

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Village Hall on Thursday 10th November 2022.

Members Present: Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mr J Parsons, Mr D Macey, Mr A Aplin, Mr M Prosser, Mr D Knight, Mrs F Gledhill, Mrs S Hayman

In Attendance: E York (Clerk), Mrs S Fisher (Stoke St Mary Parish Clerk)

Public Session

There were no questions from the public.

2022/66 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr Mike Vacher, Cllr Mrs Karen Street and Cllr Jane Hole

These were recognised as approved absences for the purpose of s.185 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2022/67 Declarations of interest and dispensations

None were declared.

2022/68 Confirm the minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2022

Ahead of the meeting, Councillors were provided with an amended version of the minutes of the last meeting, detailing changes which had been requested.

Amendments submitted by Cllr Jane Hole were accepted but it was noted that the additional amendments had been requested by a Parishioner.

It was therefore resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2022 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman at the next meeting following completion of the amendment.

2022/69 Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

None were received.

2022/70 Actions from minutes of the last meeting

- Bank Account Update

The clerk confirmed that the new account with Unity Trust Bank has now been opened and councillors who are signatories have received login details. It was noted that the reason for choosing Unity Trust Bank is the facility for two Councillors to approve a payment, in the same way that they would previously have signed a cheque.

- Dog Waste in the Forest

Clerk confirmed that both Somerset West & Taunton Council, and Forestry England have agreed in principle to the installation of a dog waste bin. Due to the contractual nature of the collections FE have to go through a procurement process which can take up to three months.

- To vote on suggestion to move from a bi-monthly to a monthly Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed by a majority vote of the Councillors present that the Parish Council move to monthly meetings, with the aim of responding more effectively to planning applications received, and action agenda items in a more timely manner.

2022/71 Planning

04/02/0003 - Discussion was held regarding this planning application.
It was resolved that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.

2022/72 Accounts for payment

- To approve items for payment

It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:

SALC	Responding to Planning Applications	£ 25.00	
	Councillor Essentials - Roles & Responsibilities	£ 25.00	
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	Neighbourhood Planning	£ 45.00	<u>£ 145.00</u>
Salary & Expenses of Clerk		£ 719.21	

- To approve adoption of the Local Government Pay Agreement 2022-23 for rates of pay applicable from April 2022

It was resolved that the Clerk's pay be amended with effect from April 2022 in line with the guidance from SALC.

2022/73 Items of report and correspondence

- TD Methodist Church Contribution

The Parish Council have been contacted by the Taunton Deane Methodist Circuit with regards to a donation which has previously been made.

It was agreed that the clerk will check that this donation forms part of the funds received as a Parish Grant from Somerset West & Taunton Council.

- BHPN Cost of Living Questionnaire

Due to the length of the questionnaire, it was resolved to not complete it at the meeting.

- Somerset Emergency Community Contact

Cllr Palmer has agreed to be the Emergency Community contact for the Parish.

- Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day – Report

Cllr Palmer attended the above event and provided a report to Cllrs present.

- SCOP II Climate Conference – Report

Cllr Palmer and Cllr Mrs Hayman attended the above event and provided a report to councillors present.

- To record receipt of the Parish Grant from Somerset West and Taunton Council

It is noted that the Parish have received a grant of £1590 from Somerset West and Taunton Council. It is believed that this is the Grant for the maintenance of burial grounds which is subsequently passed onto Orchard Portman PCC, Staple Fitzpaine PCC, Stoke St Mary PCC and Taunton Deane Methodist Circuit. It was resolved that none of the above be paid until this has been confirmed, along with clarification to why payment is made to Stoke St Mary PCC and the Methodist Circuit.

2022/74 Warm Spaces / Community Resilience Plan

Following the report from Cllr Palmer from the Community Resilience Day, it was resolved that a separate meeting be held / steering group be formed to further discuss what may be possible / effective to put in place.

2022/75 2023/2024 Budget

A meeting of the finance committee is confirmed for Tuesday 13 December 2022.

It was noted that the budget is required to be approved at the January 2023 Parish Council meeting, in order for the precept to be requested by the deadline.

2022/76 Community Plan

A steering group has now been formed to take forward the Neroche Community Plan, and they have met twice. Consultation will commence at the end of November 2022 and the plan will be completed by July 2023.

There is not currently a representative on the steering group for Orchard Portman and Thurlbear.

2022/77

- Staple Fitzpaine Village Gateway and Speed Limit Project

We are awaiting a response from Traffic Management regarding this, as the speed monitoring has not yet taken place.

It was suggested that potentially we look into a community speed watch project.

It was noted that many villages locally have recently installed LED speed signs which are effective.

The initial quotes for the Gateways have come in at £3,500 + VAT for both Gateways.

- Curland Green

There is no update at present as Traffic Management have not provided the information promised.

2022/78 Rights of Way Update

- T2/8

Cllr Sue Hayman provided an update regarding bridleway T2/8.

It was agreed that the cost of magistrates proceedings be sought before the S130 Notice be served to try and achieve a resolution.

- T2/11

The original application has been archived. Following discussions it was agreed that at present there was no need to submit another FoI request to obtain this.

It was noted that the Taunton Deane Ramblers have served a S130 Notice relating to this right of way.

It was noted that Cllrs are aware of three people who have previously walked the T2/11 bridleway and evidence of this will be sought.

2022/79 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

There were no items for the next agenda.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th December 2022, at 7.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 21:04