

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present	Mr M Hooper - Dr J Butterley – Mrs A Harcombe – Mr R Barry – Mr G Stead - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr G Wren (District Councillor) who was only able to attend the Public Question time at the start of the meeting - Mr J Hunt (County Councillor) who was present for 30 minutes of the meeting and then had to leave early and four members of the public.
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19/077	Apologies	PCSO Henderson
19/078	Declarations of Interest	There were Declarations of Interest from Mr M Hooper and Mrs A Harcombe in respect of item 19/082 (ii) (Nynehead Memorial Club) by virtue of membership.
19/079	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 17 th June 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.
19/080	Actions from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Verge cutting - the Clerk contacted SCC Highways Department and they have confirmed that all hedgerows and verges in Nynehead area will be cut by the end of July. This work should also include clearing blocked gullies, ahead of the winter, as requested by the Clerk. (ii) Cardiac Arrest Response Training – this session went well with twenty residents in attendance. The Clerk has scanned and returned the attendee list so that those who indicated will receive their certificate. (iii) Parking of commercial vans - the Clerk summarised the on-going situation regarding the parking of commercial vans in the passing bay in front of Court Cottages. PCSO Henderson has liaised with the company concerned but, after trial parking elsewhere, the offending van is back in the passing bay. The resulting disruption is recognised but PCSO Henderson has confirmed that these vehicles may park there legally and, as a consequence, neither the police nor the Council have any powers to have them removed.
19/081	Planning Matters	(i) (The members considered Planning Application 26/19/0005 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Ash Bungalow, East Nynehead Road, Nynehead. After discussion with the applicants, who were present at the meeting, the members supported the application and had no further comment to make.
19/082	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Bank reconciliation for the 31st March – 30th June 2019 was agreed and signed. (ii) The Council members considered a request from the Nynehead Memorial Club Committee for a grant of £750.00 towards the cost of painting, decoration, maintenance and renovation of the Memorial Club building. The members agreed this request in principle but asked the Club Committee to submit quotes for specific pieces of work so that the grant afforded is correctly accountable.

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		<p>(ii) The provision of dog bins was discussed by Council members. It is recognised that increasing numbers of dog walkers are using the footpaths in the Nynehead Parish, particularly from the Memorial Hall car park and from the Wharf Cottage area and that the level of dog fouling has risen accordingly. Several residents have complained about mess in or in close proximity to their properties. It is hoped that the installation of two dog bins, one in or adjacent to the Hall car park and the other near Wharf Cottage, would encourage dog owners to clear up and dispose of dog waste responsibly. The price quoted by SWTC for a new dog bin was £156.99 plus an installation charge of £99.00. In addition, it would cost £523.12 per annum to empty the bins twice weekly. All this is subject to VAT. The Clerk was instructed to contact the respective landowners regarding permission to site the proposed bins. The Parish Council will then make a decision at their next meeting in August.</p> <p>(iv) The Clerk confirmed registration of Nynehead Parish Council with the official website for VE Day 75. A party and other celebratory activities will be organised jointly by the Memorial Hall and Club committees and the Clerk was instructed to liaise with the Church of All Saints regarding a commemorative service and the Nynehead Bell Ringers for the Ringing out for Peace.</p> <p>(v) The Risk Management Policy was reviewed and adjustments accepted. The Clerk was instructed to contact HMRC to confirm correct procedures with PAYE.</p> <p>(vi) The Clerk informed the members of a twelve week consultation period initiated by the Fire Authority as a result of the service changes proposed by the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. These changes include proposed closures of a number of fire stations where risk and activity are low and the removal of fire engines that are underused. Some of the financial savings would be reinvested into prevention work in the community. Members of the public are encouraged to engage with this consultation process and the session for this area will be held in Taunton Library on Tuesday 30th July from 13.00-17.00. The Clerk has put up a notice on the board outside the Memorial Hall.</p>
19/083	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report that she had received. Other than a car being scratched in Oake, there were no incidents reported during the month of June in the Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville area.</p>
19/084	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. He expressed thanks to Mr Ben Tingay and Mr Robin Darby for the strimming work they had undertaken whilst Mr Frost was incapacitated with his back injury. Now that he has been well enough to recommence duties, he has cleared the paths behind the old school and finished the path between Clavengers and Dollings. Overall, the paths are in good condition although walkers are encouraged to assist by snipping overhanging brambles when possible. Dog fouling remains a problem. Upon parking in the Village Hall car park, dog walkers have been seen to allow their dogs to run down the track and leave mess outside the local houses and even in their driveways. Once again, dog owners are urged to act responsibly and clear up after their pets.</p>

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19/085	Highways	<p>(i) The Councillors discussed the response that the Clerk had received from SCC Traffic Management Department following the concerns she raised with them about the increasing volume and speed of traffic in the Nynehead area. As a result of reduced budgets and insufficient evidence gathered from police personal injury collision and traffic data, Somerset Highways are not currently able to offer any help with the Parish Council's request for traffic calming measures or speed restrictions. The Councillors deemed this unacceptable and the Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly, conveying the level of frustration, compounded by two more recent complaints lodged by local residents. District Councillor Gwil Wren and County Councillor James Hunt are to be copied in on all correspondence and other measures will be considered if no influence can be brought to bear upon finding a more positive way forward.</p> <p>(i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Department regarding the closure of East Nynehead Road on the 22nd July 2019 for five days from 07.30-17.00 from Asham House Railway Bridge, north-eastwards for a distance of 300 metres. The Clerk has put up a notice to this effect on all three of the Parish noticeboards with the website address for an alternative route.</p>
19/086	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for June 2019 (£214.94) and Expenses (£32.50) Total £247.44 Cheque No.000798 Prop. by Mr R Barry and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p> <p>(b) SALC Training Seminar for new councillor £25.00 Cheque No.000799 Prop. by Mr R Barry and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p> <p>(c) The Community Heartbeat Trust - Cardiac Arrest Response Training £210.00 (VAT £35.00 inc) Cheque No. 000800 Prop. by Mr R Barry and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p>
19/087	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Town and Parish Council June Newsletter*www.parish-council.website</p> <p>(ii) Clerk and Councils Direct July Issue^</p> <p>(iii) Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service changes*www.dsfire.gov.uk</p> <p>(iv) SWTC Statement of Community Involvement Consultation – Local Plan for the new Council area*www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/sci</p> <p>(v) M5 Junction 25 June Newsletter*https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/j25/</p> <p>(vi) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing June 2019*www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</p> <p>(vii) Somerset County Council CLOSURE OF EAST NYNEHEAD ROAD on the 22nd July 2019 for five days from 07.30-17.00 from Asham House Railway Bridge, north-eastwards for a distance of 300 metres. For alternative route see www.roadworks.org</p>
19/088	Items requested for next agenda	<p>There were no Items Requested for the next Agenda (19th August 2019)</p>

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