

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2016 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, PCSO Sharon Baker and one member of the public.

There were no Apologies received.

16/110 There were two declarations of personal interest from Mr Mervyn Hooper and Mr Gary Sparks in respect of item 5. (The Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field) by virtue of membership of the Playing Field Committee.

16/111 The Minutes of the meeting on 3 October 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

16/112 There were no Matters Arising.

16/113 Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field

- (i) The Council members considered a request by the Secretary of the Playing Field Committee, Hazel Williams, for the possibility of the Council applying for Grant Funding towards the purchase of new play equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek legal advice from SALC and report at the next meeting.

16/114 Police Report

- (i) A report was given by PCSO Sharon Baker on happenings in the last month for the Bradford on Tone Beat of which Nynehead is included. She reported one theft of tools from a vehicle in Nynehead Parish. During the recent very heavy rainfall, she reported that the usual Roads had become flooded and impassable but vehicles had still attempted to pass through very high water, which resulted in some abandoned vehicles.

16/115 Rights of Way

- (i) A report was received from the Parish Paths Liaison Officer, Mr Joe Frost, stating that he had cleared signage of vegetation and repaired a sign that had been damaged by a Tractor. Several new finger Posts have been ordered from Sally Vickery (Footpaths Officer) for WG8/4, WG8/12 and WG8/23. Stone has been promised for the area by the bridge at Stedhams Covert WG8/19. Sally Vickery has commented that these will be provided when resources allow. Mr Frost said that he had also requested more Way Markers to replace damaged and missing ones. The Council members were unanimous in their support for Mr Frost's valued voluntary contribution in looking after the Parish Footpaths and remind residents to contact him with any problems they might find on walking the footpaths. Mr Frost reminded members of the public that Dogs should be kept on a lead on footpaths particularly if they become aggressive when meeting other Dogs.
- (ii) The Clerk reported on footpath WG8/19A junction with WG17/17 old canal over railway to new housing estate at Longforth Farm. Sally Vickery had replied that the closure only affects the path in Wellington Parish and does not affect the path in the Nynehead Parish. It will remain shut for another year whilst it is deemed unsafe due to the housing development at Longforth Farm but will hopefully open after that. It is not possible to cross the railway line at this point.
- (iii) Mr Meadows reported that the Stile on the Footpath at WG8/15 by the Old School was causing problems as Mr Ling has had stock that had managed to push through a

hole, which was normally used for Dogs, and escape. He had filled in the hole and Mr Meadows suggested the stile be replaced with a gate. Mr Hooper would approach Mr Ling to ask his opinion.

16/116 Highways

- (i) The Clerk had received a map of the area of road that is adopted Public Highway along the Nynehead Road through Hornshay Farm. Council Members raised concerns that the developers of the Barns at Hornshay had concreted an area of Highway and instructed the Clerk to report this to the Highways Department. The Clerk reported that the Hedge and verge at the bottom of the Hollow had now been cut back satisfactorily. Council members asked the clerk to report to the Highways Department that they were not satisfied with the quality of work done by the sub-contractors this year when flailing the Roadside hedges. The members instructed the Clerk to report once again to the Highways Department about the parking issue outside of the Old School. The Clerk had received a report from Mr Quick that the area Highway Superintendent was satisfied that the wall which had been rebuilt along the roadside at Island Cottage was in the original position.

16/117 Planning Matters

- (i) To report on 26/16/0012/T All Saints Church, Nynehead Management of Trees (Conservation Area) No Objections.
- (ii) To report on 26/16/0011 Replacement of Pergola with Steel and Timber outdoor all weather teaching area at Nynehead under 5's, Nynehead (retention of works already carried out). Conditional Approval
- (iii) To report on 26/16/0013/T Felling of 5 Cyprus Trees at the Old Forge, Nynehead (Conservation Area). No Objections
- (iv) To report on E/0187/26/16 Alleged unauthorised stationing of Mobile Home in Garden to rear of Traumheim, Chipley Road, Nynehead. No breach of Planning Regulations. Caravan is being used as ancillary accommodation to the House.
- (v) The Council members discussed the report that the new house at Grange Farm is being advertised for rental with an AOC. They instructed the Clerk to write to the planning department regarding their concerns that the application was allowed so that a house could be supplied for a stockman to tend the farm on a 24 hour basis.
- (vi) The Clerk reported that Mr Burton (TDBC Planning) had stated that the scheme of delegation with the number of letters plus Ward Councillor or Parish Council Comment triggering a committee referral for Planning Applications has been in operation for approximately 10 years.
- (vii) The Members considered planning application 43/16/0127 Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application 43/06/0016 for the erection of Block 5 for Class B1, B2, B8 with ancillary Trade Counter and D1 24 hour gym, use on land adjoining Chelston House Farm, Chelston, Wellington. No further comments.
- (viii) To report Enforcement Case No. E/0166/26/16 unauthorised felling of trees and shrubs at Nynehead Court, Nynehead. (Conservation Area). The Owner is in breach of planning and the works were unauthorised. The owner is aware that further works will need an application to the Council. The Planning department will monitor the situation.

16/118 Parish Council Administration

- (i) Budget and Precept 2017-2018 The Clerk presented a financial report as a basis for the Council's Budget and Precept. The level of the Council Tax Support scheme has fallen. 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 2017 are about £1900 more than the recommended minimum of £1000. It was agreed that the Council's Precept for

2017-2018 would be £3300. The Band D equivalent Tax Charge would be £20.00 per annum, a decrease of 0.28p per annum.

- (ii) The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission stating that the Electoral review of Taunton Deane had been suspended whilst Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset District Council are in discussion about a possible merger.
- (iii) The Clerk reported that she will attend the Clerk's Briefing run by SALC at Somerton on 4th January 2017.

16/119 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for October and November 2016 (£356.80) and expenses (£30.00) Total £386.80 Cheque no.000726 Prop. Mrs Harcombe Sec. Dr Butterley.
 - (b) Data Protection Registration. Information Commissioner £35.00. Cheque no. 000727 Prop Mrs Harcombe. Sec. Dr Butterley.
 - (c) Nynehead Memorial Hall. £26.00 Hall Hire Oct and Dec. Cheque no. 000728 Prop. Mrs Harcombe. Sec. Dr Butterley

16/120 Correspondence

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

- (i) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine^
- (ii) Somerset Waste Partnership Monthly Briefing for October *
www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (iii) Somerset Rivers Authority Newsletter 'The Stream' * <http://bit.ly/SRAstream>
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16/121 Items Requested

Mr Gary Sparks requested a discussion on re siting the Village Name Sign on the Nynehead Road.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....