

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 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.

Apologies were received from Mr Roger Habgood (Borough Councillor).

17/013 There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/014 The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

17/015 There were no Matters Arising.

17/016 Police Report.

- (i) In the absence of PCSO Sharon Baker the Clerk read a report which she had received from her. There had been 189 calls to the police for the Wellington Rural area in January of which 16 were for the Bradford on Tone beat area which includes Nynehead. No calls were actually for Nynehead itself. The local PCSOs held a day of action recently which focused on crime prevention and are making educational visits to local schools concerning Internet Safety.

17/017 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. He had received correspondence from a local resident concerning a missing finger post at WG8/23 towards The Lynch. He stated that this had already been reported to Sally Vickery (SCC Footpath Officer) and was on her list to be replaced. Also the correspondent was concerned that the post on WG8/1 at the fruit farm was covered by vegetation and Mr Frost said he will clear this. He informed the Council Members that he is continuing with putting up new Way Markers where needed.
- (ii) The Members considered 16/115 (iii) new Marlow Gate on footpath WG8/15 beside the Old School premises. Mr Hooper had spoken to the Landowner concerned who was in favour of replacing the stile with the gate which is stock proof and would stop both Lambs and Sheep from escaping. The members were in favour of replacing the gate but deferred making a final decision until a report on the cost of installation (which will be borne by the Council) had been received from Sally Vickery. SCC would supply the gate at no cost to the Parish Council.

17/018 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from the Highways Department in answer to some queries.
 - (a) The area superintendent had inspected a new concrete area outside of Hay Barn at Hornshay Farm on the Nynehead Road and said the exact limit of the public highway in front of the barn was questionable but he was happy with the standard of the work that had taken place.
 - (b) The standard of the hedge/verge cutting was reported to SCC project manager after the Parish Council's complaint. It was stated that SCC only cut light seasonal growth to make the highway safe. Heavy flailing maintenance work should be carried out by the Landowner.
 - (c) The water seepage at the Poole/ Nynehead Road junction is being monitored by the Area highway superintendent and is looking to construct a form of French Drain in the new financial year.

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- (ii) The Council members instructed the Clerk to report to the highways department the drain between Sarnen and Upcott which has not been flushed and is blocked. The Clerk is also to report that drainage water from the roundabout at the Cades Farm entrance seeps down the Nynehead road and that garden rubbish seems to have been dumped in a passing place in the Hollow and to request that this be cleared by TDBC.

17/019 There were no Planning matters.

17/020 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation for October 1st to December 31st 2016 which was agreed and signed.
- (ii) Councillor Jan Butterley and the Clerk attended the recent meeting held at TDBC concerning the proposed new District Council for Taunton Deane and West Somerset. Dr Butterley commented that the presentation was very poorly presented with very little information other than the impression that the proposal was more or less a fore gone conclusion. After some discussion the Parish Council Members unanimously agreed that the two Councils should speed up the procedure of combining as quickly as possible so as to keep the cost of doing so to a minimum.

17/021 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for January 2017 (£178.40) and Expenses (£56.98) Total £235.38 Cheque no. 000730 Prop. By Mr M Hooper and Sec by Mr G Sparks.

17/022 Correspondence

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

- (i) Glasdon brochure of Street Furniture. ^

17/023 Items requested for next Agenda (6 March 2017)

- (i) Mr Meadows requested a discussion on Smart Meters.

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