location would adversely affect the character and landscape quality of the area situated within the Cotswolds AONB in contravention of Local Plan Policy ES7
3. There is insufficient information to adequately assess the impacts on biodiversity.

The Parish Council fully supports Stroud District Council's reasons to refuse approval.

The Parish Council requests that it's comments are fully taken into account in reaching a decision on this appeal and requests that the appeal is dismissed.

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

- a. S.23/1169/HHOLD | Replacement conservatory with orangery and installation of velux windows. | 1 Weavers Millend Lane North Nibley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 6ED – Permitted

The decision was noted.

8. To note receipt of Clerk's written report on ongoing matters and correspondence from previous meetings and agree any further actions

Clerk provided a written report. Written report will be made available on the PC website.

Councillor J Smith has been allocated the play area project. Clerk will email the main contact for the project and any relevant information to help with a hand over.

Wild Festival is to be held in the area 20.08.2023.

Complaints were made by the church last year and the following was agreed by the PC – Clerk to email the Wild Festival Team to clarify:

1. Hours of license
2. Local community need to have leaflet drop to inform of festival plans.
3. Wild Team to email the church with Festival plans
4. Councillor Tucker will check the licensing agreement for Festival.

9. To receive update on speedwatch and road safety matters and agree next steps

Councillor Carr will be trained to use the speed watch camera by Councillor Palmer.

Councillor Smith will chase up the speed watch report.

10. To discuss Gloucestershire County Ash Dieback Project replanting scheme and agree actions

PC keen to help with the Ash Dieback Project and would like to involve Community in the project.

The deadline for submitting application for native young species trees (2- to 3-year-old saplings) is 01.09.2023. Email has been sent to the Project Team to clarify the saplings available and if we can have an extension to submitting application form.

Clerk to advertise in OTE the project and gauge Community interest.

11. To discuss winter action plan and requirements for grit bins and agree any actions

Council considered that the locations should include a bin near the top of Warren Hill as the previous bin has gone missing.

Clerk to check that Ian Hall will continue being the Snow Plough operator and ask him if he can store some of the salt bags. The current store of road salt (6 bags) is at Waterley Farm for the side roads. Highways have a contingency plan to keep the B roads open so no road salt bins needed.

12. To discuss the implementation of a Community Forum and agree any actions.

Councillor J Smith proposed that leads from the Parish come together as a forum and meet quarterly – advised better approach is to join the North Nibley Facebook page and engage with the younger community. To reach a wider audience the PC were keen for digitalisation of the PC meetings.

13. To receive a report on the defibrillator status and agree any actions

Defibrillator needs repairing outside the Village Hall. North Nibley has a second defib locked in the pavilion. Councillor L Smith will look at available stats on how many devices per population head is needed and present at a future PC meeting.

Councillor Smitherman suggested that an article is put into OTE that we are looking to increase the number of defibs in North Nibley and would anyone like to donate money to help this cause.

14. Parish council finances

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

The following payments, totalling £2337.37 were agreed

Village Hall Hire

Water supply to cemetery

HMRC PAYE

email set up by Vision ICT

Clerks Salary

- b. To note any receipts

Cemetery fees notes as per burial clerk report

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

An application for a monument was approved.

16. To receive quote for removal of dead bough in the cemetery and agree actions

The quotation from Treecreeper Arborists was accepted. Chair to contact them with a view to discussing other works following an email from a concerned neighbour.

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

It was noted that OTE had no council page in last months publication. It was agreed the Clerk to submit a full report in good time for the next edition of OTE to ensure the community is aware of Parish Council matters

Councillor Palmer updated the meeting on:

- a. position of gateways into the village as a speed deterrent. On both the road from Wotton into Nibley (opposite Greenbanks House) and Stinchcombe into Nibley (near 30 sign) there is room only on one side of road verge to put gate.
- b. Police Team recorded that the crime rate has dropped over the last year from 9 crimes last year to 7 this year.

Binley Lane has a tree over the road – Clerk to follow up with Highways.

4 potholes outside Village Hall – Clerk to notify Highways.

This month Councillor J Smith was encouraged to write a personal piece on how and why he became a councillor for next OTE edition he also attended the Better Councillor training.

18. To confirm date of next PC meeting

4th September 2023 at 7:30

19. Staff Matter in Confidence – Item closed to Members of Public and Press

The council agreed a Pension plan for it's employee