

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 18th March 2025

Present: Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mr M Prosser, Mrs K Street, Mrs S Hayman, Mr T Pope and Mr D Macey

In Attendance: Mrs E York (Clerk)

Public Session:

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2024/149 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr J Parsons (illness) and Mrs F Gledhill (work commitments). These were recognised and approved as an absence under s185 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2024/150 Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation.

2024/151 Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes were approved as an accurate record to be signed by the chair.

2024/152 Report from County Councillor

County Councillors were not present at the meeting.

Their report was circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting.

2024/153 Actions from the minutes of the last meeting

- 1) Parish Emergency Contingency Plan – This matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- 2) Neroche Neighbourhood Plan – Funding has now been withdrawn for this round of neighbourhood plans. Clerk reported that funding has to be spent within a six week timescale, so council would need to be ready to go if funding was to be applied for in the future.
- 3) Curland Planning – Cllrs Parsons and Street met with parishioners regarding various Curland planning applications. It was agreed that the PC would write to Somerset Council regarding the recently approved AGN applications to confirm whether proof of tenancy of the adjoining field was submitted as part of the application, as otherwise this may not have qualified for an AGN application. Concerns were raised by parishioners regarding generator noise and reports of anti social / threatening behaviour. It was agreed to invoice the Village Agent and PSCO to the April meeting.

The next meeting for the planning committee is 15th April. It is necessary to register to speak at the meeting a week in advance, and letters to distribute must be circulated two days before the meeting. It was suggested that Cllr Parsons read statement on behalf of the PC; clerk to discuss with Cllr Parsons and to draft a response.

2024/154 Items of report and correspondence

There were no items of report or correspondence.

2024/155 Local Community Network Update

Cllr Palmer reported. It is proving difficult to get clarification from Somerset Council on the objectives of the LCN, they are currently looking for ideas for projects / specific purposes which can be of benefit to all member parishes.

2024/156 Planning and Applications

04/25/0001 – It was agreed that the clerk write in support of the comments of the conservation officer. Councillors are not opposed to a dwelling on this site but are opposed to the scale of this application.

2024/157 Rights of Way Update

Cllr Hayman reported. Rob Coate (Somerset Council RoW Officer) has inspected T2/9 and T2/10. He will contact the landowners regarding repair works required. Additional ditches are still requiring to be cleared. We await his further update. It is noted that the Drove is much better now that it has had a chance to dry out.

Claire Haskins is the new Area Warden.

T2/9 – Gateway has been cut into Abbeyhill Drove. It is noted that permission is not required to put in an access gateway onto an unclassified road.

2024/158 Environmental Matters

- 1) Flood Reporting – The pipe under the road at Brandy Bridge has become blocked again. Cllr Palmer to speak to property owner.
- 2) Drain Clearance – We await map of gullies as requested from Keir. Drain opposite Staple Common has been cleared.
- 3) Curland Green – It was agreed that bollards be erected next week to protect the Green from traffic during the road closure / diversion.

2024/159 Finance

The following items were approved for payment:

Salary & Expenses of Clerk	£621.85
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2024/160 Highways

- 1) Village Gateway
Traffic Management report that this should be completed by the end of March, but we await a confirmation of the installation date.
- 2) Staple Hill; speed limit reduction
No update
- 3) Potholes and Road Repairs
No update
- 4) Accidents
None were reported.

2024/161 Community Matters

- 1) Neroche Newsletter – Cllr Street shared the North Curry Pink Paper with Councillors. It was agreed to try and collate the first PC newsletter for distribution in June.
- 2) Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk confirmed that this is not a Parish Council meeting. It was not felt that the Council had many matters to update Parishioners on.
- 3) Community Plan – it was agreed that all data needs to be obtained from the team who collated the community plan as this was funded by the PC.

2024/162 To Consider Candidates for Co-Option

There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council. All to consider Parishioners who might be willing to give their time and input.

2024/162 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

It was requested that T2/1 and the Parish Emergency Contingency Plan be added as agenda items for the next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7.30pm in Neroche Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 21.00

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