

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19th August 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.20

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr J Toye - Mr M Vest - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) and PCSO Henderson attended the first part of the meeting. Michelle Brook (LCN Link Officer) and Mr F Meadows.	
24/119	Apologies	Mrs R Ball Risk (Maternity Leave)
24/120	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
24/121	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 th July were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/122	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) Response to email regarding road flooding from Rachel Gilmour MP: <i>I canvassed Nynehead a couple of weeks before the GE. The flooding issue was raised at almost every door I knocked on.</i> <i>I have copied in Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of SC, to this email, in the hope that a meeting can be arranged with NPC and the relevant officers to start looking at a resolution to the problems.</i> Response from Cllr Bill Revans: <i>This is a short courtesy note to acknowledge receipt of your email to Bill regarding the above. We have passed this onto the team and have asked them to look into the matter and we will get back to you as soon as possible.</i></p> <p>(ii) Missing Finger Post WG 8/16 reported</p> <p>(iii) Wessex Environment Agency was contacted to invite them to attend a PC meeting and to discuss alleviating flood risk from the River Tone.</p> <p>(iv) Mr J Toye has been in communication with Mr Martyn Evans (SC Infrastructure Programmes Group) regarding Automated Flood Markers for the Hornshay and Ash roads. Members agreed positions for the sensors and signage.</p> <p>(v) Mr M Vest had a site meeting with Gwyn Huges and Martin Stone (SC Highways) and wrote a detailed report on the many highways drainage issues in the parish and on the road to Langford Budville. See Nynehead PC Flood Strategy below.</p>
24/123	Planning Matters	(i) Planning Application 26/24/0008CR(Change of use from agricultural to commercial use at Grange Farm) Response- NPC has concerns regarding the increased traffic volume this application could generate along narrow single carriageway lanes and through Nynehead or Milverton villages. It also represents further industrialisation in a very rural area.
24/124	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted</p> <p>(ii) Michelle Brooks Local Community Network Link Officer for SC attended the meeting to meet the Members and to explain her role.</p> <p>(iii) Nynehead PC Flood Strategy Summary of the 4 main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A resilient Flood Route in and out of the village via the road to Langford Budville. Working with Somerset Highways, drainage of the road near to the entrance to Chipley Park and Blackberry Farm has been given a higher priority with better understanding of the drainage outfalls and the need to keep the gullies clear of debris. 2. Automated Flood Signage at Hornshay and Ash where the roads cross the River Tone. Measurement of the depth of water on the roads will trigger illuminated warning signs placed where vehicles can turn round/take an alternative route with the aim of reducing the number of vehicles entering

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		<p>the flood water. It is envisaged that the depth measurements can be broadcast via the village website (www.nynehead.org). The Parish Council is working closely with the Somerset Council Infrastructure Team on this project with funding from Somerset Rivers Authority.</p> <p>3. Reduce the severity and duration of road flooding at Hornshay and Ash. Plans to liaise with land owners and Somerset Highways to optimise road water run-off via cleared ditches and culverts, possibly with some work on dredging and clearing the river banks and bed to increase flow capacity.</p> <p>4. Other flood areas (near the Playing Field entrance, in East Nynehead near Langdale and on the road to Milverton). Working with Highways to identify drainage solutions and to agree suitable maintenance regimes. There could be a move towards ‘Adopt a gully’ where residents aim to keep their local gullies (road drain covers) free of debris.</p>
24/125	Police Report	<p>Given by PCSO Henderson: Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There was 6 police reports for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of July. These calls involved: 1 Assault, 1 Public order, 1 Harassment, 1 Sexual offence, 2 Mental Health incidents. Reports of Antisocial Behaviour - None for this area.</p>
24/126	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Report from Mr J Frost (Footpaths Liaison Officer) <i>Steve Wadham and Ben Tingay have mown and strimmed the main footpaths recently. Many thanks to both of you, walkers from other areas comment on our well kept footpaths! The Annual Footpath Walk will take place on Sunday 8th September at 2pm, please meet at the Village Hall. All welcome, it would be nice to see some new faces who might have moved to the village. Could I please ask walkers to clear and trim any finger posts and way-markers of brambles. The footpath in the vicinity of the solar farm is in a bad condition, could NPC Clerk please contact Milverton PC and request if anything can be done to improve this path. Thank you.</i></p>
24/127	Highways	<p>(i) Work has been continuing towards installation of Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs) in the 20mph zones. Kate Brown (Traffic Officer, SC) has identified a site near to the Memorial Hall where average speeds exceed 24mph (making it suitable for a SID). NPC is also hoping for a SID mounting near to the Jubilee Playing Field entrance.</p>
24/128	Receipts and Payments	<p>The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for July (222.26) and Expenses (20.00) Total £242.26</p> <p>(b) HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE for July) £55.60</p> <p>(a) M S King (Nynehead Natters 19/07) £45.73</p> <p>(b) All Saints Church Burial Ground Maintenance Grant £660</p> <p>(c) Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance Grant £362</p> <p>To Authorise the issue of payments in September for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for Aug (222.26) and Expenses (20.00) Total £242.26</p> <p>(b) HMRC (Clerk’s PAYE for August) £55.60</p> <p>(c) M S King (Nynehead Natters 13/09) £45.00</p>
24/129	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (21st October 2024):</p>