

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.10**

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer). There were no members of the public.	
21/089	Apologies	Cat Sweatman – PCSO Henderson – Mr G Wren (District Councillor)
21/090	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
21/091	Co-option of Councillor	Proposed by Dr J Butterley and seconded by Mr G Stead, Mrs R Ball Risk was co-opted on to the Council. A Declaration of Office was signed.
21/092	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 19 July 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.
21/093	Actions from the previous meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b><u>Progress with construction of new Nynhead website</u></b> - Mr Lee Vickery from Boost It Media now has all the login and password details he needs to access information on the current website. He has now started the design of the Home Page and this should be ready for review later this month. The Clerk has contacted everyone responsible for a section of the current website, asking them to ensure the information published is accurate and up-to-date. Most have now responded and editing has been completed where necessary.</li> <li>2) <b><u>SWP Briefing on the Recycle More service</u></b> – given that neither the Clerk nor any councillors were able to attend the virtual sessions on the dates offered in July, the Clerk contacted SWP requesting that briefing documents and any other relevant information be sent. She was assured that all parishes in the Somerset West and Taunton area would receive briefing packs nearer the time of the scheduled roll out of the Recycle More service in the autumn.</li> <li>3) <b><u>Sale of land by Jubilee Playing Field</u></b> – the Clerk has received confirmation that all aspects of this sale have now been completed and a twelve month licence is now in place for the new owner to access land for the completion of any work.</li> </ol>
21/094	Planning Matters	(i) The members considered planning application 26/21/0007/LEW. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the caravan and buildings adjoining as a single independent dwelling at Traumheim, Chipley Road, Nynhead. Application Type: S191 Existing Lawful Development (WEB).) SWTC Planning Department is asked to look at the facts and legality of this reapplication and to take into account any representations that are made by local residents. If SWTC grant a certificate, Nynhead PC request that a condition regarding external lighting be made as follows “National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 180 (c) and Taunton Deane Adopted Core Strategy 2011 – 2028, Clause 6.46, both recognise the importance of limiting the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local/residential amenity, dark landscapes and dark night skies. In order to minimise light pollution, we recommend that any outdoor lights associated with this proposed development should be fully shielded or baffled/louvered, directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards), switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps), use low energy LED lamps and be designed by a

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		competent person to comply with the current ILP Guidance Note (for Reduction of Obtrusive Light) GN01 and be approved as such by the Borough Council prior to installation/use”
21/095	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Members discussed the arrangements for the rescheduled Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. It was agreed that, as in previous years, representatives of clubs and societies would be invited to give a brief update of their respective activities over the past two years and, in addition, there would be a short presentation about the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) super fibre roll out in this area, followed by a question and answer session with the liaison officer of Airband, one of the independent companies involved with the project. The Parish Council is not specifically endorsing this company but welcomes the information they can give at this stage. The meeting will start at 19.00 and the Parish Council meeting will follow on afterwards. Refreshments will be provided and it is hoped that residents will enjoy the opportunity, in a social setting, to meet the councillors, express their views and share ideas. The Clerk has been instructed to prepare a reminder notice about the meeting that will be delivered to every household in early October.</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk informed the councillors that she had booked the Memorial Hall for the evening of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 19.00 onwards as a venue for a preliminary meeting for all those interested in establishing a cross party committee to consider ways in which to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The Clerk will contact all representatives of clubs, societies and institutions in the Parish and will advertise the meeting in the August edition of the Nynehead News so that interested individuals are also informed and can participate.</p> <p>(iii) The expenditure for the month of July was reviewed against the budget set for 2021/2022. The current balance shows a surplus of £247.00.</p> <p>(iv) Members and the Footpath Liaison Officer agreed that this year’s <b>Annual Parish Footpath Walk will take place on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 departing at 14.00 from the Memorial Hall.</b> The walk is expected to take approximately one and a half hours.</p> <p>(v) Following the Government decision this July that all five existing district councils in Somerset will be replaced by a single unitary authority by April 2023, members considered the proposal for local community networks. Nynehead Parish Council has already had informal discussions with the Wellington network and members agreed that further exploratory talks would be useful once a clearer purpose had been established.</p> <p>(vi) As part of its commitment to empowering local communities, Somerset County Council has allocated £500,000 for town and parish councils to help support the safe reopening of community facilities and ways of helping people to reconnect and re-engage in community activities. Nynehead Parish Council is keen to promote social interaction at community level and the Clerk has been instructed to apply for the maximum funding of £1500 allowed per council. If successful, this could be used to fund the use of the Memorial Hall one afternoon every fortnight with the provision of tea and cakes. A paid co-ordinator would be employed and residents could enjoy the company of others, participate in various activities and there would be the opportunity to buy or sell local handicrafts or produce. Applications have to be submitted by the end of September and this initiative will be reviewed once it is known whether or not the bid has been successful.</p>

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21/096	Police Report	<p>In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There was just one call into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of July 2021 and this involved a noise complaint which was directed to the correct agency. There were no reports of antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>(i) Two alerts have been received this month by the Nynehead Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The first concerns the increase in Cold Calling with particular reference to fencing and gardening work. Residents are under no obligation to answer the door or invite a stranger into a property and should not be bullied into agreeing to work being undertaken no matter how enticing the incentive. If in any doubt, residents are encouraged to call a friend or neighbour and ask them to come round. Thefts from sheds and outbuildings are also on the increase and residents are urged to ensure that these are secure at all times. Lawn mowers and garden power tools can be secured with chains inside and screw heads can be rounded off on hinges. Security lighting is also effective.</p> <p>(ii) The second alert relates to the availability of free wearable tech wristbands to safeguard people living with dementia as part of the Avon and Somerset Dementia Safeguarding Scheme. Using Near Field Communication technology, the wristbands store essential information about the wearer which can be used by emergency services or health professionals to return the wearer to safety should they become lost or confused. For further information and to apply for a wristband, visit the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme (also known as the Herbert Protocol).</p> <p>(iii) Farm Watch has issued an alert regarding suspicious activity by three men in a green Land Rover Discovery, 04 plate, watching farms and buildings in the Rumwell/Bishops Hull area. Please report any sightings of this vehicle or suspicious behaviour to 101.</p>
21/097	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. Harvesting is now underway which will free up more footpaths but Mr Ben Tingay has done a sterling job with the strimming he has done to keep the main paths clear and with clearing the Willow tree which had fallen across footpath WG8/7 near to Blackdown View. The Council is also grateful to Mr Robin Darby for clearing the large tree that fell in Steadham Covert on footpath WG8/19 and for putting down wood chips in areas which have become particularly churned up and muddy. As always, dog walkers are reminded to clear up after their dogs and dispose of any mess responsibly.</p> <p>(ii) Any volunteers interested in assisting with strimming should contact Mr Frost on his mobile 07518236638 and he will explain what is involved. It can be very rewarding and is much appreciated by walkers.</p>
21/098	Highways	<p>(i) The Clerk informed the councillors of the information she had recently received from SCC Traffic Management regarding the average speed readings recorded, following the collection of data, and the options now available. In two of the six data collection points the average reading was over 25mph which is too high to introduce a 20mph restriction with just signs and lines and no physical traffic calming features. A blanket 30mph restriction, however, is justifiable. Overall, members were very pleased with this positive response which would, effectively, reduce the current legitimate speed limit by half. However they will request 20mph stretches where it is justifiable and the Clerk will submit a revised plan accordingly. It is hoped that the proposals will be finalised as quickly as possible in order to move forward to the next phase of the statutory process.</p>

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21/099	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for July 2021 (£229.68) and Expenses (£37.95) Total £267.63 Cheque No.000864 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p> <p>(b) The Community Heartbeat Trust (new pads for Hall defibrillator) £50.40 Cheque No.000865 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p> <p>(c) Mr L Vickery, Boost It Media (construction of new Nynehead website) £695.00 Cheque No. 000866 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr G Stead.</p>
21/100	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Phosphates Newsletter Issue 1*<a href="http://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning/phosphates-on-the-somerset-levels-and-moors">www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/planning/phosphates-on-the-somerset-levels-and-moors</a></p> <p>(ii) Toneway-Creech Castle Improvements Project Bulletin*<a href="http://www.alungriffiths.co.uk">www.alungriffiths.co.uk</a></p>
21/101	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (18<sup>th</sup> October 2021): There were no <u>Items Requested</u> for the next Agenda</p>