

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Annual meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 15 July 2025.

In Attendance: Cllrs Mr J Parsons (Chair), Mrs K Street, Mr M Prosser, Mrs S Hayman, Mrs F Gledhill

Also Present: Mrs E York (Clerk) and 2 Parishioners

Public Session: Parishioners present thanked the Council for their work in installing Village Gateways and having the speed limit reduced. Unfortunately speeds remain as high if not higher than before. Councillors explained that roundals are still to be painted on the road at the Mill Farm end of the village and on New Road. It was agreed that the Council will also look into various other traffic calming measures, including speed indicator devices, speed watch camera and police presence.

2025/44 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr Mark Palmer – attending LCN meeting; Cllr Mr Dave Knight – work commitment; Cllr Mr Tom Pope – Family commitment; Cllr Mr Daniel Macey
These were recognised as approved absence for the purposes of s.185 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2025/45 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None were declared

2025/46 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

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

2025/47 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Sarah Wakefield sent her apologies as she was attending the LCN AGM.
Somerset Council report circulated to all ahead of the meeting. Update on Airband to follow.

2025/48 Actions from the last meeting

- 1) Defibrillator Update – New battery for the defibrillator has been delivered. Clerk to arrange for this to be installed
- 2) Quote for new PC laptop to be circulated – it was agreed that the PC purchase a new laptop as per quote circulated.
- 3) Quote for high-vis jacket to be circulated – it was agreed that 20 no. high-vis jackets be ordered in a variety of sizes.

2025/49 Items of Report and Correspondence

- 1) Japanese Knotweed – Police have confirmed that this is not a matter they would investigate. Clerk to contact EA to see if there is within their jurisdiction.
- 2) Enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme – It was agreed that Cllr Palmer attend the training for volunteers working on the highway; to be joined by Cllrs Parsons and Hayman, subject to timings.
- 3) Chairs Community Awards – Cllr Gledhill proposed that Jane Hole be nominated. All present were in favour.

2025/50 Local Community Network Update

The annual meeting is tonight. Cllr Palmer is in attendance.

2025/51 Planning and Applications

04/25/0004 - No Comment

2025/52 Rights of Way Update

T19/2 – Works to the steps and handrail have been completed.

2025/53 Environmental Matters

1) Ditches, Drains and Gullies

No issues due to recent dry weather. Cllr Palmer has obtained permission to access property at Brandy Bridge to clear blocked pots.

2025/54 Finance

The following items were agreed for payment:

Salary & Expenses of Clerk	£491.55
Defibrillator Battery	£294.19
TEEC (website hosting)	£409.99
New Parish Council Laptop	
High-Vis Jackets	

2025/55 Highways

- 1) Staple Fitzpaine Village Gateway – As reported earlier. Cllrs to provide update to Clerk if outstanding roundals are not painted this week. Clerk to contact Hatch Beauchamp regarding share of a SID.
- 2) Potholes and Road Repairs – no update. All to continue to report online.
- 3) Accidents in the locality – it is noted that there was an accident along the road from the polo ground on 28/6. Cllr Gledhill to record on accidents spreadsheet
- 4) Smokey Bottom – Clerk to contact Highways
- 5) Missing Signs Update – Cllr Gledhill has completed an audit of the missing signs on Staple Hill. To follow up with Gideon Amos MP and Traffic Management.

2025/56 Community Matters

Clerk reported that due to other commitments it is unlikely that a newsletter will be produced before Q4. It was agreed to make better use of the website and facebook pages. Clerk to contact NCAG.

2025/57 To consider Candidates for Co-Option

A discussion was held over the role of Councillor suitable candidates. All to continue to consider / discuss with appropriate people.

2025/58 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

It was agreed that no meeting be held in August 2025; an extraordinary meeting may be called should there be planning matters to discuss.

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

The meeting was declared closed at 20:53.