

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6th MARCH 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 and PCSO Sharon Baker.

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

17/024 There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/025 The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

17/026 There were no Matters Arising.

17/027 Smart Meters

- (i) The Clerk had circulated information about Smart Meters to the Members which she had received from the Centre for Sustainable Energy, an independent charity that advises and informs about household energy. The members decided to invite the charity to give a talk at one of the Council Meetings in the near future and to advertise this to Parish residents in order that they might attend.

17/028 Police Report.

- (i) PCSO Sharon Baker was in attendance who reported that there had been a spate of out buildings and vehicles broken into in and around Nynehead and the surrounding villages. She reminded residents to be extra vigilant and to make sure that property was secure. All incidents can be reported by ringing 101. There had also been some Sheep theft and Red Diesel from local Farms.

17/029 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He said that, as to be expected, the footpaths were all pretty muddy because of the recent wet weather and advised that it would be best to keep to the roads for the present. He has continued with putting up new way markers where needed.
- (ii) The members considered 16/115 (iii) new Marlow Gate on Footpath WG8/15. The Clerk had received a report from Sally Vickery (SCC Footpath Officer) that the cost of installation to be borne by the Parish Council would be, at most, £150.00. SCC would provide the new gate at no cost to the council and any expenditure above £150.00 would also be met by them. The members resolved unanimously to accept this quote and authorise the installation of the new gate.
- (iii) The Clerk had contacted Rachel Pearce (Bridges Warden SCC) for an update on closed Footpath WG14/1. Unfortunately there was nothing further to report. The plans are still with the Structures Team awaiting costings.

17/030 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept. The area Superintendent has arranged for jetting and CTV work to take place on Cades Roundabout. The highways dept. have some concerns that part of the drainage system between Longforth Roundabout and Cades Roundabout is not working properly and the Parish Councils earlier comments about excess water running down the Nynehead Road confirm the Highways department's views. The drainage system along Luckham Road has now been jetted. Fly tipping of garden waste in the hollow has been reported to TDBC as the street cleaning authority. The Poole/Nynehead

junction is due to be patched in the next financial year as is the edge deterioration on the road between Prings and Oake Ridge.

- (ii) The Clerk had received a reply from Gwyn Hughes (SCC Traffic Engineer) regarding the possibility of re siting the Village Nameplate which is currently beside the bridge At Hornshay on the Nynehead Road. After discussion it was decided to leave the Nameplate where it was as there was no real alternative position.
- (iii) The Clerk had received a request from the Church Warden of All Saints Church, Nynehead regarding the placing of a signpost to the Church at the junction of Island Cottage. The Chairman has spoken to the owner who has no objection. The Clerk will inform the Churchwarden.
- (iv) The Clerk had received notice from Somerset Highways of a proposed road closure on March 20th 2017 for approximately 5 days on the Oake Road 170m north of the junction with Nynehead Road. An alternative route will be signposted.

17/031 Planning Matters.

- (i) The Clerk reported Enforcement Notice E/0024/26/0017 Alleged unauthorised development at 16 Farthings Close, Nynehead.

17/032 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) The Council members discussed the condition of the Notice Board situated at the Village Hall. This board has suffered badly from condensation making notices difficult to read. Members decided to inspect the rear of the Board to see whether a new back and remounting with provision for air to circulate will solve the problem.
- (ii) The Clerk had received an invitation from TDBC to attend a Community Defibrillator Workshop event on 22 March 2017 at The Deane House. The Clerk along with Kieran Harcombe will attend.
- (iii) The Clerk had received a reply from Councillor John Williams TDBC regarding the minute sent concerning the proposed new Council of Taunton Deane with West Somerset.

17/033 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for February 2017 (£178.40) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £193.40 Cheque No. 000731 Prop. By Mr G Sparks and Sec. By Mr F Meadows
 - (b) Nynehead Memorial Hall-Hall Hire Jan, Feb, Mar. £39.00 Cheque No. 000732 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec By Dr J Butterley.

17/034 Correspondence.

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

- (i) Community Council for Somerset monthly newsletter 'The Thatch'*
- (ii) Somerset Waste Partnership - February Briefing* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (iii) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine^

17/035 There were no Items Requested for the next Agenda (3 April 2017)