

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at the Neroche Village Hall on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members Present: Cllrs. Bell, Macey, Palmer, Knight, Vacher and Street

In Attendance: Cllr John Thorne, and parishioners

2021/30 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received by Cllr Aplin, J Parsons, Pope, Bray & C Parsons and Clerk J Wanstall.

It was resolved that the absence of this Councillors be recognised as approved absences for the purposes of s.185 Local Government Act 1972.

2021/31 Declarations of interest and dispensations

None reported

2021/32 Confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th July 2021

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th July 2021 were approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

2021/33 Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

Cllr Thorne (Somerset County Cllr) circulated his written report to the council members via email. The main areas Cllr Thorne highlighted in the meeting were: the new unitary authority for Somerset, there is a briefing with Highways England on the A358 next week, which Cllr Thorne will attend. A bus service improvement plan is currently underway, with public consultation now finished, and lastly, we will have changes to our recycling from November 2021.

2021/34 Questions from members under Standing Order 8

None reported

2021/35 Questions from members of the public under Standing Order 1 (d-h)

Neroche Newsletter Parish Council Contribution- Mike Aspray, the Chairman of the Neroche Communication Action Group, spoke, there is no further information at present. The Newsletter expenditure is more than the income and so reserves are being used. Feedback from Parish Magazine is that they do not feel threatened by the Neroche Newsletter changing from adverting flyers to inserting the adverts within the publication. It was agreed that when budget setting for NPC, this funding issue will be voted on then.

Grant money available for the Neroche Hall

Cllr Street mentioned the possibility of £1500.00 funding for parish halls for cleaning and re-opening.

Action- Clerk is currently working with the Neroche Hall Trustees to secure this grant.

Traffic Management Curland Green-Peter Crossley was present, to discuss the damage to the outside wall of his property by a tractor and trailer. He has been unable to find out who has caused this damage. Mr Crossley is suggesting a review of traffic around Curland Green, due to the increase of farming traffic. Highways England states that it needs to be reported by the PC.

Action- Clerk to send a letter to Highways England regarding traffic management in Curland Green, suggesting an onsite meeting.

2021/36 Actions from the last meeting

Drain at the end of Bickenhall Lane blocked. Reported 2/8/21. Received an email saying they are going to send somebody out to inspect it. Chased 27/8/21 no response yet.

Missing sign for Neroche Hall and RSPCA at the end of Bickenhall Lane. Reported to SWAT 4/8/21. Responded on 25/8/21 to say it is not their responsibility but SCC. Reported to SCC 27/8/21. Responded 2/9/21 via phone call to say it is already logged as an issue, but they have no capacity to add new work orders at present.

Sign up to BHPN- done

Queen's Jubilee Applying for Trees- to be put in the Email Alert to gauge community interest. Not done as following further investigation the trees cannot be planted on private land.

Cllr Street to explore setting up a Working Group for the footpaths in NPC- this initiative has had little response, but we do have some volunteers. More organising is required, Cllr Street and Cllr Palmer to action this.

2021/37 Clerk Update

Quarterly Financial Update- The main Income in this quarter has been Precept £7,006, VAT Returns £450 and the CIL payment £799. The main outgoings have been a new defibrillator £1,230, The Fingerpost Project £700, and staff costs £693.

Online Banking- We have been having great difficulties signing up for Online banking as Natwest Business Banking does not have two-to-sign capability. Therefore, the Clerk advises to stay with the current system of writing cheques with 2 authorised signatures.

2021/38 To Allocation of Areas of Responsibility for Councillors

This item has been moved to the next meeting, as not enough Councillors were present.

2021/39 Accounts for payment.

Resolved that the following accounts be paid.

- Salary and expenses of Clerk £471.00.
- SALC Membership £152.07
- Bristol Foundry- Fingerpost Project £3,150
- BHPN Membership £50

2021/40 Items of report and Correspondence

A358 -Highways England seem to be ignoring much of what PCs are suggesting. There is a meeting at Taunton Rugby Club on 23rd Sept, which Cllr Palmer will attend.

Queen's Jubilee- Beacons for Neroche Parish- Cllr Palmer proposes that we have a beacon, seconded by Cllr Bell. The place is to be decided.

Training on the defibrillator- Item to be moved to the next meeting.

NPC Election Date 2022 or 2023- Item to be moved to the next meeting.

2021/41 Items and date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th November 2021 at the Neroche Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.01pm