

# NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs E York (Clerk) and one member of public

### **2023/65 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rebecca Cooper (work commitments)

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

### **2023/66 Neroche Community Report Review**

Councillors discussed each point of the Action Plan produced as a part of the Community Review Project and action points were agreed upon as follows.

Groups such as the Community Action Group for the Environment (CAGE) will be asked to provide reports on progress to the Council but are not Council run groups / working groups thus not the responsibility of the PC.

### Carbon Footprint

- 1) To link to Somerset Council Website
- 2) To facilitate Parish Meeting to share local experiences

### Access to Green Energy

- 1) Councillor Daniel Macey to investigate further and report back regarding potential buy in to Methane Harvesting scheme.

### Ditch Maintenance

No further action required as this will fall in the jurisdiction of the LCN

- 1) To review November 2023

### Climate Emergency

- 1) Clerk to investigate the protocol and benefits of the Parish Council declaring as climate emergency

### Litter

- 1) To recruit volunteers
- 2) To source litter picking kits
- 3) To check insurance

### Water Course Quality

- 1) Councillor Karen Street to contact BHPN regarding water quality testing
- 2) To signpost householders via website re: Septic Tanks

### Biodiversity

- 1) This has been delegated to the Community Action Group for the Environment.

#### Road Conditions

- 1) To signpost link to pothole reporting on website

#### Traffic Speed

- 1) To continue to progress actions via Parish Council  
Councillors Dave Knight and Fiona Gledhill to maintain responsibility for this.

#### A358

- 1) To continue to liaise with National Highways via the Community of Parishes and the LCN.

#### Quality of upkeep / access

- 1) To circulate details of the RoW volunteer group
- 2) To form a volunteer group to repair and maintain footpaths and bridleways
- 3) To check insurance

#### Dog Waste

- 1) To continue to liaise with Forestry England regarding various sites
- 2) To meet with new forester and confirm actions

#### Superfast Broadband

- 1) To invite Faye from Airband to attend Parish Council meeting

#### Orchard Portman Development

- 1) To liaise with Sarah Wakefield
- 2) To maintain open countryside status
- 3) To continue to liaise with Stoke St Mary PC, Save the Blackdowns group and LCN
- 4) To investigate alternative local housing – to add this to the local plan

#### Parish Life

- 1) Working group to be formed

#### Neroche Hall

- 1) Councillor Karen Street to continue as Hall Liaison Officer

#### Communication

- 1) To continue to work with NCAG
- 2) Clerk to monitor noticeboards
- 3) To consider costs for noticeboard replacements
- 4) To investigate possible location for additional noticeboard in Orchard Portman

#### Community Awareness and Engagement

- 1) Clerk to investigate website traffic
- 2) Councillors to write Parish Newsletter articles

Councillors voted unanimously to adopt the Community Review.

The meeting was declared closed at 21.15