

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 19.34 and concluded at 21.16**

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – PCSO Henderson - Mr G Wren (District Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. There were no members of the public.	
22/075	Apologies	Mrs A Harcombe
22/076	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
22/077	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 20th June 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.
22/078	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) <b><u>Footpath maintenance in neighbouring parishes</u></b> – with the current uncertainty concerning regular footpath maintenance in and around Nynehead, the Clerk was instructed to contact neighbouring parishes to ascertain their practice. Oake has a volunteer footpath warden who carries out regular maintenance of the paths and paid help is used when necessary, to do additional strimming around parks, and other village areas to keep them looking tidy. Langford Budville has an active group of conservation volunteers who cut paths in the wildflower area and they employ SWTC to cut the main triangle area. Their footpath warden reports back on any issues to the PC. In Bradford on Tone, SCC maintain the main footpaths to bus stops and they pay to get the hedges trimmed. Sometimes they have volunteers to help.</p> <p>(ii) <b><u>Request to Lidl for contribution towards costs of speed implementation</u></b> – in recognition of the fact that the volume of traffic passing through Nynehead to access the new Lidl store at the top of Nynehead Road is likely to increase, once open, the Clerk, as instructed by the councillors, contacted the Customer Services team of Lidl requesting a contribution towards the cost of the new speed implementations. Lidl indicated that contact volumes are currently extremely high. A further response is awaited.</p> <p>(iii) <b><u>External Audit</u></b> – the Clerk has received notification from the external auditors P K Littlejohn that the exempt status for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 submitted by Nynehead Parish Council has been logged. There were no areas of non-compliance and no reviews need to be performed.</p> <p>(iv) <b><u>Village Agent</u></b> – upon the request of councillors, the Clerk contacted Elaine Gardner (Village Agent) regarding suggestions for funding opportunities for Nynehead Natters. She agreed to make enquiries and she hopes to attend some Nynehead Natters meetings in the autumn. The Clerk has provided her with all the dates to Christmas 2022.</p>
22/079	Planning Matters	(i) To report planning application 26/22/0007 Erection of a timber lean-to to be used as a store to the side of the garage at Wimble Barn, Hornshay Farm, Nynehead Road, Nynehead. Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 24/06/22.
22/080	Parish Council Administration	(i) With an eye to the future, Mr Malcolm Vest gave members a brief overview on the benefits of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan. Once approved (after community engagement and a local referendum), a Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside the Local Plan on matters such as planning and local amenities and is used to determine planning

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		<p>applications. Not only would this enable residents to be actively involved and exercise some influence on the immediate area in which they live, it would also guarantee a 12 month grant of £10,000 (for expert support in drawing up the Plan) and, once approved, the Parish Council would receive CIL monies of 25% (uncapped) as opposed to 15% (capped). Whereas, together with external agencies, the Parish Council would be able to coordinate and support, it was agreed that an independent committee of interested members of the community would be best placed to commit to the necessary work involved in progressing such a Plan. Further information will be published in the next edition of the Nynehead News and, if enough interest is shown, the initiative could progress.</p> <p>(ii) The Bank reconciliation for the 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30th June 2022 was agreed and signed.</p> <p>(iii) The dates for Parish Council meetings in 2023 were confirmed and will be advertised on the Nynehead website.</p> <p>(iv) Mrs Rachael Ball Risk gave a further update on the new Nynehead website. Mobile optimisation, compliancy checks and an accessibility statement remain outstanding. Members are concerned about the length of time this is taking and the Clerk has been instructed to contact Mr Lee Vickery from Boost It Media requesting a completion date for these tasks. In the event of no response, alternative provision will be pursued.</p>
22/081	Police Report	<p>(i) PCSO Henderson gave her monthly report. There were three calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of June 2022. These involved one incident of assault against a police officer and two cases of attempted fraud. There were no reports of antisocial behaviour. PCSO Henderson will be continuing with her hot spot patrols.</p> <p>(ii) The Nynehead Neighbourhood Watch Scheme issued a warning about phishing scams and useful contacts in the event of becoming a victim to this type of fraud. Details of this are posted on the website and on the notice board by the Memorial Hall.</p>
22/082	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. Many of the footpaths have been strimmed by Mr Ben Tingay and Mr Steve Wadham has cut several paths with his tractor, particularly in the East Nynehead area. Walkers have remarked upon the good condition of the paths and the Parish Council is extremely grateful to both volunteers for all their assistance. Members agreed that if there are times when required maintenance exceeds the help available, the Parish Council will employ a paid contractor. Footpath WG14/4 between Wharf Cottage and the canal aqueduct, is currently rather overgrown but this will be addressed imminently. Several of the cornfields have now been cut, facilitating access to paths. The rest are likely to be cut shortly.</p> <p>(ii) Dog mess has become a problem again and several dogs in the Wellington area have been taken poorly with infections. <b>Dog owners are reminded to clear up after their pets and dispose of waste responsibly in the bins provided.</b></p> <p>(iii) Landowners and farmers are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back vegetation encroaching onto or overhanging a public right of way from their land and they should remove any trees or vegetation that have fallen across or onto a public right of way from their land.</p>
22/083	Highways	<p>(i) SCC Traffic Management has confirmed that they have received and cashed the deposit from Nynehead Parish Council for the sum of £1,800 as a deposit for the implementation of speed restrictions. The final detailed</p>

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		plan is now awaited. Once this has been agreed, the TRO can be advertised.
22/084	Receipts and Payments	<p>The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for June 2022 (£249.32) and Expenses (£20.00) Total £269.32 Cheque No.000917 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p> <p>(b) Mrs M.S.King £132.65 (Organisation &amp; provisions for Nynehead Natters on 24/06/22, 01/07/22, 15/07/22) Cheque No.000918 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p> <p>(c) SALC £25.00 (Code of Conduct Remote Training) Cheque No.000919 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p> <p>(d) Nynehead Memorial Hall Hire £45.00 ( 3 x N’Head Natters mtgs – 24/06, 01/07, 15/07 Cheque No.000920 Prop. by Dr J Butterley and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p>
22/085	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) Toneway- Creech Castle Improvements Project Bulletin July 2022*<a href="http://www.alungriffiths.co.uk">www.alungriffiths.co.uk</a></p> <p>(ii) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing July 2022*<a href="http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk">www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</a></p>
22/086	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022):