

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MARCH 2021.
MEETING HELD REMOTELY (VIA ZOOM) DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

The meeting started at 19.00 and concluded at 21.15

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mr T Powell-Gill - Mr M Vest - Mr G Stead. Mr G Wren (District Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. There were two members of the public.	
21/026	Apologies	PCSO Henderson – Mrs A Harcombe - Cat Sweatman (Village Agent) - Mr Joe Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer)
21/027	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
21/028	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 February 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.
21/029	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>(i) <u>Broken stile Chestnut Corner/Pony Paddocks) WG8/2</u> – the Clerk reported this to the landowners and they will try to repair it. Failing that, it will be replaced by a wooden kissing gate. A metal kissing gate would not be suitable due to the landscape value of the site, in a designated conservation area and listed on the parks and garden register.</p> <p>(ii) <u>SCC Traffic Management</u> – following the PC meeting in February, the Clerk submitted a plan and summary of the preliminary findings regarding speed management in the lanes around Nynehead and requested a second site visit, when feasible. As yet, and in spite of a reminder, there has been no response. Disappointingly also, the PC’s application to the SCC’s Climate Emergency Community Fund for funding towards the costs of traffic management measures, has been unsuccessful. Alternative sources of funding will be sought.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Website update</u> – the Clerk has written to all the contacts listed under the Community section of the Nynehead website to request an update of details so that the information published about each society, club and activity is accurate and relevant. Dr J Butterley kindly offered to edit and upload the material received. An updated list of useful contacts in Nynehead has also been put on the website and the noticeboards. The Clerk will research options for improving upon the current website and making it compliant with new legislation for the visually impaired.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</u> – the Clerk has been in touch with the Neighbourhood Watch Administrator for Avon and Somerset police who have advised that there are two active schemes operating in the Nynehead Parish. One local coordinator has been in touch and has kindly agreed to pass on any communications received from the police that will be relevant to this area. These alerts advise of criminal activity in the area and the Clerk will include this information in future monthly Minutes for the benefit of the whole community.</p> <p>(v) <u>East Nynehead Defibrillator</u> – one SP1 IPAD Defibrillator and External Unlocked Heated Cabinet have been purchased by the Parish Council for East Nynehead at a cost of £1,307.00. This will be delivered over the coming week and will be installed on the side wall of Langham House in the centre of East Nynehead. Training on the use of the defibrillator will be organised when it is safe to do so.</p>

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

21/030	Planning Matters	<p>(i) The members considered Planning Application 26/21/0001. Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with attached car port and construction of first floor at Oakridge, Nynehead. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Members supported the application but would like restrictions on any external lighting. The following condition is requested “National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 180 (c) and Taunton Deane Adopted Core Strategy 2011 – 2028, Clause 6.46, both recognise the importance of limiting the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local/residential amenity, dark landscapes and dark night skies. In order to minimise light pollution, it is recommended that any outdoor lights associated with this proposed development should be fully shielded or baffled/louvered, directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards), switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps), use low energy LED lamps and be designed by a competent person to comply with the current ILP Guidance Note (for Reduction of Obtrusive Light) GN01 and be approved as such by the Borough Council prior to installation/use”</p> <p>(ii) The members also considered Planning Application 26/21/0002/LEW Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the caravan as a single independent dwelling at Traumheim, Chipley Road, Nynehead. Application Type: S191 Existing Lawful Development (WEB) SWTC Planning Department is asked to look at the facts and legality of this and to take into account any representations that are made by local residents. If SWTC grant a certificate, Nynehead PC request that a condition regarding external lighting be made as follows “ National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 180 (c) and Taunton Deane Adopted Core Strategy 2011 – 2028, Clause 6.46, both recognise the importance of limiting the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local/residential amenity, dark landscapes and dark night skies. In order to minimise light pollution, we recommend that any outdoor lights associated with this proposed development should be fully shielded or baffled/louvered, directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards), switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps), use low energy LED lamps and be designed by a competent person to comply with the current ILP Guidance Note (for Reduction of Obtrusive Light) GN01 and be approved as such by the Borough Council prior to installation/use”</p> <p>(iii) The members considered Planning Application 26/21/0003/T Application to fell one Ash tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Nynehead No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1998 at 1 Monument View, Nynehead (TD818). Application Type: Felling of Tree(s) covered by TPO. Given the imminent threat this tree poses, members supported this application.</p>
21/031	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Mr J Hosking gave a very interesting presentation on Environmental Opportunities in the area and Community Benefit Societies with a wealth of examples and ideas for consideration. These will be discussed in greater depth at the next meeting with a view to compiling a list of concrete suggestions for the Annual Parish Meeting later in the summer.</p> <p>(ii) Members were asked to check the addresses in their area on the list used for distribution of the Nynehead News to ensure that everyone receives a copy and is not, inadvertently, left out. Confirmation at the next meeting.</p> <p>(iii) Measures are being taken by the Parish Council to combat local light pollution. The Viridor Waste Disposal site in Poole and the WJ South West asphalt contractors and the Council DLO and Prolift sites in Westpark are the worst offenders. Mr Powell-Gill has received an</p>

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

		<p>encouraging response from Viridor in which, upon receipt of illustrative photographs, they have agreed to liaise with their Electrical contractor with a view to directing the offending lights more towards the ground or, even, turning them off overnight altogether. It is hoped that this may act as a catalyst for other sites to take similar remedial action. If not, there may be grounds for enforcement. Mr Powell-Gill will undertake research on security lighting and crime prevention strategies on industrial properties.</p> <p>(iv) Members all agreed that a welcome pack for newcomers to Nynhead was a good initiative. It would consist of a two sided information sheet highlighting key aspects of the village and it would be delivered with the latest copy of the Nynhead News. It is hoped that this would be a useful first resource for newcomers and would serve as an introduction to life in Nynhead.</p> <p>(v) The Code of Conduct was reviewed. No changes were necessary and this was adopted by the Council.</p> <p>(vi) The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were also reviewed. No changes were necessary and these were adopted by the Council.</p> <p>(vii) The Assets Register was reviewed. No changes were necessary. Once installed, the defibrillator at East Nynhead will be added.</p> <p>(viii) Dr J Butterley and Mr G Stead will conduct the half yearly internal audit of accounts after Easter in the week commencing the 12th April 2021.</p> <p>(ix) In celebration of Somerset Day on Tuesday 11th May, councillors agreed to purchase two bundles of bunting displaying the Somerset flag in support of the initiative “Fly the Flag for Somerset”. The bunting will be displayed outside the Memorial Hall over the week leading up to Somerset Day.</p>
21/032	Police Report	<p>(i) In the absence of PCSO Henderson, the Clerk read out a report she had received. There were 9 calls into 101 and 999 for Nynhead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of February 2021. These calls involved flooding, fly tipping (Council dealing with issue), damage to a vehicle as it was driving through the lanes, two neighbour disputes (involving same parties) and 2 abandoned 999 calls – all parties were in order. There were no reports of antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>(ii) PCSO Henderson conducted a Community Speed Watch session in Langford Budville to support the group who are unable to continue whilst in lockdown. One driver was reported for speeding. PCSO Henderson has also been involved with proactive policing, patrolling the Wellington Rural Beat area and acting upon intelligence from the public or other police officers regarding drink/drug driving or supplying drugs. Fortunately, all stopped vehicles were in order.</p>
21/033	Rights of Way	<p>(i) In the absence of Mr Joe Frost (Parish Paths Liaison Officer), the Clerk read out a report she had received. The land behind the Under 5s School in Lower Nynhead is currently being cleared, leaving the footpath in a very boggy condition. It is hoped that this will be restored soon. In the meantime, walkers are asked to exercise care.</p> <p>(ii) There have been several recent expressions of concern about trees leaning precariously in The Hollow. One large tree has snapped off and is balanced right above the road. Urgent remedial action needs to be taken before there is a serious accident. The Clerk will inform the landowners.</p>
21/034	Highways	<p>(i) The Clerk had received no correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept.</p>

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

21/035	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary for February 2021 (£229.68) and Expenses (£20.00) Total £249.68 Cheque No.000849 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p> <p>(b) SALC (Training - Local Council Finance Explained) £25.00 Cheque No.000850 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Mr M Vest</p> <p>(c) Mr J Hosking £6.00 (Purchase of E-copy of Title Register and Plan with HMLR of Nynehead Memorial Hall) Cheque No.000851 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Dr J Butterley</p> <p>(d) London Hearts £1,307.00 Purchase of 1 x SP1 IPAD Defibrillator and External Unlocked Cabinet (Special Package Offer) Cheque No. 000852 Prop. by Mr G Stead and Sec. by Dr J Butterley</p>
21/036	Correspondence	<p>(i) <u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u>Somerset County Council CLOSURE OF HAM ROAD on the 1st April 2021 until the 5th April 2021 between the hours of 00:00 – 23.59 for a total of five days. All traffic will be prohibited from proceeding along Ham Road for a distance of 435.00 metres. This will enable KN Circet to carry out pole installation and tree cutting on behalf of BT Openreach. For further information on an alternative route see www.one.network. For information about the works being carried out contact KN Circet on 07929 831390 quoting the reference number ttro419333TD - BT - Ham Road, West Buckland.</p> <p>(ii) Somerset Unitary Consultation – the opportunity for members of the public to express views about the two proposals to create a Unitary authority in Somerset, follow this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset The consultation closes on Monday 19th April 2021. For information about the two proposals, visit the One Somerset website and the Stronger Somerset website</p>
21/037	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (19th April 2021):</p> <p>(i) Mr T Powell-Gill and Mr M Vest requested an update on the measures being taken to combat local light pollution</p> <p>(ii) Dr J Butterley requested a discussion on future initiatives and the ideas promoted in Mr J Hosking’s presentation on local environmental opportunities and Community Benefit Societies.</p>