

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 20.55

Present	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk – Mrs V Hebditch (Newly appointed Clerk) - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer). Mr G Wren (District Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. There was one member of the public.
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23/001	Apologies	PCSO Henderson
23/002	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
23/003	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 14 November 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.
23/004	Actions from the previous meeting	There were no <u>Actions from the previous meeting</u>
23/005	Planning Matters	There were no <u>Planning Matters</u>
23/006	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) The Clerk reported the cost for Band D properties, received in December, using the SCC published Local Tax Base. The Local Tax Base is calculated using the sum of properties within all the council tax bandings (A-H) in the Parish and discounts applied to these properties. These can vary from year to year. The Band D equivalent Tax Charge for 2023/24 in Nynehead will be £37.64 per annum. Compared to last year, this represents a small decrease of £2.40 per annum/£0.20 pence per month. The Council agreed, unanimously, that the Precept for 2023/24 would remain at £6725. This will, again, include £400 to boost the reserves which is considered good practice. Keeping the Precept the same will mean that there will be no percentage increase.</p> <p>(ii) The Bank reconciliation for the 1st October – 31st December 2022 was agreed and signed.</p> <p>(iii) Mrs R Ball Risk updated members on the current state of the Nynehead website. The framework is now, largely, in place and it is now time to address the hosting of both this and the archive site. Whereas the domain will remain with Joomla, the hosting of both sites needs to change to Cloudways and remaining charges be paid. The Clerk has been asked to draft a position statement concerning the website to assist the incoming Clerk.</p> <p>(iv) The Clerk provided an update on the proposed diversion of footpaths in Bradford on Tone, which she received from Rachel Pearce, Senior Rights of Way Officer at SCC. Both support and objections have been received for this proposal and clarification sought. Options in light of the responses to the consultation are now being reviewed and a decision as to whether or not this application can proceed is expected soon. In the meantime, Network Rail have carried out their improvement works to the crossing although the path still remains officially closed due to the dangerous bridge issue.</p> <p>(v) Mrs V Hebditch has been appointed as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Nynehead Parish Council, starting on the 1st February 2023.</p>

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		<p>(vi) Following the recent resignation of Mr G Stead, the Parish Council is now seeking a new member to bring it up to full strength. Notice of this Casual Vacancy is on the Nynehead website and on the three noticeboards. If no election is requested by the 6th February 2023, it is hoped that a new councillor can be co-opted at the next PC meeting on the 20th February 2023. Expressions of interest should be directed to the Clerk nyneheadclerk@gmail.com or to the Chairman jan@nyneheadfruit.co.uk. Mr G Stead was warmly thanked for all he has done as a councillor over the past three and a half years to benefit the Parish. The position of the Vice Chair will be decided at the next PC meeting. Mr Nick Povey has kindly agreed to take over the task of conducting the monthly safety check of the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>(vii) Mr M Vest informed councillors about training sessions he is trying to organise on how to perform CPR and the use of an AED defibrillator. Wivey First Responders have agreed to conduct some training for free. It is hoped to arrange four hands on sessions, each limited to a maximum of twelve people at a time. A flyer will be distributed to all households in the Parish with the dates and times and bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Nynehead Parish Council agreed to pick up the costs of Hall hire, the provision of refreshments and a charitable contribution to Wivey First Responders.</p> <p>(viii) The expenditure for the months of November and December was reviewed against the budget set for 2022/2023. The Council is still operating comfortably within Budget with sufficient reserves. The Clerk shared confirmation she had received from SWTC that the grant funding for the Burial Ground and for the Jubilee Playing Field is secure for 2023/24. However, any further funding arrangement for future years will be subject to discussions with the new Somerset unitary authority next year.</p>
23/007	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There were three calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of December 2022. These involved one incident of Public Order and two of Malicious Communication. There were no reports of antisocial behaviour.</p>
23/008	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. With all the recent rain, the footpaths remain extremely muddy and slippery. Care is urged when using them.</p> <p>(ii) There have been reports of sheep worrying in the big field behind Nynehead Court from the Three Arch Bridge to Long Copse. Chasing sheep stresses the animals and can cause them to abort unborn lambs. All dogs should be kept on leads when near sheep. Dog owners should be aware that farmers are within their legal rights to shoot any dogs seen to be worrying sheep. Please heed the warning.</p> <p>(iii) Mr Ben Tingay and Mr Steve Wadham expressed their thanks for the voucher and wine they received, respectively, from the PC for their help in managing the Parish footpaths over the summer months.</p>
23/009	Highways	<p>(i) The Clerk has now received confirmation from SCC Traffic Management that the TRO, for the implementation of speed limits on all the approaches to Nynehead, will be advertised in the Somerset County Gazette on the 19th January. If no objections are received in the three week period that this is advertised, the works order will be sent to the contractor for the works to be programmed. Kate Brown, from Traffic Management, is going to liaise with the team dealing with the Lidl Development to see if this project can be tied in with their works/speed limit changes.</p>

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23/010	Receipts and Payments	<p>The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for November 2022 (£284.16) and Expenses (£103.48) Total £387.64 Cheque No.000940 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(b) The Clerk’s Salary for December 2022 (£284.16) and Expenses (£20.00) Total £304.16 Cheque No.000941 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(c) Nynehead Memorial Hall Hire £52.00 (3 x NPC mtgs – 17/10, 14/11 2022 & 16/01 2023) Cheque No.000942 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(d) Nynehead Memorial Hall Hire £61.00 (4 x N’Head Natters mtgs – 18/11, 02/12, 16/12 2022 & 06/01 2023) Cheque No.000943 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(e) Mrs M.S. King £145.08 (Organisation & provisions for Nynehead Natters on 18/11, 16/12 2022 & 06/01 2023) Cheque No.000944 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(f) Dr Jan Butterley £3.40 (Joomla Wired Ltd – Additional Disc Space for nynehead.org) Cheque No.000945 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mrs A Harcombe</p> <p>(g) ICO (Data Protection) Direct Debit £35.00</p>
23/011	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Somerset Wildlife Trust 2023 Challenge Event Calendar* www.somersetwildlife.org</p> <p>(ii) Temporary closure of Nynehead Road, from 55 metres north of the junction with Cades Roundabout, northwards for a total distance of 150 metres. This order will enable Soldi, on behalf of SCC – Small Improvement Scheme, to carry out surfacing works for the new Lidl build. The works are expected to commence on 13th February 2023 and last until 14th February 2023 between the hours of 00.00-23.59 for a total of two days.* For further information please contact Soldi on 0333 339 4564 quoting reference: ttro311736TD.</p>
23/012	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (20th February 2023)</p> <p>(1) Mr M Vest requested an update on training organised for CPR and the use of an AED defibrillator</p> <p>(2) Mr M Vest requested an update on any response from SCC on the reporting of the blocked gullies and drains on the Chipley Road and Nynehead Road and the need for new flood markers on the Nynehead Road.</p>