

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Annual meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 21 October 2025.

In Attendance: Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mr J Parsons, Mrs S Hayman, Mr D Macey and Mr M Prosser

Also Present: None

Public Session: No Parishioners were present and no public session was held.

2025/80 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs F Gledhill, Mrs K Street, Mr D Knight.

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

2025/81 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None were declared

2025/82 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.

2025/83 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Sarah Wakefield was unable to attend the meeting.

2025/84 Actions from the last meeting

- 1) Grit bin update: Councillor Macey has contacted Highways regarding the supply of salt and grit for the bins. Highways have had no response from the supplier, so the bins remain in place but empty. It was suggested by Councillor Parsons that it may be expedient to purchase our own supply.
- 2) Road signs audit: Highways have been assessing signs that may be missing. It was noted by a councillor that an S bend sign is missing at Winterwell after hedge trimming. Without information regarding the audit, it was decided to carry this item over to the next meeting
- 3) History Group Money: There has been no update

2025/85 Items of Report and Correspondence

None

2025/86 Local Community Network Update

Councillor Palmer attended a Resilience Workshop for ideas to form a Community Resilience Plan - after discussion at the PC meeting it was suggested that a group be set up to discuss this issue further. The general consensus is that some kind of electricity generation would be needed in the event of a long term power cut. Councillor Palmer suggested that rather than a hook up for a generator, as discussed in a previous meeting, solar panels could be used at the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee would need to consider this suggestion. Councillor Palmer also suggested that a list of contact numbers be compiled in the event of Internet interruption.

2025/87 Planning and Applications

None were received

2025/88 Rights of Way Update

Reported issues on some RoWs have been resolved, largely due to the good weather this summer.

2025/89 Environmental Matters

- 1) Drains and Gullies: Councillor Macey has spoken to Highways and they believe the gullies and drains have been cleared in the Neroche Area. They were indeed cleaned in the Spring/Summer but almost immediately were blocked again by mud and debris. It was decided that the PC would employ a contractor directly in case of flooding caused by blocked drains and gullies
- 2) Curland Green: a parishioner contacted Councillor Palmer regarding the green and when best to cut it, now or in the Spring. It was decided that Councillor Parsons would endeavour to cut it the next dry day and Councillor Macey would cut the steeper areas

2025/90 Finance

The following items were agreed for payment:

Salary & Expenses of Clerk	£
Somerset Council – Village Gateway Project	£

2025/91 Highways

- 1) To receive an update on pot holes and road repairs: Councillor Macey has seen on a local TV station that SCC's contractors are filling not only the potholes marked out but those in close proximity. In conversation with Highways Superintendent, Dave Brown, the contractors only fill those that are marked up.
- 2) To note any accident in the locality since the last meeting: None

2025/92 Community Matters

Electricity Pole and cable came down at Brandy Bridge on Sunday 19th Oct now repaired

There is concern about a possible gateway being cut through the hedge from the road by the owner of a field near Mill Equestrian Centre. Councillor Palmer to ask the Clerk to contact Land Registry to find out who the current landowner is.

Councillor Palmer will contact Highways to determine the correct procedure to resurface parts of a Drove which were damaged earlier this year. Councillor Hayman to measure the length needing improvement.

2025/93 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.

2025/94 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7.30pm in Neroche Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 20:43.