

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020. MEETING HELD REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

The meeting started at 19.00 and concluded at 20.25.

Present remotely	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead – Mr M Vest – Mrs A Harcombe – Mrs C Sweatman (Village Agent). There were no members of the public.	
20/073	Apologies	PCSO Henderson - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr G Wren (District Councillor).
20/074	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
20/075	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 17 th October 2020 were approved and later signed as a correct record.
20/076	Actions from the previous meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>The Somerset Community Foundation</u> – the grant application submitted last month to the Somerset Community Foundation for the purchase and installation costs of a defibrillator in East Nynehead was unsuccessful as the panel considered that it was not directly related to offsetting the effects of the coronavirus. However, £1220 has been procured through the now defunct Taunton Deane Borough Council Defibrillator Fund. Discussions regarding funding for the remaining costs will take place in the December meeting. 2) <u>Meeting with SCC Traffic Engineer</u> – the original meeting between councillors and Kate Brown (SCC Traffic Management) in November had to be postponed due the restrictions of the second lockdown. This has now been rescheduled for Thursday 10th December at 09.00. 3) <u>SWTC Chief Planning Specialist</u> – a letter has been sent to Rebecca Miller (SWTC Chief Planning Specialist) regarding future recommendations to reduce light pollution (as per published national and local guidance) and the allocation and receipt of CIL money. 4) <u>Replacement Pads for the Nynehead Defibrillator</u> – replacement pads for this defibrillator have been ordered by Mr Frank Meadows, post monthly check, as they are about to exceed their expiry date.
20/077	Planning Matters	The members considered planning application 26/20/0011 Erection of detached outbuilding with lean-to greenhouse at The Barn, Perry Farm, East Nynehead Road, Nynehead. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. The Council had no observations to make other than restrictions on any external lighting. Any outdoor lights associated with this development should be fully shielded, directed downwards, use white light low-energy LED lamps and be switched on only when needed so as to keep local light pollution to a minimum.
20/078	Parish Council Administration	(i) Cat Sweatman, a Village Agent attached to the Lister House Surgery in Wiveliscombe and covering ten parishes down to Nynehead, explained the different aspects of her role. Working with the charity Community Council for Somerset, set up to support rural communities, she can help to identify needs and opportunities, offer guidance, coordinate appropriate services and facilitate positive change. Although essentially an adult service, Village Agents do also work with families. She is a point of contact for anyone requiring help. Her contact details can be found on the

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		<p>Nynehead website and on the noticeboards and further information is also available in the December edition of The Nynehead News.</p> <p>(ii) The meeting with Kate Brown (SCC Traffic Engineer) scheduled in November to discuss appropriate traffic management measures for Nynehead lanes, had to be postponed due to the second lockdown. This will now take place on the 10th December. Ahead of that, the Clerk will arrange a meeting for members with Mr N Dalton (Clerk to Wellington Without PC) who was responsible for implementing a 30mph speed limit in Ford Street. He has offered to provide advice, based on their experiences, and to demonstrate the speed measuring equipment required for surveying purposes.</p> <p>(iii) Members identified the present and future functions and services of Nynehead Parish which the Clerk will submit to Wellington Town Council ahead of the next Wellington Partnership Network meeting later in November. Potential networking opportunities with neighbouring parishes will be explored.</p> <p>(iv) The Somerset Wildlife Trust’s suggested responses to the Government’s Planning White Paper, which was postponed from the previous meeting, was not discussed as the consultation has now closed. There will be opportunities to participate when this reaches the next stage.</p> <p>(v) The dates for Parish Council meetings in 2021 were confirmed and will be advertised on the Nynehead website.</p> <p>(vi) The Clerk has informed the SWTC Electoral Services of the death of Mr Rivers Barry. The Council is now seeking another member to bring it up to full strength and notice of this Casual Vacancy is on the Nynehead website and on the three noticeboards. If no election is requested, it is hoped that a new councillor can be co-opted as soon as possible.</p> <p>(vii) The expenditure for the month of November was reviewed against the budget set for 2020/2021. The balance is healthy with a current surplus of £972.00.</p> <p>(viii) Members agreed that a small percentage increase would need to be applied in planning for the budget for 2021/2022 to meet expected increases in costs and service provision. An appropriate sum for training in the use of a defibrillator is also to be factored in to next year’s budget.</p> <p>(ix) Mr G Stead will liaise with SWTC regarding the arrangements for delivery of the free trees ordered last month.</p>
20/079	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There were 153 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of October 2020. Three of those calls concerned Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville and they were for malicious communications and threat of violence. There were nine calls regarding ASB across the whole of the rural beat in October. One call involved fly tipping.</p> <p>(ii) PCSO Henderson’s report highlighted the nationwide threat of Latest Penalty Charge scam emails. These look official and are designed to panic recipients into making a quick payment with the threat of the “fine” being quadrupled in a few days. To be sure the mails are genuine, check that the email address is official (not sent from overseas)), that correct grammar and spelling are used, that it is correctly spaced, states exactly where the alleged “offence” took place and includes a valid phone number for contact purposes. NEVER click on any links in the email.</p>
20/080	Rights of Way	<p>(i) In the absence of Mr Joe Frost (Parish Paths Liaison Officer), the Clerk read out a report she had received. The footpaths are again saturated and</p>

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		<p>are being used by ever increasing numbers during this second lockdown. Walkers are reminded to socially distance on the narrow sections.</p> <p>(ii) Three kissing gates have been vandalised on the footpath WG14/4 from Wharf Cottage to the aqueduct over the river. The damage is believed to have been caused by people on mountain bikes forcing their way through. This has been reported to the police. These bikers are cutting up the paths badly and spoil the experience for walkers. Bikes should not be ridden on footpaths. Repairs of the gates are being dealt with by SCC and are ranked as “medium priority”.</p>
20/081	Highways	(i) The Clerk had received no further correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept.
20/082	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for October 2020 (£225.28) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £240.28 Cheque No.000841 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley.</p> <p>(b) The Community Heartbeat Trust (Support Service Plan Year 2) £162.00 Cheque No.000842 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley.</p> <p>(c) SALC (Training on Responding to Planning Applications) £25.00 Cheque No.000843 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley</p> <p>(d) Information Commissioners Office. Data Protection Fee. £40.00 (Direct Debit)</p>
20/023	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing November 2020*www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</p> <p>(ii) M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme Project Newsletter – November 2020*www.alungriffiths.co.uk</p>
20/024	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (21st December 2020):</p> <p>(i) Mr Gordon Stead requested a review of road signage and traffic management proposals for Nynehead lanes following meeting with SCC Traffic Engineer.</p> <p>(ii) Mr M Vest requested a discussion about progression with the purchase of a defibrillator for East Nynehead.</p> <p>(iii) Mr G Stead requested an update with the vacancy for a new councillor.</p>