

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mrs A Harcombe – Mr R Barry – Mr G Stead - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – PCSO Henderson – PCSO Fyne and one member of the public. Mr J Hunt (County Councillor) arrived at 20.00 but, due to other Council commitments, had to leave after 15 minutes.
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19/113	Election of Chairman	Dr Jan Butterley was proposed as Chairman by Mr G Stead and seconded by Mr R Barry. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
19/114	Election of Vice-Chairman	Mr G Stead was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Dr J Butterley and seconded by Mrs A Harcombe. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
19/115	Apologies	Mr G Wren (District Councillor)
19/116	Declarations of Interest	Mrs A Harcombe expressed a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 8 (i) as a member of the Nynehead Club Committee.
19/117	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.
19/118	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) <b><u>Broken stile</u></b> – the broken stile on the Oake road into the fruit farm, accessing footpath WG8/1, has now been replaced with a robust metal gate.</p> <p>(ii) <b><u>Broken signs</u></b> – the broken signs on the East Nynehead and Nynehead roads have been reported to SCC and await repair.</p> <p>(iii) <b><u>Speeding traffic</u></b> – letters have been sent to Rebecca Pow (MP for Taunton Deane), Gideon Amos (Liberal Democrats prospective parliamentary candidate for Taunton Deane), The Rt Hon. Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Transport and James Hunt (County Councillor) to raise their awareness and lobby support for this issue in and around the village. This has also been flagged in the Parish Council Quarterly Report for the Nynehead Newsletter and local residents have been asked to report, to the Clerk, any incidents, however minor, so that data can start to be compiled.</p> <p>(iv) <b><u>Nynehead Community Fund</u></b> – the Council appreciates the logistical difficulties regarding access to this fund, as highlighted by Mrs S Rabson in a previous e-mail. Thus the Council has now requested view of the Fund constitution and notification of an AGM in an attempt to accelerate and facilitate access to the financial assistance that this fund can provide to start or support a Nynehead community project.</p> <p>(v) <b><u>New councillor</u></b> – following the loss of Mr Mervyn Hooper, SWTC Electoral Services were notified and notice of a Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council was put up on all three Parish noticeboards on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Expressions of interest should be made to the Chairman (<a href="mailto:jan@nyneheadfruitfarm.co.uk">jan@nyneheadfruitfarm.co.uk</a>) or to the Clerk (<a href="mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com">nyneheadclerk@gmail.com</a>) and it is hoped that a new councillor can be co-opted at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.</p> <p>(vi) <b><u>Annual Support Service for Defibrillator</u></b> – this is part of a four year contract with The Community Heartbeat Trust and was taken out on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The service includes all Electrode replacements (both time expired and post-rescue), replacement batteries, replacement rescue kits, annual compliance check on defibrillator and the cabinet, the loan of a defibrillator if out of action for more than three days, courier fees and the rescue of data downloading. A refund of £54.00 from an unused</p>

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		<p>VETS set-up fee, was offset against the cost, reducing it, this year, to £108.00 (as opposed to £162.00).</p> <p><b>(vii) <u>Parish Council Report for Nynehead Newsletter</u></b> – completed &amp; submitted by Clerk for November publication.</p>
19/119	Planning Matters	<p>(i) The members considered Planning Application 26/19/0013 Change of use of land to residential curtilage with external alterations to buildings at Perry Farm, East Nynehead Road, Nynehead. They had no further comments to make.</p>
19/120	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) The Council members considered a request from the Nynehead Club Committee for £504.00 to carry out necessary electrical repair work. The electrical system had been damaged by water leakage and it was recognised that this work needed to be undertaken to meet Health and Safety legal and insurance requirements. Members agreed to use CIL money to pay this sum.</p> <p>(ii) The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should mark their gratitude to Mr Joe Frost (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) for all his hard work maintaining the footpaths with a gift. All the members were in favour. It was decided to purchase a gift voucher for the sum of £75.00 from the Waitrose/John Lewis Partnership.</p> <p>(iii) Dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2020 were agreed in principal but will be confirmed at the next meeting.</p> <p>(iv) The members agreed to discuss the possible replacement of the Parish noticeboard in East Nynehead which is dilapidated, leaks water and is too small to accommodate all the monthly notices. The Clerk has been instructed to acquire quotes for this and to include new posts in the costings.</p> <p>(v) The Chairman presented a petition signed by twenty residents in East Nynehead for the purchase of a second defibrillator, to be sited in that area of the village. It is felt that, in an emergency, the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall is too far away to serve their need. The Clerk has been instructed to find out potential purchase costs (to include electrical installation) and funding options ahead of a discussion at the next meeting.</p>
19/121	Police Report	<p>(i) PCSO Henderson gave her monthly report. In total, there were 220 calls into 101 and 999 for the Wellington Rural Beat (this excludes Wellington Town) which was 28 less than the previous month. None of these call involved Nynehead. Neither were there any reports of Antisocial Behaviour in Nynehead.</p> <p>(ii) PCSO Henderson raised awareness of recent scams in operation. There have been phone calls pretending to be from <b>HMRC</b>. She reinforced the importance of <b>not giving any details</b> of any kind and advised blocking the number, if possible, on the phone.</p> <p>There has also been a Facebook attempted scam from a company called <b>Powerball Mega</b>. They pretend that this is from a friend on Facebook, saying they have won large quantities of money. <b>Do not release any personal details or information and do not call back a phone number you may have been given</b>. Scammers are becoming increasingly slick and effective and even when everything appears above board, it is not necessarily the case. <b>Never admit to living alone</b>. PCSO Henderson can be contacted on 07889655302 and the dates of her Beat Surgery are on all three Parish noticeboards.</p> <p>(iii) PCSO Henderson suggested the use of “emotive” road signs to encourage car drivers to slow down. In Oake, the use of hedgehog signs has proved effective. The Parish Council could purchase appropriate signs and, provided these were inoffensive and did not cause obstruction, these could, with landowner’s permission, be sited at strategic points in the lanes to raise speed awareness. The Clerk will look at options.</p>
19/122	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. After the recent extensive rain, he warned that the footpaths are extremely</p>

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		<p>muddy and suggested avoiding use where possible at the current time, to enable them to recover.</p> <p>(ii) The way marker on the East Nynhead road (WG8/7), which was knocked over, has now been placed back in an upright position and the new metal gate that replaced the broken stile from the Oake road (WG8/1) into Nynhead Fruit Farm is proving a success. However, dog walkers are reminded that this footpath traverses land used to grow fruit for human consumption and recommended that dogs should be kept on a lead or under close control.</p> <p>(iii) Mr Frost identified a tree on the bank in The Hollow that is leaning precariously over the road. He is concerned that the adverse weather has exposed the roots which presents a danger as the tree could fall at any time. He is going to take some photographs and send them to the Clerk who has been instructed to contact the landowner.</p>
19/123	Highways	(i) The Clerk had received no correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept.
19/124	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for October 2019 (£263.79) and Expenses (£69.60) Total £333.39 Cheque No.000809 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(b) It was resolved to pay the Information Commissioner's Office, Data Protection Fee by Direct Debit. This will enable the Council to receive £5.00 annual reduction of the full fee (£40.00). All members in favour.</p> <p>(c) Nynhead Memorial Hall £910.00 (CIL money for half cost of re-decoration of the Hall) Cheque No.000810 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe.</p> <p>(d) SALC Training seminar for Clerks: Budget setting for Beginners £75.00 Cheque No.000811 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(e) Keiran Harcombe – flower arrangement from the Parish Council for the funeral of Mr Mervyn Hooper £50.00 Cheque No.000812 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr G Stead</p> <p>(f) The Community Heartbeat Trust £108.00 (Inc.£27.00 VAT) for Annual Support Service for Defibrillator – Year 1.Cheque No. 000813 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p>
19/125	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Town and Parish Council October Newsletter* <a href="http://www.parish-council.website">www.parish-council.website</a></p> <p>(ii) M5 Junction 25 Improvement Scheme Project Newsletter – November 2019*<a href="http://www.alungriffiths.co.uk">www.alungriffiths.co.uk</a></p> <p>(iii) Somerset County Council <b>PROHIBITION OF ALL TRAFFIC on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 along Ham Road from the junction with East Nynhead Road, the junction with Asham Lane</b> for a distance of <b>500 metres</b>. This will enable Utility Services Ltd to carry out poling work on behalf of BT Openreach. The works are expected to last for <b>3 days (09.30-15.30)</b>. Please visit <a href="http://www.one.network">www.one.network</a> for further information on alternative route.</p>
19/126	Items requested for next agenda 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019)	(i) Dr Butterley requested the consideration of the purchase of a defibrillator for East Nynhead.