

# Ninfield Parish Council Minutes

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## Extra Ordinary Full Council Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

Cllrs Present: K Williamson (Chair), S Guard (V Chair), J Cheshire, J Langley, G Pharo,  
P Coleshill.

Clerk J Scarff

In attendance 2 Members of Public (MOP)

### Public Questions:

In accordance with standing orders ten minutes are available for the Public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the following agenda.

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

MOP, who are members of Ninfield Bowls Club expressed concerns about parking now that the Public House doesn't allow parking if not using the facilities. They had also come to ask if they could park on the recreation ground for an event (item 6c) on the agenda.

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- 1. Chairman's welcome to the meeting.**  
KW welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. To receive and accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).  
Apologies were received and accepted from S Collins for personal reasons.
- 3. Disclosure of Interests**  
In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct.  
To consider granting any dispensations.  
  
Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.  
**There were no declarations of interest to be declared.**
- 4. Exclusion of the Public**  
To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed. 'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature or other special reason (to be specified) of the business to be transacted.'  
**This motion was not required.**
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting** to be considered for approval and signed as a true record.  
The Annual Meeting of the Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Proposed GP, seconded SG  
**Resolved** the chair to sign the minutes as a true record of the full council 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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## 6. Business to be transacted.

- a) To receive a proposal that in accordance with the Statutory Instrument, Parish councils (General Power of Competence) Prescribed Order 2012 Ninfield Parish Council meets the criteria for eligibility relating to the electoral mandate and relevant training of the clerk to adopt the General Power of Competence.

Resolved: NPC confirms that it meets the criteria necessary for it to adopt the General Power of Competence:

The number of members of the council that have been declared to be elected is equal to or greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council.

The clerk to the council holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration; and therefore, the council re-adopts the General Power of Competence.

- b) To discuss a request from the PTFA to have a fire engine on the recreation ground and to offer pony rides at their summer fete Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm.

SG clarified that at a meeting October 2022 the Recreation Ground Committee had given the PTFA permission to use the grass between the school fence and footpath for the fete. This was an additional request to use the wider recreation ground.

Resolved that the bottom part of the rec – the other side of the MUGA could be used for the pony rides with the following conditions.

There are no more than 4 ponies.

The ponies enter the recreation ground from the church Lane and are walked along the footpath the bottom of the rec.

All pony mess must be cleared up at the end of the fayre.

The clerk must receive a risk assessment for the fayre, to include the pony attraction 2 weeks prior to the activity.

Obviously the recreation ground is for public use and the council are not able to stop dogs, walkers and any other users from using the ground during this time.

They will review this as a test case in the event this type of thing is requested in the future.

Fire Engine

Due to the fact that there is a league cricket match the next morning the cllrs agreed that the fire engine should not be on the recreation ground the night before.

They realise that it is always popular with the children and wonder whether the PTFA could use the bus stop on Church Lane as the verge there is wide, or the staff parking outside the headmasters office.

- c) To hear a request from the Bowls Club to park on the recreation ground for their lady's invitation day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm.

**Resolved** that subject to the weather conditions at the time and the state of the ground the Bows Club could use the recreation ground to park their cars as a one off.

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- d) To discuss the idea of purchasing a parcel of land in the village being advertised for sale and agree any actions required.

The cllrs discussed the idea, they agreed that there would need to be a clear plan for what the land would be used for and that resident agreement would need to be sought.  
The clerk was asked to get a valuation for the land.

- e) To discuss parking in the village and agree any actions required.

There was a discussion about the need for parking. JC presented findings from the NHP survey which indicated that residents felt their parking was adequate.  
There was general agreement that the need for parking was for evens in the village that other people would travel too.  
There was a discussion about using the Memorial Hall Car Park, the clerk was asked to investigate the situation.

- f) To hear a proposal for the parish council to register for the Local Council Award Scheme.

**Resolved** that the council will register for the NALC Local Council Award Scheme at foundation level.

- g) To consider the approval of the annual governance statement.

**Resolved** that the annual governance statement be approved. The Chair signed the annual governance statement.

- h) To consider the approval of the accounting statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 in the Annual Governance and Accountability return.

**Resolved** that the accounting statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 in the Annual Governance and Accountability return. The Chair signed the accounting statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**7. Date of next meeting.**

**To note the date of the next meeting is The Finance committee Meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 7pm at the Methodist Hall.**

**To note the date of the Full Council Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7pm at the Methodist Hall.**

**8. Correspondence – to note for possible inclusion on next agenda**

Nothing to note