

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 11th July 2023.

Public Session:

It was requested that the ongoing maintenance arrangements for Curland Green be added as an item to the next agenda.

Curland Planning Enforcement – Email from parishioner was read out, and the Clerk provided the most recent update from Cllr Ross Henly.

It was agreed that the Clerk should follow up with the Environment Agency regarding potential pollution, and that letters be sent to the Chief Exec at Somerset Council, Chief Planning Officer, and Simon Moon to complain about the time take with these matters. Councillors for Curland to write.

Members Present: Councillors Messrs M Palmer (Chair), J Parsons, D Knight, D Macey, M Prosser, Mrs F Gledhill, Mrs K Street, Mrs S Hayman, J Hole

In attendance: Mrs E York (Clerk), Mrs Sarah Wakefield, 4 members of the public

2023/39 Apologies for absence

None were received.

2023/40 Declarations of interest and dispensations

Councillor Mrs Karen Street declared an interest in agenda item 2023/49 – Rights of Way update.

2023/41 Approval of the minutes from previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 were approved without amendment and signed by the Chair.

2023/42 Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

Councillor Sarah Wakefield was in attendance at the meeting.

Bin Stike has been suspended for a further 2 weeks. Suez unions wouldn't accept the deal made with Somerset Council.

Thurlbear School Sign – This is waiting to be connected by National Grid. Cllr Wakefield confirmed that this is a priority ahead of the new school year in September.

Somerset Council are still working on the budget and staffing is not yet finalised following the restructure. Application for 160 houses in Ruishton by Taylor Wimpey Homes. This is on an old nurse site which is not allocated for development. They are proposing to offset the phosphates with wetlands. Planning is expected in the next month, and it is likely that their next project will be Orchard Portman Farm. All land around the A358 is optioned out for developers.

2023/43 Actions from the minutes of the last meetings

1. Wych Lodge Bike Park update

Clerk to circulate letter from Forestry.

2. Curland Hedge Encroachment update

Cllr John Parsons has visited the property owner, who is disappointed that parishioners have complained about the hedge.

It was agreed that the clerk write to the property owner and to report to highways including pictures that have been provided.

3. Dog Waste Bin update

Responses have been received from Somerset Council and Forestry England. FE require a licence to site a third part bin on their land.

It was agreed that the clerk contact Kevin Stannard at Forestry England and go over the local ranger.

2023/44 Planning

Councillors discussed application number 04/23/0002/CQ – Class Q Notification for one dwelling house at Park Farm, Bickenhall. It is noted that the previous application was for a single storey building as opposed to the new 2 storey application but agreed that the council have no objections.

No further updates to note regarding enforcement matters.

2023/45 Finance

Accounts for payment were approved as follows:

Salary & Expenses of clerk £359.24

2023/46 Items of Report and Correspondence

2023/47 Highways

1. To receive any update related to the Staple Fitzpaine Village Gateway Project
Councillor Fiona Gledhill has obtained quotes from two companies. To investigate if there are local examples. Query over location of the gateway on the Mill Farm side of the village. Clerk to arrange for Kate Brown from Traffic Management to meet onsite.
2. To receive any update related to Staple Hill – potential speed limit reduction
No update at present as Kate has been away
3. To receive any update regarding potholes and road repairs
Clerk to report Badger Street pothole again as Councillor Daniel Macey met with an alternative highways superintendent who advised it has not been reported.
4. To note any accident in the locality since last meeting
None to report.

2023/48 Community Review

There was a delay in receiving the final report from the Community Council for Somerset and as such it was agreed that the discussion be delayed until the August meeting.

Letter to parishioners who have been involved in the review. Councillor Jane Hole to write and Clerk to top and tail.

2023/49 Rights of Way Update

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A response has been received from Rob Coates. There is an error in the explanatory notes which allows the stile to remain, which prevents the use of the path by disabled persons.
Councillor Mrs Sue Hayman to contact local landowner regarding his knowledge of the path as was a previous tenant of this land.

2023/50 To consider candidates for Co-option

None have come forward at present. Clerk has been in contact with a potential candidate, and it was agreed that they be invited to the next meeting.

2023/51 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September 2023.

The meeting was declared closed at 21.31

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