

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 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, James Hunt (County Councillor) and 2 members of the public.

There were no Apologies received.

17/089 There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/090 The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

17/091 There were no Matters Arising.

17/092 Defibrillator

- (i) The Clerk had received details of grant funding available from TDBC towards providing a Community Public Access Defibrillator. TDBC might grant 50% of the funds required but after discussion it was resolved that the Clerk carry on with applying to The Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All, as there was more chance of obtaining 100% of the funds required. It was resolved by majority vote to apply for one Defibrillator at this time, to be positioned outside of the Village Memorial Hall.

17/093 Police Report.

- (i) The Clerk had received a report for the end of July which she read out but had not received a report for August. There had been a number of commercial thefts on the Chelston and Westpark Business Park. A concern for welfare had also been reported for Nynehead.

17/094 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He reported that harvesting was taking place at the moment making walking the Parish Footpaths a lot easier. Long Copse has been cleared recently. He noted a Finger Post was needed at Clavengers towards Dollings and new Waymarkers to be placed on footpath WG17 at Heywoods Farm to mark more clearly where the footpath diverts around the farm. The Councillors instructed the Clerk to report this to Sally Vickery (Footpaths Officer). Mr Frost has also volunteered to help Mr Ben Tingay with Strimming and Bush Cutting. The Clerk will arrange appropriate training for him.
- (ii) The Clerk had received correspondence from Bradford-on-Tone Parish Council suggesting writing a joint letter to Rebecca Pow MP concerning the closed footpath WG14/1 Bradford-on-Tone to Nynehead. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of support to Bradford –on-Tone Parish Council.
- (iii) The Chairman had spoken to Mr Ling at Heywoods Farm concerning the new Marlow Gate on Footpath WG8/15 and the Councillors are happy with the suggested position. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Footpath Officer to go ahead with installation as soon as possible.

17/095 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept. She reported that the Poole/Nynehead junction area is on a very long list of minor road resurfacing. The Traffic Technician has placed a works order for refurbishment of the Slows and associated white lining in Nynehead. The Highways superintendent will monitor the

parking on the bend around the school to ascertain how often the bend Slow sign is obscured. Several areas from the entrance to Nynehead Court on the Chipley road have been marked for patching work.

- (ii) The Council had received correspondence from Mr R Pearson regarding his concerns of incorrect signing by contractors when closing the road in Nynehead to carry out various Tree Management works particularly at the Hollow. The Councillors were advised by Mr Hunt, County Councillor, to write a letter of complaint to the appropriate department.

17/096 Planning Matters.

- (i) To report planning application 26/17/0004 Erection of 1.8m high fence to rear of 16 Farthings Close, Nynehead (retention of works already undertaken). Refusal
- (ii) To consider 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). The Councillors agreed to reply that they considered the fence should be reduced in height to 1.35m and that a native species hedge should be planted on the outside of the fence to restore the Street scene and to re instate a habitat for wildlife.
- (iii) To report planning application 26/17/0005/CR Prior approval for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to flexible use Class R (retail & store) at Heywood Farm, Chipley Road, Nynehead. Permitted Development.

17/097 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) The Councillors agreed to re instate the November meeting which had previously been cancelled.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliation for March 31st to June 30th 2017 which was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) Receipt of the Certified Annual Return for Nynehead Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2017 from Grant Thornton (Chartered Accountants) was reported.
- (iv) The Clerk reported correspondence from the Council's Insurers (AON UK Ltd) that stated that they will not invite renewal when the policy finishes as they no longer offer insurance to Parish Councils.
- (v) The members agreed the dates for the meetings for 2018 which will take place on the third Monday of the month commencing with 15 January 2018. Dates to be published on the Nynehead.org website.

17/098 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for July and August 2017 (£369.48) and Expenses (£.77.94) Total £447.42 Cheque No. 000740 Prop. By Mr M Hooper and Sec. By Mr G Sparks
 - (b) Nynehead Memorial Hall-Hall Hire for July and Sept. £26.00 Cheque No. 000741 Prop by Mr M Hooper and Sec By Mr G Sparks.

17/099 Correspondence.

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

- (i) Somerset Waste Partnership South West Briefing. July Newsletter* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (ii) Community Council for Somerset. Thatch Newsletter* www.somersetccc.org
- (iii) Somerset Waste Partnership South West Briefing. August Newsletter* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

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17/100 Items Requested for the next Agenda (2 October 2017)

- (i) Mr F Meadows requested that the Clerk prepare the six monthly expenditure report.

Signed.....Chairman

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