

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 4 December 2017 AT THE
MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr G Sparks, Mr F Meadows, Dr J Butterley. Also present were Mr Roger Habgood (Borough Councillor) and Mr J Frost Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer.

Apologies were received from Mr M Hooper and Mrs A Harcombe.

17/125 There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/126 The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

17/127 There were no Matters Arising.

17/128 Defibrillator

- (i) The Clerk reported that the application form to the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All had been submitted and was now being considered but that an answer will take up to 12 weeks.

17/129 Police Report.

- (i) The Clerk had received a report for October from PCSO Sharon Baker. There had been 28 calls to the Bradford-on-Tone Beat area which included a pursuit of a vehicle which failed to stop and Criminal Damage to a motor vehicle attempting to steal fuel.

17/130 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He stated that the trimmer had been back for maintenance. Footpath WG8/7 had been reinstated after ploughing although this path is very muddy at present. This had also been reported by a member of the public. New gates have been installed by the Landowner at WG8/3 and WG8/2 which he will put way markers on in due course.
- (ii) The Clerk reported correspondence with the SCC Rights of Way Officer who has agreed to install a gate on footpath WG8/4 opposite Clavengers at no cost to the Council as this is thought of as a good improvement of access to all.

17/131 Highways.

- (i) The Council members instructed the Clerk to contact SCC Highways Department concerning the build-up of debris in the Hollow and at the top near the entrance to the old Vicarage which forces motorists into the middle of the carriageway on the bend.

17/132 Planning Matters.

- (i) The Members considered Planning Application 26/17/0011/CQ Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2 No. dwelling houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Perry Farm, Nynehead. No Objections.
- (ii) Planning application 26/17/0006 Replacement of hedgerow with close boarded fence and wooden gates at Mon Vue, East Nynehead Road, Nynehead. (Retention of works already undertaken). Conditional Approval.
- (iii) Planning application 26/17/0010/T Notification to carry out management works to one Sweet Chestnut Tree with in Nynehead Conservation Area at Nynehead Court. No objections.

17/133 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) Budget and Precept 2018-2019 The Clerk presented a financial report as a basis for the Council's Budget and Precept. The Council Tax Support Scheme has ceased. If Grants such as the Maintenance Grant for the Jubilee Playing Field and the Burial Ground are reduced or removed entirely, the Parish Council would have to consider whether or not to fund from reserves. The forecast uncommitted reserves on 1st April 2018 are about £2300 more than the recommended minimum of £1000. It was agreed that the Council's Precept for 2018-2019 would be £3400. The Band D equivalent Tax Charge would be £19.61 per annum, a decrease of 0.39p per annum.
- (ii) The Members discussed the option of moving the Council Bank Accounts to Lloyds Bank in Wellington after the Clerk reported ongoing problems with the mandates at Nat West Bank where the accounts are currently held. It was decided that the Clerk would try to rectify the problem and remain with Nat West for the present.
- (iii) The Clerk had received correspondence from the Wivey Link stating that 4 residents of Nynehead avail themselves of this service. Members stated that it might be an idea to contribute to the charity and requested that it be put on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

17/134 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary (£184.74) and Expenses (£64.78) Total £249.52 cheque no. 000747 Prop. Mr F Meadows, Sec. Dr J Butterley.
 - (b) All Saints Church PCC Nynehead Burial Ground Maintenance Grant £630.00 Cheque no. 000748 Prop. Mr F Meadows, Sec. D. J Butterley
 - (c) Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance Grant £362.00 Cheque no. 000749 Prop. Mr F Meadows, Sec. Dr J Butterley.
 - (d) Somerset County Council. Contribution to gate footpath WG18/5(behind school) £150.00 cheque no. 000750 agreed Minute no. 17/029 (ii)
 - (e) Nynehead Memorial Hall, Hall Hire Oct, Nov, Dec £39.00 Cheque no. 000751 Prop. Mr F Meadows, Sec. Dr J Butterley.
- (2) To note receipt of
 - (a) TDBC Burial Ground Maintenance Grant £630.00
 - (b) TDBC Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance Grant £362.00

17/135 Correspondence.

For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).

- (i) Rural Services Network. Weekly Rural News Digest* www.rsnonline.org.uk
Somerset Community Foundation. Surviving winter appeal.*
www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter

17/136 There were no Items Requested for the next Agenda (15 January 2018)