

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th December 2023 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.30

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest – Mr J Toye - Mrs R Ball Risk (attended second half of meeting) - Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. Mr Frank Meadows and Mr Paul Harfield.	
23/103	Apologies	PCSO Henderson, Cllr Dave Mansell, Mr Joe Frost
23/104	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
23/105	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 20 th November 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.
23/106	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Clerk contacted Sam Winter (SALC) for advice following the publication by Somerset Council of their list for Asset and Service Devolution in November. It is likely that services may tail off throughout the next financial year (2024-25) and that Nynehead Parish Council will need to budget for these items in the following financial year (2025-26). Also www.nynehead.org can be used to publicise Somerset Council's Asset and Service Devolution and to warn electors that they may see some decline in service level throughout 2024-25. SALC advised that if electors have any views they should contact their elected councillors rather than the Clerk. (ii) General Power of Competence NPC does not have General Power of Competence (unqualified Clerk) but Nynehead Parish Council does have statutory powers. (iii) The Clerk also contacted Joy Norris (Clerk to Bradford on Tone and North Petherton). B-O-T is not contemplating taking on any devolved services. (iv) Martyn Twigg (Carden Group) re pre-planning Land North of Taunton Rd replied <i>"We are still working through our proposals but we will ensure that your comments and observations are incorporated into our plans."</i> (v) The gifts for Ben Tingay and Steve Wadham have been purchased and delivered. (vi) Joe Frost has kindly agreed to hold the key for the noticeboard (on right hand side of Memorial Hall), after it was agreed that this board belongs to the Memorial Hall.
23/107	Planning Matters	(i) Planning application – 26/23/0005/CQ (Barns behind Toogoods, East Nynehead) Decision of Prior Approval Approved (Conditional) was made on 05/12/2023
23/108	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scribe Receipts and Payments - noted (ii) The budget for 2024-25 was unanimously approved. Members spent time discussing the relative merits of various reserve values, with the prospect of Somerset Council ceasing funding of some services, termed 'Service Devolution' and the need to replenish reserves. This enables the Clerk to set the precept demand at £8617. This is an increase on last year due to: a) The cost of the maintenance grants for All Saints Church burial ground and the Jubilee Playing Field which Somerset Council will no longer fund. b) The cost of the Nynehead Speed Reduction scheme.

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		<p>(iii) The following response to Somerset Council's Asset and Services Devolution was approved - Nynehead Parish Council does not feel able to take over the responsibility of any of the devolved services in the financial year 2024-25. However, in order to consider and plan for the subsequent financial year, it would be helpful if you [Somerset Council] would provide an indication of the current cost of the following services (various highways maintenance).</p> <p>(iv) Grant for Nynehead Natters Somerset Community Foundation has granted Nynehead Parish Council £400.00 for Providing a Christmas party and subsequent soup and roll lunches for isolated people in our community.</p> <p>(v) Mrs Rachael Ball Risk attended her last meeting before commencing her maternity leave. All Members thanked her for all her work on the Parish Council and wished her and her new baby well.</p>
23/109	Police Report	<p>(i) Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There were 6 calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of November. This call involved: 1 Harassment 1 Vehicle offence/robbery – domestic incident 1 Fraud 1 Theft of collection tin 2 Harassment There were 1 report of ASB across the Wellington rural beat.</p>
23/110	Rights of Way	<p>(i) No issues were reported</p>
23/111	Highways	<p>(i) Automated Flood Signs from Dr Bel Deering, Community Engagement Officer – Somerset Rivers Authority –<i>“there is a lot of support for the signs and an understanding of the need. There is talk of organising a site visit as one of the next steps and so it seems, to my mind, that things are looking pretty positive.”</i></p> <p>(ii) Nynehead Speed Reduction – Somerset Council issued an invoice for payment. Mr Vest has kindly made a schedule of defects (mainly poor quality or missing roundels). Nynehead Parish Council will ask Somerset Highways to set out a proposal for remedying these defects.</p>
23/112	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary (273.23) and Expenses (113.61) Total £386.85</p> <p>(b) Clerk's backpay 157 hours @£1/hr Total £157</p> <p>(c) Mrs M King – Nynehead Natters 24th Nov, 15th Dec £96.43</p> <p>(d) Dr J Butterley – Joomla Hosting + disc space £40.18</p>
23/113	Correspondence	<p>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</p> <p>(i) https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/precept/</p>
23/114	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (15th January 2024):</p> <p>(i) Speed Reduction Update</p>