

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2019 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present	Dr J Butterley – Mrs A Harcombe – Mr R Barry – Mr G Stead - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) and five members of the public.	
19/089	Apologies	Mr M Hooper – PCSO Henderson – Mr G Wren (District Councillor)
19/090	Declarations of Interest	There was a Declaration of Interest from Dr J Butterley in respect of item 19/094 (i) (Nynehead Memorial Hall) and from Mrs A Harcombe in respect of item 19/094 (v) (Nynehead Memorial Club) by virtue of membership.
19/091	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 th July 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.
19/092	Actions from previous meeting	<p>(i) Proposed changes for Devon and Somerset Fire Service – the Clerk attended the consultation drop-in session held at Taunton Library on Tuesday 30th July. The most likely change to affect Wellington Fire Station is that, whereas both fire engines will be fully crewed at night time, only one will be manned during the day. Further information is available on the notice board by the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>(ii) Wellington Weekly News – the Clerk wrote a report about the speed and volume of traffic passing through Nynehead, as requested by the Parish Council, and this was published, with photographs, on Wednesday 31st July 2019.</p> <p>(iii) VE Day 75 celebrations – the Clerk contacted Tim Sylvester Jones regarding a commemorative church service and Ringing out for Peace and this will be discussed at their next meeting in September.</p>
19/093	Planning Matters	<p>(i) The members considered Planning Application 26/19/0007 Erection of detached garage, alterations to garage including installation of 2 No windows and alterations to entrance drive at Jabeti, East Nynehead. After discussion with the applicants, who were present at the meeting, the members supported the application provided that there would be screening, of an evergreen type, between the garage and the road in order to maintain the green feel to the village.</p> <p>(ii) The members noted the Planning Application 26/19/0009/LE-DK-DD Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of agricultural land as domestic curtilage at Toogoods, East Nynehead but the members would like to see a plan and understand the amount of ground involved before making a decision.</p> <p>(iii) The members registered the correction of the description of the Planning Application 26/19/0005 Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions and replacement of roof structure at Ash Bungalow, East Nynehead Road, East Nynehead. Due to the correction, this application had to be re-advertised but, as there are no physical changes to the original proposal, the members continued to approve this with no further comments to make.</p>
19/094	Parish Council Administration	(i) The Council members considered a request from the Nynehead Memorial Hall Committee for a grant of £400.00 to re-decorate the kitchen. It was recognised that this was a pressing need and members voted unanimously to use CIL money to pay this sum. However, a decision regarding a second request for £910.00 to meet half the cost of re-decorating the main part of the Hall, including the porch and toilets, was deferred until the next meeting in October as it was felt that the remaining CIL money should be distributed fairly amongst all potential applicants who fulfil the requirements and it was noted that, as a registered charity, the Hall could apply for grants elsewhere other than just the Parish Council.

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		<p>(ii) The Clerk had contacted respective landowners regarding permission to site a dog bin and the Memorial Hall Committee agreed to allow one to be installed in the left hand corner of the car park with the proviso that it is removed should it prove unsuccessful. The Clerk has been instructed to arrange for the purchase and installation of one dog bin and to review use after one year.</p> <p>(iii) The Clerk informed the Council of a free presentation, run by SCC Road Safety Team, aimed at helping to keep older drivers driving on the road safer for longer. Each attendee would receive a copy of the Highway Code and it is hoped that representatives from the police and fire services would also be in attendance to offer home safety advice together with health professionals and other agencies. Before committing to this, the Clerk was instructed to advertise this in the Nynehead Newsletter to gauge the likely level of response.</p> <p>(iv) The Clerk informed members of an e-mail she had received from a resident in East Nynehead requesting the purchase and installation of a second defibrillator for that part of the village. The Clerk was instructed to look into possible funding options before further discussions ensue.</p> <p>(v) The Council members considered a quote received from the Nynehead Memorial Club Committee in support of a grant requested for £750.00 towards painting, decoration, maintenance and renovation of the Memorial Club building. However, it was agreed that the repair of the asbestos roof must be prioritised over decorating. The members voted unanimously to make the sum of £750.00 from CIL money available, upon receipt of a quote to repair the roof, to enable work to start with immediate effect.</p>
19/095	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report that she had received. Earlier in the month, a road traffic collision was reported in Nynehead which incurred damage but no personal injury. At the end of July a shed in Nynehead was broken into and tools stolen. Access was gained from the field behind the gardens of Farthings Close. Residents are reminded to be vigilant and to keep their property secure. The good weather of July brought about more incidents of antisocial behaviour and there were reports of teenagers opening gates and letting cattle into other fields. Rocks were also put across the driveway of a property. Any information regarding these incidents or the identity of the youths should be passed on to PCSO Henderson.</p> <p>(ii) From late August onwards, PCSO Henderson will be accompanied by a new officer, PCSO Alex Potter who will be moving to Wellington and undergoing his tutor training. The Clerk has been instructed to contact PCSO Henderson regarding the dates of the Beat Surgery.</p>
19/096	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. Dog mess continues to be a problem when strimming paths and this was particularly evident on footpath WG8/5 at Perry's Barn field. Mr Frost praised the work undertaken by Mr Ben Tingay and the Canal Group in clearing the area around the aqueduct. It is now a very pleasant walk from the village to Wharf Cottage, up past the canal lift and through Long Copse towards Tonedale. This path is part of the West Deane Way and is a significant walkway.</p>

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		<p>(ii) Mr Frost reported a broken stile on the Oake road into the fruit farm, accessing footpath WG8/1. The Clerk has been instructed to contact the SCC Footpaths Officer with a request to replace the broken stile with a metal gate. The landowner has agreed to this. In the meantime, walkers are urged to exercise care when using the broken stile.</p> <p>(iii) The Annual Parish Footpath Walk is scheduled for Sunday 22nd September departing at 14.30 from the Memorial Hall car park. Dogs are welcome and it is hoped that as many people as possible will participate.</p>
19/097	Highways	<p>(i) Following the NPC meeting in July, the Clerk, as instructed, responded to the e-mail from Jo Sharp, Traffic Engineer in the Traffic Management Department expressing the Council's disappointment with her initial response to the request for speed or traffic calming measures in the village. She received a reply on the 8th August 2019 outlining SCC's reasons for not intending to take any action. These included financial constraints and a lack of evidence to meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit as set by the DfT. Nynehead Parish Councillors instructed the Clerk to write again both to convey the extent of concern expressed by residents, which could be supported by a petition, and to challenge this apparent lack of evidence by asking for speed surveys to be conducted at appropriate places and times in order to ratify the request for restrictions.</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk was contacted by Martin Stone from the Highways Department in response to her report of incomplete cutting of the hedges and verges on the Nynehead Road in the Hornshay Farm area. He instructed the contractors to return and complete the work and gave assurance that this area of the Nynehead Road will be included in the cutting programme for next year. It was, however, also established that the maintenance of large patches of the hedges and verges, on both sides of that road, are the responsibility of the landowner.</p>
19/098	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for July 2019 (£214.94) and Expenses (£86.98) Total £301.92 Cheque No.000801 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(b) Nynehead Memorial Hall Hire (for July – PC meeting and Defibrillator training - and August 2019) Cheque No.000802 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(c) All Saints PCC Nynehead. Burial Ground Maintenance £630.00 Cheque No 000803 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(d) Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field. Maintenance Grant £362.00 Cheque No 000804 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(ii) To Note Receipts</p> <p>(a) SWTC Parish Grant £992.00</p>
19/099	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Town and Parish Council July Newsletter* www.parish-council.website</p> <p>(ii) M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme July Newsletter* https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/j25/</p> <p>(iii) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing August 2019* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</p>
19/100	Items requested for next agenda (21 st October 2019)	<p>(i) Mr Frank Meadows requested the consideration of a grant application from The Nynehead Memorial Hall for redecoration.</p> <p>(ii) Mrs A Harcombe requested a discussion about traffic flow around Island Cottage</p>