

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2018 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr M Hooper, Mr G Sparks, Mr F Meadows, Dr J Butterley. Also present were Mr J Frost Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer and Mr James Hunt (County Councillor)

Apologies were received from Mrs A Harcombe and Mr R Habgood (Borough Councillor)

18/001 There were no Declarations of Interest.

18/002 The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

18/003 There were no Matters Arising.

18/004 Broadband

- (i) The members discussed the poor broadband connection experienced by properties in East Nynehead. The Clerk had received information that Gigaclear will be deploying a new fibre to the network and East Nynehead will be served by a new cabinet at Langford Budville which is due to be built in 2018. Residents should register their interest at www.gigaclear.com

18/005 Police Report.

- (i) In the absence of PCSO Baker, the Clerk read out the reports that she had received for November and December 2017. Of note were the recent spates of theft from rural properties especially outbuildings and also scrap metal and machinery. PCSO Baker asked people to be extra vigilant and step up security.

18/006 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He stated that there was nothing of significance to report but just to say that footpaths were very wet and muddy as would be expected given the rain we have had lately.
- (ii) The Clerk reported correspondence concerning footpath WG 14/1 from Rachel Pearce (Bridges Officer Rights of Way SCC). She stated that she had been in discussions with the landowner concerning the dangerous bridge but was not in a position to discuss the outcome at this time.
- (iii) The Clerk has updated the information on the Nynehead.org website concerning the closed permissive footpaths.
- (iv) Councillor Meadows requested that the Clerk contact Milverton Parish Council concerning footpath WG7/45 which is in their parish and connects to WG8/12. This passes the Solar Panel Farm and has become very overgrown.

18/007 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept. concerning the Hollow. An order has been sent to the works Superintendent to clear the sides of the Hollow and also the sides of the bend at the top of the Hollow.
- (ii) The Clerk was instructed to contact SCC concerning the lack of warning signs on the Cades Farm Roundabout, concerning the height of the Railway Bridge on the Nynehead Road. The members felt that this contributed to oversized Lorries having to reverse back from the Bridge in order to turn in the junction which may result in the constant demolition of the road signs positioned on the verge at this point.

18/008 Planning Matters.

- (i) Planning application 26/17/0009 Erection of timber garage to front of 2 Blackdown View, Nynehead. Conditional Approval
- (ii) Planning application 26/17/0008 Conversion and change of use of redundant pigsties to retail shop at Heywood Farm, Chipley Road, Nynehead (retention of part works already undertaken). Conditional Approval
- (iii) Planning application 26/17/0007 Erection of 1.8m high fence and replanting of native hedgerow along 55m verge adjacent to 16 Farthings Close, Nynehead (retention of works already undertaken). Conditional Approval
- (iv) The members considered planning application 26/17/0012 Erection of ancillary accommodation building and pool shed at Blackberry Farm, Nynehead Road, Langford Budville (Retention of works already undertaken). No further comments.
- (v) Prior planning application 26/17/0011/CQ proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2 No. dwelling houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Perry Farm, Nynehead. Prior Application Refused.
- (vi) It was noted by the Council members that they were very concerned and dismayed by the number of planning applications that were being received retrospectively. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Dept. with their comments.

18/009 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) The Council members agreed to change the date of the May meeting to Tuesday May 29th 2018 and noted this will start at 7.00 pm with the Annual Parish Meeting.
- (ii) After discussion members agreed to contribute the sum of £100.00 to the Wiveliscombe Area Partnership to help support the Wivey Link.
- (iii) The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation of receipt by TDBC of the request for the 2018/2019 precept.

18/010 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for December 2017 (£184.74) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £199.74 Cheque No.000752 Prop. By Mr Sparks and Sec. By Mr Meadows
 - (b) Wiveliscombe Area Partnership £100.00 Cheque No. 000753 Prop. By Dr. Butterley and Sec. by Mr Meadows.

18/011 Correspondence.

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

- (i) Somerset Waste Partnership Monthly Briefing*. www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (ii) Community Council for Somerset. Thatch winter newsletter*. www.somsetrcc.org
- (iii) Rural Services Network. Weekly News Digest*. www.rsnonline.org.uk
- (iv) Somerset County Council. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EAST NYNEHEAD ROAD AT ASH MILL BRIDGE from 12th February 2018 for 12 days. For alternative route see www.roadworks.org
- (v) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine.^

18/012 There were no Items Requested for the next Agenda (19 February 2018)