

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 4th JULY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr G Sparks, Mr F Meadows, Dr J Butterley and Mrs A Harcombe. Also present were Mr J Frost Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer and Mr Roger Habgood (Borough Councillor).

Apologies were received from Mr M Hooper.

16/076 There were no Declarations of Interest.

16/077 The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

16/078 There were no Matters Arising.

16/079 Local Police report

In the absence of PCSO Cridlin, the Clerk read out the written report she had sent. 221 calls for the Bradford on Tone Beat had been received for the last month including a road traffic incident in Nynehead. There had been a non-dwelling break in to outbuildings in West Buckland where tools and small machinery items had been stolen and a theft of fuel from renovation/building site in Nynehead. She reminded residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious incidents.

16/080 Rights of Way

- (i) Mr Frost presented his monthly report. He thanked Ben Tingay for continuing to trim all the paths as vegetation was growing very quickly. He reported that he had cleared the kissing gate at Clavengers and intends to clear the gate towards Lift Cottage on footpath WG8/14. He had also cleared vegetation at Long Copse. The path between The Court and Three Arch Bridge had been reinstated but a finger post needs replacing here and the Clerk will contact SCC Footpath Officer to report this. The path at Stedhams Covert was very muddy and Mr Frost will contact the farmer to see if anything can be done to improve this area.
- (ii) 16/069 (iii) Dog Fouling on the Permissive Paths owned by Mr & Mrs R Darby. As Mr Hooper was absent this item will be on the next Agenda.

16/081 Highways

- (i) The Clerk had contacted Jo Sharp (Highways Engineer SCC) regarding the refurbishment of the white lines at Wharf Cottage, Nynehead Road and the junction of the Poole/Nynehead Road. The Junction has been refurbished within the last two weeks and the area beside Wharf Cottage is due to be done in the immediate future.
- (ii) Councillors requested that the Clerk contact Highways to ask when the vegetation on the verges and hedges was due to be cut back and to ask that the Road Signs be cut around to make them visible.

16/082 Planning Matters

- (i) The Clerk reported E/0128/26/16 alleged non-compliance with planning approval in relation to the construction of the access at Hornshay Farm Barns, Nynehead. This is being investigated by the Enforcement Officer.
- (ii) The Council members considered Planning Application 26/16/0006 Erection of timber storage shed at Nynehead Court, Nynehead. (Retention of works already undertaken). No objections but the Members made an observation that they felt it was disappointing that the Applicant had not applied for permission before construction of the Storage Shed especially as it is in a conservation area.

- (iii) The members considered Planning Application 26/16/0008/QC Prior Approval for a proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2no. Dwelling Houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Heywood Farm, Nynehead. The members had no objections and commented that previous changes had been done sympathetically. A request by some members for the Clerk to contact the applicant to make an appointment to view the site.
- (iv) The Clerk reported a complaint received from the applicants of Planning Application 26/16/0005 Extensions at BlueHills, East Nynehead. The applicants were unable to attend the Nynehead Parish Council meeting at which this application was discussed due to miss- information given to them by a Planning Officer of TDBC. They have received apologies from the Planning Officer involved and have been assured that their application was discussed at the relevant Parish Council meeting in an open and honest manner.
- (v) The Clerk reported that Enforcement Notices E/0055/26/16 and E/0058/26/16 were still in the process of being investigated by the Enforcement Officer, TDBC.
- (vi) The Clerk informed the Council members that a training session was being offered by SALC at a cost of £95.00 per member on planning matters.

16/083 Parish Council Administration

- (i) The Risk Management review had been undertaken by Dr J Butterley and updated and was now correct and adopted by the Council. The Vice-Chairman offered his thanks to Dr. Butterley for undertaking the review.
- (ii) The Bank reconciliation as at 30th June 2016 was agreed and accepted.
- (iii) All members have received Members Code of Conduct and this was adopted by Nynehead Parish Council.
- (iv) The Clerk reported on the issue of Commemorative medals for the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations. 50 Medals were given to local children. It was agreed to sell the remaining medals to local residents who had already registered an interest with the Clerk.
- (v) The Clerk has received correspondence from the Pensions Regulator (Work Place Pensions) reminding that Nynehead Parish Council's staging date is October 16th 2016 and although the Clerk does not wish to receive a work place pension, a return must be submitted at the due date. The Clerk informed Council members that future employees should be offered a work place pension, at which time the Council would need to find a provider.
- (vi) The members considered the purchase of the new 10th edition of Arnold Baker- Local Council Administration and Law book at a cost of £92.00. This was agreed unanimously.
- (vii) The council members discussed their answers for a survey from SCC Listening, Learning, Changing. The Clerk will submit their answers to SCC.
- (viii) The Council considered adopting an official Logo for correspondence etc. Mr Meadows will produce a suggestion for the next meeting for consideration.
- (ix) Uses for the newly acquired Telephone Kiosk were considered. It was decided that a small lending Library of second hand books and a Notice Board for the use of residents was the best option. The Box will now be refurbished ready for use. The Clerk was given authority to spend no more that £200.00 on refurbishment.
- (x) The Clerk had received details of the consulting period from the Boundaries Commission concerning the Electoral Review of Taunton Deane Borough Council. All Council members were urged to look at the report and comment before the deadline.
- (xi) Members considered a request from Mr D Linklater (Web Master) for the purchase of software for Nynehead website to heighten the security of Nynehead.org after a recent report of suspicious behaviour which would have redirected users to a site

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selling pharmaceutical products. The cost of this heightened Firewall is approximately £32.00. All members were in favour of this purchase.

16/084 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary (£178.40) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £193.40 cheque no 000720 Prop .Mr F Meadows. Sec. Mrs A Harcombe.

16/085 Correspondence

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

- (i) Somerset Waste Partnership June Briefing*. www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (ii) Somerset Rivers Authority newsletter The Stream*. www.somsetriversauthority.org.uk
- (iii) Somerset County Council Listening, Learning, Changing*. www.somerset.gov.uk/listening
- (iv) Concrete Table tennis Equipment and Picnic Tables for outdoor use* www.playcrete.com

16/086 There were no Items Requested by members for the next Agenda (5th September 2016)