

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2020 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

This face to face meeting was managed within the updated COVID-19 secure guidelines produced by Government. Two metres social distancing was maintained at all times and safety signage was clearly displayed in all areas of the Hall. High-contact objects such as tables, chairs, door/window handles and light switches were cleaned both before and after the meeting and handwashing facilities, hand sanitiser and paper towels were provided. A safe area was also made available should anyone have been taken ill. Everyone present wore a mask and the names and contact details of all attendees were taken for the purposes of Test, Track and Trace.

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 20.55.

Present	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead – Mrs A Harcombe – Mr R Barry – Mr M Vest - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) and two members of the public.
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20/049	Apologies	PCSO Henderson
20/050	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
20/051	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 13 th July 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.
20/052	Actions from the previous meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Unitary Authority for Somerset</u> – Nynehead Parish Council has been invited to attend a Zoom meeting hosted by Wellington Town Council to discuss the implications of a possible unitary authority for Somerset. The exact date is yet to be confirmed but the meeting will take place at 18.00 on the 9/10th or 11th September. Councillors Vest, Butterley and Stead have expressed an interest to participate and they should receive their Zoom link shortly. 2) <u>West Somerset Community Fund</u> – the Somerset Community Fund has confirmed that funding applications should be able to be submitted again in September. NPC is signed up to the newsletter and will respond as soon as notification is given. 3) <u>PCSO Henderson</u> – PCSO Henderson has confirmed that, barring any emergencies, she will be able to attend the Parish Council meetings on the 19th October and the 16th November. She is currently mentoring another tutee and will bring him to the meetings too. 4) <u>Closure of Station Road Bridge in Wellington</u> – the Clerk received an article from the Wellington Weekly News from a concerned resident about the proposed nine week closure of the railway bridge at Tonedale, effectively splitting the town in half. This is likely to have a negative impact on the volume of traffic using the lanes around Nynehead as an alternative route.
20/053	Planning Matters	(i) The members considered Planning Applications 26/20/0005 and 26/20/0006/LB Erection of 11 No. close care (Class C2) units with subdivision of Court Gardens Farmhouse to form 2 No. further close care units with erection of an associated community hub facility, landscaping of the walled garden and associated external works and access improvements at

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		<p>Nynehead Court, Chipley Road, Nynehead. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. The Council thanked The Court for their invitation to visit the site and discuss the proposed development the previous week, which they found interesting and useful. Whereas, overall, the Council does not object to this application, they do have four specific areas of concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The management of construction traffic. The impact on the narrow lanes accessing The Court will be significant with blind bends, a dangerous junction at the foot of The Hollow, parked cars and children around the pre-school being particular pinch points. This will need to be managed very carefully with appropriate signage and traffic calming measures in place. 2) Temporary Footpath arrangement. A popular public footpath that shares the track that will be used by construction traffic will become dangerous during the construction phase. A diversion for this will need to be found, possibly through the existing grounds of The Court. 3) It is currently unclear exactly how the foul and surface water drainage is to be dealt with. Clarification is required. 4) All external lighting associated with this development should be fully shielded, directed downwards and use white light low-energy lamps (LED) so as to limit the impact of light pollution on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. Nynehead residents already suffer from the consequences of light pollution and are very sensitive to this issue. <p>(ii) The members also discussed Planning application 26/20/0004 Change of use of land from field/yard to residential to be used in conjunction with dwelling approved on application 26/20/0002CQ at Upcott, Nynehead. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. There was no objection to this application but members requested restrictions on external lighting. The proposed site is a raised area and unnecessary light pollution would impact adversely upon local/residential amenity and could lead to problems relating to road safety. Any outdoor lights associated with this development should be fully shielded, directed downwards and use white light low-energy lamps (LED).</p>
20/054	Parish Council Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The expenditure for the month of July was reviewed against the budget set for 2020/2021. The balance is pleasing with expenditure currently under budget by £387.00. (ii) Upon contacting contributors to the Nynehead Newsletter, Mrs Rosemary Lea has confirmed that there is sufficient material to publish an August edition, albeit in a slimmed down version. This will be distributed to all households at the end of the month and will provide information about future local activities and events.
20/055	Police Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There were 209 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of July 2020. Six of these calls related to Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville and concerned neighbour issues, Road Traffic Collisions and concern for welfare, which resulted in the person being safe and well. In addition, there have been reports of electric fences being cut and people offering to tarmac drives with left over tarmac. Anyone with information should call 101.

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		(ii) Between the 27 th and 28 th July 2020, two electric generator/fencer units were stolen from a location off Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead. The two units were a HOTLINE SUPER and a RUTLAND ESB57. Anyone with information about this theft should call 101 and quote 5220169050.
20/056	Rights of Way	(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. The footpaths are all currently in good condition and he expressed thanks to whoever kindly trimmed footpath WG8/16 behind the pre-school in Lower Nynehead. (ii) Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Annual Parish Footpath Walk has had to change to Sunday 20th September 2020. It will still depart from the Memorial Hall at 14.00. Everyone, including children and dogs, are welcome and it is expected that the walk will last approximately one to one and a half hours.
20/057	Highways	(i) The Clerk had received no correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept.
20/058	Receipts and Payments	(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for: (a) The Clerk's Salary for July 2020 (£219.12) and Expenses (£31.51) Total £250.63 Cheque No.000832 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Mr G Stead
20/059	Correspondence	<u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u> (i) Somerset Waste Partnership (Information about the new Recycle More collection service and revised timetable)* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more (ii) Mr M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme Project Newsletter – July 2020* www.alungriffiths.co.uk
20/060	Items requested for next agenda (19 th October 2020)	(i) Mrs Harcombe requested a discussion about the deteriorating condition of Ash Road and the need for remedial action. There will be no Parish Council meeting in September