

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.08**

<b>Present</b>	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. Frank Meadows also attended.	
24/115	Apologies	PCSO Henderson, Mrs R Ball Risk is on maternity leave
23/116	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
23/117	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> were approved and signed as a correct record.
23/118	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) <b>Airband:</b> Very little information has been forthcoming from Airband regarding timing and extent of the fibre-broadband roll out. It seems that priority may be given to properties where the current broadband speed is less than 30mb/s. There is more information available at <a href="https://www.airband.co.uk/broadband-coverage-checker/">https://www.airband.co.uk/broadband-coverage-checker/</a></p> <p>(ii) <b>Somerset Council Service Devolution</b> Nynehead Parish Council submitted their response last month. The reply from Scott Weetch (SC Community Resilience Manager) confirmed that Nynehead Parish Council would not contribute to service devolution in the coming financial year but that most of the services that Nynehead could require would be covered by a highway ranger type role, with the yearly cost in the region of £50,000 per ranger.</p> <p>(iii) The Nynehead Parish Council <b>Precept</b> demand form was submitted to Somerset Council and confirmation of receipt has been received</p>
23/119	Planning Matters	Members had a wide ranging discussion on planning matters, with additional in depth knowledge from Somerset Councillor Gwil Wren concerning the multiple applications for housing schemes on the northern and eastern outskirts of Wellington. The views of the Members is summed up in this extract from Nynehead Parish Council’s recent response to one of these pre-planning consultations: <i>“We feel that the proposed schemes, amounting to almost 1,000 homes in all, as well as commercial outlets and the railway halt should be considered together. While there is clearly a demand for housing in our region, and access to more options for shopping and travel facilities may be welcome, there is also some concern that the rural character of the area may be impacted adversely, as well as putting pressure on narrow lanes, schools and other amenities. In particular, provision of additional health care facilities should be considered, bearing in mind that the Wellington Medical Centre already covers a very wide catchment area.”</i>
23/120	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Scribe Receipts and Payments - noted</p> <p>(ii) Quarterly Bank Reconciliation -approved</p> <p>(iii) The <b>Date for February PC Meeting</b> was agreed, <b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>, not the 19<sup>th</sup> as previously published.</p> <p>(iv) The Equal Opportunities Policy, Grievance Policy and Complaints Procedure were reviewed and adopted.</p> <p>(v) Councillors Dr J Butterley and Mr J Toye will undertake Clerk’s appraisal on 26<sup>th</sup> February.</p>

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23/121	Police Report	(i) Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There were 1 calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of December. This call involved: 1 Drug offence There was 1 report of ASB in this area.
23/122	Rights of Way	(i) <b>Footpath Report for January from Joe Frost</b> (Footpath Liaison Officer) <i>-The footpaths are at last drying up but dog poo is still a very big problem. Please clean up after your pets, dog mess can cause disease in our doggy friends.</i> <i>- There are a lot of sheep in the Nynehead area at the moment, most will be in lamb so it is essential that dogs are kept away from the sheep.</i> <i>- Would landowners and tenants please ensure that electric fences are properly signed where they are next to public footpaths. Thank you.</i>
23/123	Highways	(i) <b>Nynehead Speed Reduction</b> Following the last Parish Council meeting Members submitted a schedule of defects to Kate Brown (Traffic Officer SC). This is her reply: <i>Thank you for your feedback and I am sorry to hear that some of the roundels are starting to peel off. I have forwarded to our contractor to let them know and I shall be out to inspect early in January. It looks like we missed off the National speed limit sign from outside Lift Cottage so we will need to install a new post in the new financial year. I will check the spacing of roundels and repeaters signs between Nynehead Court to Haywards Farm.</i> (ii) <b>Flooding of Nynehead Roads</b> - Members agreed that the Clerk would keep a list of dates when the roads in to/out of Nynehead are impassable to non-SUV cars. It is thought that the Nynehead Road was closed due to flooding on 8 occasions in 2023. A list with dates could be a useful tool in achieving funding for both better signage and increased flood resilience for Nynehead.
23/124	Receipts and Payments	(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for: (a) The Clerk’s Salary for Dec (£273.24) and Expenses (£20) Total <b>£293.24</b> Prop by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec by Mr J Toye. (b) Ms M King (Nynehead Natters 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>£53.97</b> Prop by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec by Mr J Toye
23/125	Correspondence	<u>For information only</u> (i) <a href="http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk">www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk</a> (ii) <a href="mailto:wildlifeneeds@somersetwildlife.org">wildlifeneeds@somersetwildlife.org</a>
23/126	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024):