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Draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

In Attendance: Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mrs S Hayman, Mrs K Street, Mr M Prosser, Mrs F Gledhill, Mr T Pope, Mr D Macey and Mr D Knight

Also Present: Mrs E York (Clerk), Cllr Mrs Sarah Wakefield

Public Session: None

2025/64 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr D Knight and Mrs F Gledhill (work commitments)

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

2025/65 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were not any declarations of interest or dispensation.

2025/66 Report from County Councillor

Councillor Mrs Sarah Wakefield reported.

Plans are in place to reopen the Yeovil maternity unit through a reorganisation of the teams.

Hospital beds are closing at Frome, Bridgwater and others but facilities will be used for care closer to home.

This will be similar as to the set up in Wellington. Centres will be used for diagnosis and treatment.

Somerset Council are buying 14 to 15 properties to use as temporary housing for homeless families. There are currently in excess of 12,500 households waiting for properties.

There is ongoing discussion with Hinckley Point C about giving more back to the community.

There are currently 260 asylum seekers in the county against maximum government numbers of 860. These are currently housed in one hotel in Bridgwater which is only occupied by families. It is not possible for asylum seekers to apply for council housing until they obtain refugee status.

There is currently a 12-week planning pause to clear the backlog of small applications. There has been a change to the planning application process which means there is now only one opportunity for planning applications to be corrected.

There is not currently any update on the planning application for Curland.

Airband are due to start in May 2026; they are in the area but it's not clear at present what they're doing.

Currently some resurveying work as the last work in the area was four years ago.

Councillor Wakefield will follow up on Local Community Network matters.

2025/68 Actions from the minutes of the last meeting

None.

2025/69 items of report and correspondence

The new parish council laptop has arrived and is now in use.

It was agreed that Cllr Macey is to arrange for storage of the high-viz jackets. Clerks to arrange delivery.

2025/ 70 Local Community Network Update

Councillor Palmer attended the AGM of the local community network no progress has yet been made in establishing the function and responsibilities of the LCN.

2025/71 Planning and Applications

No applications have been received since the last meeting.

2025/72 Rights of Way Update

The Open Spaces SoC are looking into issues on T2/8. The tree is still blocking the right of way and stile remains in place. Paul Partington is taking the matter to Somerset Council Open Questions and Open Spaces SoC will serve a s130 notice against the Council.

A defect has been reported on the footpath from Middle Room Wood.

The defect on Abbey hill Drove has been rectified.

2025/73 Environmental Matters

1) Ditches, Drains and Gullies

It was agreed to continue to monitor drains and gullies as the poor weather commences. It is noted that Brandy bridge needs to be cleared.

2) Grit bin update

It was agreed that Cllr Macey will follow up with the Highway Superintendent with regard to the grip bill bins being filled ahead of the winter.

2025/74 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

1) Salary and expenses of Clerk	£490.80
2) Neroche Hall	£327.00
3) T Lock	£576.00

It is noted that Cllr Gledhill is to follow up with crossways farm regarding the roadside hedge which is yet to be cut.

2025/75 Highways

- it is noted that the S bend sign is missing at Winterwell.
- Clerk to follow up with Somerset Council Traffic Management team regarding the audit of Rd signs.
- An accident is noted at the top of Staple Hill last Saturday.
- The gates were hit at Pickled Onion Cottage

2025/76 Community Matters

Clerk shared the details of the health and well-being grant available.

It is noted that Church yards are the responsibility of the PCC and not of the Parish Council.

2025/77 To Consider Candidates for Co option

All our two continued to consider appropriate candidates for Co-option to the council for three vacancies.

2025/ 78 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 7:30 PM in the nourish hall.

Matters for the agenda:

- Mud
- Clerk to look into holding village history group money within the parish council bank account.

The meeting was declared closed at 20:57

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