

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

In the Public Question time, Mr Dai Helps informed those present about the work of the Sir John Popham Charity. This charity manages three blocks of one bedroom flats in Wellington for which parishioners of Wellington, Nynhead and West Buckland are eligible. The weekly maintenance contribution is modest and, when necessary, this can be subsidised by the local authority. If any Nynhead resident would like to apply for a flat or get involved with the work of this charity, they should contact Mr Helps on 01823 664142.

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead – Mr R Barry – Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) and two members of the public.
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19/140	Apologies	Mr G Wren (District Councillor) and PCSO Henderson
19/141	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
19/142	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.
19/143	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) <b><u>East Nynhead Noticeboard</u></b> – Mr Malcolm Vest and Mr D Linklater inspected the noticeboard and, rather than replace it with a new one, have suggested ways in which the existing board could be repaired and improved. This would be a cost effective interim solution.</p> <p>(ii) <b><u>Councillor Training courses</u></b> – the Clerk has received confirmation of booking for two councillors on the following SALC training courses: Councillor Essentials (for Mr M Vest) on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and Being a Successful Chairman (for Dr J Butterley) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.</p> <p>(iii) <b><u>CIL money</u></b> – is only payable upon completion of a new development and may come in more than one tranche. If agricultural buildings <b>are being used</b> (storage etc), CIL money will be awarded for the amount of floor space that <b>exceeds the original footprint</b> of the building. If plans adhere to the original footprint (ie no building extension), no CIL money will be generated. If agricultural buildings <b>are not in use</b> (ie derelict or abandoned), CIL money will be awarded in full with no floor space deduction.</p> <p>(iv) <b><u>Location for defibrillator in East Nynhead</u></b> – the Clerk received confirmation from the Community Heartbeat Trust that, rather than on the wall of a private house, a defibrillator could be sited on the wall of business premises provided power and light were available.</p> <p>(v) <b><u>PCSO Henderson</u></b> – the Clerk asked PCSO Henderson to report any crimes specific to Nynhead in her monthly Police Report. She affirmed that when these occur, they will be included in the report. PCSO Henderson also sent her apologies for the January meeting as she has a rest day then and will not be able to attend the February meeting either as she will be tutoring at that time which would involve a shift change not only for her but also for her tutee. She explained that, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the Wellington shift patterns should change as the pilot scheme there will have been completed. This should allow PCSO Henderson to attend more PC meetings both in Nynhead and other parishes on her beat. To that effect, the Clerk has sent PCSO Henderson the dates of all the Nynhead Parish Council meetings for the year and she highlighted the importance of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</p>

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		<p>(vi) <b><u>Nynehead Memorial Club</u></b> – the Clerk received a letter from the Nynehead Memorial Club expressing their grateful thanks for the recent donations from the Parish Council which have enabled them to complete renovations to the roof and electrical supply.</p> <p>(vii) <b><u>Lottery grant funding for defibrillator</u></b> – National Lottery awards are available from £300-£10,000. Applications have to be made online. Competition is fierce and it may take up to 18 weeks for a decision with a further two weeks to pay the grant if successful. Information will be required by two members of the organisation (the Clerk and the Chairman in the case of the Parish Council) and the Parish Council accounts and bank statements will need to be submitted.</p>
19/144	Planning Matters	<p>(i) The members considered Planning Application 26/19/0016/CR Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to flexible use within storage or distribution (Use Class B8) at Grange Farm, Luckham Bridge Road, Nynehead. They objected to this application on the following grounds: the exact nature of the usage needs to be explained and the exact form of distribution clarified. Drainage is a concern as the road regularly floods in that area, light pollution is an issue and the additional heavy traffic would compound the level of risk in the already dangerous, narrow lanes. Most significantly, members were concerned that the applicants have not complied with planning permission they have received in the past, in spite of this being brought to the attention of SWTC by the Council.</p> <p>(ii) Planning application 26/19/0010 Change of use of agricultural field to a cemetery at the church field adjoining All Saints Church, Chipley Road, Nynehead. Conditional Approval.</p>
19/145	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) The Bank reconciliation for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 was agreed and signed.</p> <p>(ii) After further discussion of the Budget report 2020-2021, the Council agreed that the Precept for 2020-2021 would be set at £5870. This includes an additional £500 in the budget, as advised by the Somerset Association of Local Councils, to build up the reserves that have been depleted over the past few years. The Band D equivalent Tax Charge will be £33.78 per annum. Compared to last year, this represents an increase of £14.05 per annum/£1.17 per month.</p> <p>(iii) The purchase of a defibrillator for East Nynehead was further discussed. The Clerk was instructed to reissue, to all the members, the relevant material sent by the Community Heartbeat Trust. This would enable them to make a fully informed decision about the most appropriate model and purchase option at the next meeting and then apply for Lottery grant funding.</p> <p>(iv) Further to his letter to the Council earlier in the month, Mr David Price expressed his concerns about the degree of light pollution towards Nynehead from Westpark and the Chelston Business Park, Wellington. In these locations, an increasing number of large lights glare across the countryside and these can be seen from as far away as Milverton. These lights should have appropriate cowls to direct the light downwards onto the desired area and the need to have them on all night was also disputed. Heat/movement controls could be fitted for security purposes. The Clerk was instructed to raise these issues with the SWTC Planning Department to see if remedial action can be taken to ensure effective lighting control.</p> <p>(v) The Equal Opportunities Policy was reviewed. No changes were necessary and this was adopted by the Council.</p>

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		<p>(vi) The Complaints Procedure Policy was reviewed. No changes were necessary and this was adopted by the Council.</p> <p>(vii) The Grievance Policy was reviewed. No changes were necessary and this was adopted by the Council.</p> <p>(viii) Prior to the Council meeting, Dr J Butterley and Mr G Stead conducted a first appraisal with the Clerk. All aspects of the role were discussed and certain objectives set. Over the course of January, the conclusions will be written up, signed and kept on record. All parties found this to be a productive exercise.</p>
19/146	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There were 198 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat for the month of December 2019. This is more than the previous month due, largely, to the flooding and RTC's caused by the floods. In the Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville area, there were reports of a person bitten by a dog, the theft of a sat nav from a tractor and parking issues.</p> <p>(ii) PCSO Henderson's report raised awareness about the increasing number of vehicles broken into at beauty spots. Valuables should be kept out of sight and, ideally, secured within the boot of the vehicle.</p>
19/147	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. Mr Frost confirmed that he had now established contact with Mr Martin Hooper, the new Rights of Way Volunteer and Trails Officer at SCC and that his expenses and the service of the strimmer were now sorted out.</p> <p>(ii) Mr Frost raised, again, the ongoing closure of the footpath WG14/1 between Nynehead and Bradford on Tone. This path has been closed for a considerable period of time, with no apparent remedial work on the part of SCC. The bridge, which SCC deems too dangerous to use, is in the Bradford Parish. The Clerk will follow this up with the Bradford on Tone PC and SCC.</p>
19/148	Highways	<p>(i) Following a concern expressed by a local farmer on the 14<sup>th</sup> January about the dangerous condition of Ash Lane, between Clavengers and the bridge over the River Tone, where it is in danger of collapse and void of any edge of road or river markers, the Clerk alerted Highways. She has received confirmation that these defects will be inspected within three working days and she should receive a response within ten working days.</p>
19/149	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for December 2019 (£214.94) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £229.94 Cheque No.000817 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe.</p>
19/150	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing December 2019* <a href="http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk">www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</a></p> <p>(ii) M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme Project Newsletter – January 2020* <a href="http://www.alungriffiths.co.uk">www.alungriffiths.co.uk</a></p> <p>(iii) Somerset County Council PROHIBITION OF ALL TRAFFIC on the <b>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020</b> from proceeding along <b>Luckham Bridge Road</b> from <b>170m south east of the junction with Baghay Farm Lane, south eastwards</b> for a distance of <b>30 metres</b>. This will enable Wessex Water to install a stop tap. The works are expected to last for <b>3 days</b>. Please visit <a href="http://www.one.network">www.one.network</a> for further information on alternative route.</p>
19/151	Items requested for next agenda (17 Feb 2020)	<p>(i) Dr J Butterley requested further discussion about a defibrillator for East Nynehead, focusing on the choice of model and purchase options.</p>

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