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Ninfield Full Council Minutes 19th December 2024 2024

Cllrs Present:

Chair K Williamson (KW), G Pharo (GP), P Holland (PH), J Cheshire (JC), J Langley (JL), S Guard (SG) part time (left at 19:05 as indicated below).

In attendance: J Scarff Proper Officer.

Parish and District Cllr P Coleshill (PC), County Cllr B Bowdler (BB) part time

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.**

There was one members of public (MOP) present.

MOP explained to the cllrs that she had had to close the youth forum bank account with (circa £190 in it) as the bank wanted to charge £6 per month. The money has been transferred to the village society who will use the money in connection with the skate ramp.

The public session was closed.

241201	Chairman's welcome to the meeting. KW welcomed everyone to the meeting.
241202	To consider co-opting an applicant for one of the vacancies on the council. – co-option process below. GP proposed that the applicant be co-opted, seconded PC, all in favour. Resolved: the cllrs unanimously voted to co-opt K Crittell. K Crittell (KC) joined the meeting
241103	To receive any questions on the written reports from the County and District Cllrs. The report from the county cllr had been circulated earlier in the month. The district cllr report had been sent to cllrs in advance. PC added to his written report explaining what he knew regarding the devolution white paper. The white paper has been published and is available online to read. 1845 BB arrived BB explained that the county council had had an emergency meeting to discuss the devolution white paper. The leaders of East & West Sussex and Brighton have all agreed that the only option is to move toward devolution. The councils will need to agree and submit a joint application to the Govt by 10 th January 2025.
241204	To receive reports from Schools - No reports Church - No reports Parish Councillors – SG reported that the gala night went very well. SG donated the £150 profits to The Lost Chord Charity, and the Memorial Hall. SG explained that 2025 is the 90 th anniversary of the carnival association and there will be celebrations planned. JL thanked the PC for donating one of their free uses of the Memorial Hall to the wellbeing group who hosted a free Christmas lunch for local residents over 60/vulnerable . JL thanks SG & KC for helping at the event. GP reported that a member of the village society will soon repair the broken catch on the recreation ground gate. He had had a complaint about the parking in Church Lane during the school runs. He suggested that it could be discussed at the Highways committee. GP reported that the SLR meeting was very positive and thanked BB for attending. The clerk reported that some of the actions had been done already. ESCCHA had

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		<p>confirmed that the broken grit bins would be replaced and they would at a separate time be moved further back from the edges of the roads.</p> <p>ESCCHA have said they would not support putting posts on the small driveway in front of the recreation ground gate in Church Lane as the road is too narrow. They recommended that the parish council should add a 'no parking' sign to the gate. SG asked if the driveway could be painted with 'exit, keep clear at all times'. Another suggestion was to add a couple of posts with a chain between them.</p> <p>SG commented that it was very good that the NHP had weight in the decision making at the last planning committee south meeting. The clerk commented that the new version of the NNPF also confirms that NHP's are a material consideration in making decisions.</p>
	241205	<p>Correspondence – to note for possible inclusion on the next agenda.</p> <p>The clerk reported that she had been in correspondence with the surveyors who will be looking at Lower Church Path and Ingrams Lane to establish the boundary lines of PC land.</p>
	241206	<p>To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p> <p>Other absences to note.</p> <p>No other absences.</p>
	241207	<p>Disclosure of Interests</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SG declared a pecuniary interest in agenda items 11c, 12, 13 & 14 and left the meeting at 19:05 before these items were discussed.</p> <p>To consider granting any dispensations.</p> <p>There were no requests for dispensations.</p> <p>Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.</p>
	241208	<p>Exclusion of the Public</p> <p>To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed.</p> <p>'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 of the business to be transacted.'</p> <p>There was no requirement to pass this resolution.</p>
	241209	<p>Minutes of previous meeting to be considered for approval and signed as a true record.</p> <p>The Full Council Meeting of the 21st November 2024</p> <p>Proposed PC & seconded GP. All agreed</p> <p>Resolved The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Full Council 21st November 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>

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241210	Business to be transacted.
241211 a)	Finance Matters i. To receive the Statement of Accounts to 30th November 2024 for noting. The statement of accounts was noted.
b)	ii. To receive the bank statement and corresponding bank reconciliation to 30th November 2024 for noting. The bank statement and reconciliation were received in advance, it was noted that the balance at Unity Trust Bank was £27,869.25 on 30 th November 2024.
c)	iii. To receive and agree payment of the schedule of invoices. Resolved: that the clerk should arrange the payments as presented: 20/12/2024 Smith& Derby £50.40 Inv 0000134440 20/12/2024 Clerk £820.36 Incl backpay Salary Reconciliation
241212	To discuss the usage and fees charged for Sparkes pavilion hire, with and without the recreation ground, and agree any actions required. The clerk circulated a spreadsheet with current charge per season and other comparisons. GP declared an interest as he works for the company who sponsor the stoolball team. The clerk advised that he should not take any further part in the discussion. He remained in the room but did not vote. Resolved: The fees should remain the same for the forthcoming season.
241213	To review the draft budget and agree any changes required. The clerk reported that there were no changes made from the version discussed in November. The clerk reported that she had made enquiries of the Head of Planning in respect to the monies due to the council from the Ingrams development. The clerk was awaiting a further response after being told that the payment wasn't necessarily due yet. The clerk had asked that the amount due be disclosed but had not received the information. PC agreed to follow up. Resolved: The cllrs agreed that there was no need to change the figures previously discussed.
241214	To agree the precept for the year ending March 2026 The clerk had sent a modelling spreadsheet to the cllrs after receiving the tax base. Resolved: In accordance with section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Ninfield Parish Council has calculated its budget requirement for the financial year 2025/26 in accordance with section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as being at £64,000. The clerk will give notice to the District Council.
241215	Date of next meeting. To note the date of the next meeting is The Full Council Meeting Thursday 20th February 2025, 6.30pm at the Methodist Hall.