

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr M Hooper, Mr G Sparks, Mr F Meadows, Dr J Butterley and Mrs A Harcombe. Also present were Mr J Frost Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer, Mr R Habgood (Borough Councillor) and 1 member of the public.

There were no Apologies

18/108 Declarations of Interest.

Mr Hooper, Mr Meadows and Mr Sparks- non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 9 (vi) Nynehead Memorial Hall) Committee members. The Clerk granted dispensation so that the Business of the Council would not be impeded (Quorum).

18/109 The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

18/110 There were no Matters Arising.

18/111 Police Report.

- (i) In the absence of PCSO Baker, the Clerk read out the report received. There were reports of theft- fuel syphoned from vehicle at Chelston, safeguarding issues at Poole. PCSO Baker reported that she had given educational advice to Langford Budville and Oake Schools.

18/112 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He stated that the paths have now been re-instated after ploughing by the landowners. The Strimmer has gone back for annual service. Mr Frost will look at consultation document from SCC regarding use of local footpaths and liaise with Clerk over his findings.

18/113 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept. regarding recent hedge and verge cutting stating that although councillors were concerned with the amount of cutting and appearance, the subcontractors have left the area and there will be no further cutting only that carried out by landowners. The Clerk was instructed to contact SCC Highways again concerning the fact that not all the cutting was carried out. A notice had been received concerning the cut backs in the supply of free Rock Salt for winter gritting. Councillor Habgood (Borough Councillor) suggested contacting SCC again as this situation may have changed and free supplies may now be available.

18/114 Planning Matters.

- (i) To report 26/18/0011/CQ Prior Approval for proposed change of use from Agricultural Building to 2 no. dwellings (Class C3) and associated building operations at Grange Farm, Nynehead. Withdrawn
- (ii) To report planning application 26/18/0009 Erection of storage shed to house agricultural machinery equipment, hay and farm related items on land at 1 Court Cottages, Chipley Road, Nynehead. Conditional Approval.

18/115 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) Budget and Precept 2019-2020 The Clerk presented a financial report as a basis for the Council's Budget and Precept. 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 Clerk has been advised that the new Somerset West and Taunton Council will make a charge to the Parish Council for the forthcoming Parish Elections in May 2019. The forecast uncommitted reserves on 1st April 2019 are about £2200 more than the recommended minimum of £1000. It was agreed that the Council's Precept for 2019-2020 would be £3400. The Band D equivalent Tax Charge would be £19.73 per annum, an increase of 0.12 pence per annum.

- (ii) The Expenditure report at 30 September 2018 was agreed and signed.
- (iii) The Chairman reported the appointment of the new Clerk to replace Mrs Shepherd. Mrs Judy Jones will commence her duties on 1st January 2019.
- (iv) A discussion on the future needs and organisation of nynehead.org the website owned by the Parish Council took place. It was decided that historical minutes would remain on the website beginning with those posted in 2018. It was resolved that the Clerk should have overall control of the information posted on the site and that various organisations would be contacted to ask for more up to date information. Dr Butterley has asked her son to tidy up the website and make it more user friendly.
- (v) The Clerk reported on the Community Infrastructure Levy and the various uses the monies received can be spent on. This gives local communities flexibility to choose from a broad range of infrastructure, such as, but not limited to, social, community, sporting and recreational facilities.
- (vi) The Council members considered a request from Nynehead Memorial Hall committee for the funding of a new projector. Mr Meadows reported on behalf of the Hall Committee that a quote of £688 +VAT had been received for a Hitachi Projector and it was felt that this equipment would enhance the newly installed fast internet link and increase the facilities for Parish residents and hall users in the future. The members voted unanimously in favour of the purchase and resolved that the money should be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy received from various planning developments. This fulfils the need for social and community facilities.
- (vii) The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should mark their gratitude to Mr Joe Frost (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) for all his hard work on the footpaths with a gift. The members were all in favour. It was decided to purchase a gift voucher for the sum of £75.00 from the Waitrose/John Lewis Partnership.

18/116 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for October 2018 (£196.16) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £211.16 Cheque No.000774 Pro by Mr F Meadows, and Sec. By Mr G Sparks
 - (b) It was resolved to pay the Information Commissioner's Office, Data Protection Fee by Direct Debit. This will enable the Council to receive £5.00 annual reduction of the full fee (£40.00). All members in favour.

18/117 Correspondence.

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

- (i) Parish Council e Newsletter* www.parish-council.website
- (ii) Somerset Community Foundation. eNewsletter* www.somersetcf.org.uk
- (iii) Somerset Community Foundation Surviving Winter appeal* www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter
- (iv) Somerset County Council. Temporary Road Closure Notice at East Nynehead Road with junction of Oake Road-Westwards. 26 November 2018 for 5 days.* Information at www.roadworks.org
- (v) Somerset County Council. Temporary Road Closure at Luckham Bridge Road at Higher Bickley near Houndsmoor 19 November 2018 for 1 day*. Information at www.roadworks.org
- (vi) Somerset Waste Partnership. Monthly Briefing* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

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Somerset Community foundation. Sing for Somerset at Wells Cathedral on December 15th 2018
7.00pm Admission free * www.somersetcf.org.uk

18/118 Items Requested for the next Agenda (17 December 2018)

- (i) Mrs Harcombe requested a discussion on the state of the Poole/Nynehead Road Junction.
- (ii) Mr Meadows requested a discussion concerning the refurbishment of the Bench situated outside of the Memorial Hall.