

# NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Draft minutes of the meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mr D Macey, Mr J Parsons, Mr K Cutler, Mrs K Street, Mrs S Hayman, Mr M Prosser, J Hole

**Also Present:** Mrs E York (Clerk), Cllr Sarah Wakefield, and 17 Parishioner.

### **Public Session:**

#### **2023/156 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr D Knight and Mrs F Gledhill

These were recognised and approved absence for the purposes of s.185 of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### **2023/157 Declarations of interest and dispensations**

Cllr Mr D Macey declared an interest in agenda item number 2023/159 (3)

Cllr Mrs K Street declared interest in agenda item number 2023/163

Cllr Mr J Parsons declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item number 2023/159 (1)

#### **2023/158 Approval of the minutes from previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved without amendment to be signed by the Chair.

#### **2023/159 Planning**

- 1) 15/23/0003 – it is noted that there is clearly no local support for this application. Not in keeping with the local area, not good for local ecology. Councillors present voted unanimously in objection of this application
- 2) 28/24/0001 – Cllrs present did not object to the structure itself or its requirement. It was noted that a number of the issues raised relate more to building standards than planning requirements.
- 3) 33/24/0002 – No objection
- 4) 04/24/0002 - No objection

#### **2023/160 Report from County Councillor**

Cllr Sarah Wakefield provided an overview of the planning system:

- 21 days correspondence.
- Important to respond in your own words – focus on planning issues
- Can post more than one response if you think of further things
- Where an application goes to committee, the Planning officer issues report ahead of the planning meeting (probably 2-3 months)
- Need to advise in advance if you wish to speak at the committee meeting
- If planning committee disagrees then the applicants can go to appeal – public comments need to be resubmitted at this time.

20mph proposals including Otterford & Ruishton  
Electric Buses

### **2023/161 Actions from the minutes of the last meeting**

- 1) Quote has been received for the replacement of noticeboards at Curland, Bickenhall and Thurlbear plus a new one at Orchard Portman; to be made locally. Orchard Portman to be sited next to the post box. It was agreed that Cllr Mr M Palmer would check the sizes of the other boards, as the quote is for noticeboards the same size as the Church wall at Staple Fitzpaine.
- 2) It is noted that the hedge at Curland has been cut but not sufficiently. It was agreed that the clerk write to highways as there is a health and safety concern. To also write to landowner with a copy of the land registry and ask that the hedge be cut back to within the property boundary.

### **2023/162 Items of Report and Correspondence**

Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **2023/163 Rights of Way Update**

No update was available

### **2023/164 Finance**

- 1) The following items were approved for payment:

Salary & Expenses of Clerk	£542.01
SALC	£25.00
Neroche Hall	£376.20
BHPN Subscription	£50.00

- 2) It is noted that the precept has not yet been received from Somerset Council

### **2023/165 Highways**

- 1) Awaiting quote for the final figure for the gateway and associated works from the contractor. It was proposed that that the council consider proceeding with the speed reduction scheme, but not the physical gateways and instead put the money towards speed indicator devices which would be moved around the villages where speed limits are in place.
- 2) It is noted that Corfe hill is now a 40mph limit from the crossroad at the top. Clerk to revert to highways to use this as a precedent for a speed reduction on Staple Hill.
- 3) New contractor Keir are now in place. It was reported that they have refused to use the “repair in a bag” system as it is not of a good enough standard.
- 4) Car on its roof along Castle Main this morning; near Castle Neroche.
- 5) No update relating to the A358

### **2023/166 Community Plan**

Nothing to report.

### **2023/145 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – this is the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 21:15