

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26th February 2024 AT
THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.15

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest– Mr J Toye - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. Members of the public - Frank Meadows and Paul Harfield. Marion King attended the first part of the meeting.	
24/127	Apologies	Mrs R Ball Risk (Maternity Leave) Somerset Councillor Dave Mansell, PCSO Henderson.
24/128	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
24/129	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 th January were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/130	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jacqui Young the Village Agent has been invited to attend Nynehead Natters but so far has not done so. (ii) A register of dates will be kept by the Clerk to record when the Nynehead roads crossing the River Tone are impassable due to flooding. (iii) Marion King (Nynehead Natters co-ordinator) gave a short talk to the Members about Nynehead Natters which has now been running for 2 years. The sessions, which are open to all, are held on two Friday afternoons each month. (iv) NPC response to the pre-planning consultation W W was sent to SC Cllrs Gwil Wren and Dave Mansell (v) The Clerk’s appraisal has been undertaken
24/131	Planning Matters	(i) Planning Application – none discussed
24/132	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted (ii) Taunton Brewhouse is registered as a charity and has been made aware that their grant from Somerset Council is being withdrawn over the next year. This grant has provided them with much of the resources to benefit our local communities with creative opportunities and projects. Taunton Brewhouse has asked if the Parish Council might be able to make a small contribution towards their community outreach projects. Mr J Toye kindly offered to research their community outreach projects and to report to Nynehead Parish Council at the next meeting. (iii) The Absence Management Policy, Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Data Protection Policy were reviewed and adopted. (iv) Members Confirmed that the Asset Register is correct. (v) All Members will have access to Scribe to view the accounting records for Nynehead Parish Council. A protocol for undertaking quarterly bank reconciliations will be approved at the March meeting as the Blue Account Book will not be used after 31st March. (vi) The Internal Audit by Jill Larcombe is booked for 11th April 2024. (vii) Following the LCN Meeting on 6th February Nynehead Parish Councillors Mr M Vest was nominated for the Highways working group and Mr J Toye for the Public Transport/communications working group. (viii) Nynehead Precept – The rate for a Band D property will rise from £37.64 in 2023-24 to £47.36 in 204-25. This represents an increase of 25.82% for Band D properties and 28.13% for the Precept.

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		(ix) Somerset Councillor Gwil Wren reported that Somerset Council has now set a balanced budget for the 24/25 financial year but in doing so has had to sell many assets and use up all of its reserves.
24/133	Police Report	(i) Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There were 5 police reports for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of January. This call involved: 3 x Assault – Domestic 1x Threats to kill a police officer 1 x Malicious communication 0 - Reports of Antisocial Behaviour (ii) https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32961500/courier-fraud-information.pdf
24/134	Rights of Way	Joe Frost (Footpath Liaison Officer) read the following report – <i>Footpaths are at the moment very muddy and treacherous. Please be careful. It is nice to see the electric sheep fence on the footpath behind the Village Hall has the correct warning signs. Thanks to all.</i> <i>A Finger Post is broken on the entrance to the Fruit Farm on the Oake Road (WG 8/1) and needs replacing. The Finger Post at East Nynehead near Toogood's Farm (WG 8/3) is still missing.</i>
24/135	Highways	(i) Nynehead Speed Reduction. In December Members requested some remedial works to the scheme. This is the reply from Kate Brown, Traffic Engineer for Somerset Council - <i>I have just heard back from our contractor regarding the peeling roundels and the missing one.</i> <i>They are planning to carry out works to install the missing roundels and refresh the ones that are peeling.</i> <i>They need to wait until the weather is better, warmer and dryer to do this and I will update you once I hear back from them.</i> <i>In the meantime we have added the SLOW adjacent to pedestrian warning sign and the missing National Speed limit sign to our list for submission to the new contractor in April. We will have to install a new post with the National Speed limit on as the angle of the 20 sign is such that you can't see the back of it so another post on the opposite side of the road is needed.</i> (ii) Automated Flood Signs Mr J Toye and SC Cllr Gwil Wren have a site meeting arranged with the surveyor to discuss the placement of signs on the Nynehead Road.
24/136	Receipts and Payments	(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for: (a) The Clerk's Salary (£310.50) and Expenses (£28.99) Total £339.49 Prop: Mrs A Harcombe, Sec: Mr J Toye (b) Ms M King, Nynehead Natters 26/01 + 9/02 £104.96 Prop: Mrs A Harcombe, Sec: Mr J Toye (c) Nynehead Memorial Hall (PC mtgs x 4 £72 +NN mtgs x 7 £112) £184. Prop: Mrs A Harcombe, Sec: Mr J Toye
24/137	Correspondence	<u>For information only</u> www.somersetsight.org.uk http://www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk/
24/138	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (25 th March 2024): (i) Cllrs to check their Declarations of Interest are up to date. (ii) Review contribution to Taunton Brewhouse (iii) Review Risk Assessment