

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 20.55 and concluded at 21.55**

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe –Mr J Toye – Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer). Mr F Meadows attended the first part of the meeting.	
24/082	Election of Chair	Election of Chairman (this item was taken by the out-going Chairman) and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the incoming Chairman.
24/083	Election of Vice-chair	Postponed until 17 <sup>th</sup> June
24/084	Register of Interest forms	Members noted that these are up to date.
24/085	Apologies	Mr M Vest, PSCO Henderson, Mr G Wren
24/086	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
24/087	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 <sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/088	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 3 year budget planning was reinstated into Financial Regulations and the website updated.</li> <li>(ii) <b>Insurance</b> - all Members should be aware that if it becomes necessary to claim for financial loss, Clear Council Insurance only allow a claim within 30 days of the loss (not 30 days of when the loss is detected) making it essential that all Cllrs with NPC bank account access regularly check the balances. Dr J Butterley agreed to check the account balances weekly.</li> <li>(iii) Response from Holly Regan-Jones re invitation to hold a <b>Repair Café</b> in Nynehead Memorial Hall: <i>After discussion at our recent steering group meeting, we have decided not to pursue this idea. We feel that as Nynehead is such a small place, there wouldn't be enough items to keep our menders busy, plus the fact that the village is so close to Wellington and therefore people could bring broken items to our bi-monthly cafe in the town.</i></li> <li>(iv) The Clerk contacted Kathleen Robinson, Road Safety Officer, <b>Community Speedwatch</b> asking for information to help Nynehead Parish Council work towards installation of a Speed Indicative Device (SID). Ms Robinson confirmed that there is no requirement for a community SpeedWatch team to be set up before a SID is installed.</li> <li>(v) Mrs A Harcombe has contacted Mr Ling (landowner) who has agreed to look at the potentially unstable stump on the north side of the Hollow.</li> </ul>
24/089	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>Planning Application 43/23/0056 – approved.</b> Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 200 No. dwellings, employment land, an internal spine road to facilitate a rail halt/station, public open space, drainage &amp; associated infrastructure on land north of Taunton Road, Longforth Park, Wellington. Mr J Toye attended the planning meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May and wrote the following report: The proposal submitted at today's meeting was <b>passed</b> by a large majority of the Planning Committee, only Gwil Wren voting against (on the basis of concern about the road access and about protection of the endangered bats). The planners now favour the original proposal to make the access to the housing and railway, with Nynehead Road having its own junction further away from the Taunton roundabout. But it was not possible to include in the plans submitted since discussions were continuing with the owner of the land to the north of the Lidl road, who is Lidl themselves. If access to the new land was not forthcoming, the existing road would remain the sole entry and exit for the site, in the same position. The new station/halt is now set to open in May 2026. Overall, an improved outlook for Nynehead Residents, but worrying that a re-siting of the junction has not been fixed in stone.</li> </ul>
24/090	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Scribe Payments and Receipts -noted</li> <li>(ii) Three year budget reference 3.3 of Financial Regulations reinstated -approved</li> </ul>

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		<p>(iii) Members approved the <b>Annual Governance and Accounting Report</b> forms for the external auditor and for publication on <a href="http://www.nynehead.org">www.nynehead.org</a></p> <p>(iv) The report from the <b>Internal Auditor</b> for 2024 was received by the Members. There were no matters of non-compliance and Mrs Jill Larcombe, Internal Auditor, had signed the internal audit section of the Audit return.</p> <p>(v) The <b>Annual Governance Statement for 2023/2024</b> A YES response was made to all the questions in Section 1 of the Annual Return 2023/2024 and this was signed by Dr J Butterley.</p> <p>(vi) The <b>Accounting Statement for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b> Section 2 of the Annual Return 2023/2024 was approved and signed by Dr J Butterley.</p> <p>(vii) <b>Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2023/2024</b> was approved and signed by Dr J Butterley.</p> <p>(viii) It was agreed that the <b>exercise of public rights</b> will take place to comply with the required 30 working days to include the first 10 working days in July 2024. All the necessary paperwork will be published on <a href="http://www.nynehead.org">www.nynehead.org</a></p> <p>(ix) Members approved the new Reserves Policy</p> <p>(x) Checks on the 3 notice boards and 2 benches were completed for the Risk Assessment. All were found to be in good order.</p> <p>(xi) Members agreed that all Policies and Procedures are updated as per the yearly Actions schedule.</p>
24/091	Police Report	<p>(i) There were 2 police reports for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of April.- 1 Harassment, 1 Assault. There were no reports of Antisocial Behaviour.</p>
24/092	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Report from the Footpath Liaison Officer, Mr J Frost – <i>Again, not too many problems on the paths. They are now drying out quite well. A fingerpost is missing on the Chipley Road, just past Dunelm where the track joins footpath WG 8/15</i></p>
24/093	Highways	<p>(i) <b>Nynehead Speed Reduction Scheme</b> Kate Brown, Highways Engineer for Somerset Council has confirmed – “ that once a speed limit is installed then it is up to us [Somerset Highways] to maintain the signs and lines to ensure it’s enforceable.</p> <p>The <b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> concluded with a question time, the main topic was flooding of all roads into Nynehead. Residents were urged to report flooding on the local roads using the link: <a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/">www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/</a> A high number of individual reports carries more weight with Somerset Highways and is more likely to result in drainage problems being rectified by the Highways Department.</p> <p>After an explanation that action against the flooding itself required funds not readily available, and an outline of planned new warning signs, the meeting discussed several options including individuals writing to our current MP and Somerset County officials expressing the whole village’s concern about flood-blocked roads.</p>
24/094	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary (222.46) and Expenses (58.96) Total <b>£281.42</b></p> <p>(b) HMRC - Clerk’s PAYE <b>£55.40</b></p> <p>(c) Ms M S King (Nynehead Natters 12/04,19/04,10/05) <b>£136.50</b></p> <p>(d) Nynehead Memorial Hall (3x PC mtgs £66, 6x N Natters mtgs £128) Total <b>£194</b></p> <p>(e) Scribe accounts (Annual Subscription) <b>£273.60</b></p> <p>(f) Jill Larcombe (Internal Audit Fee) <b>£65.75</b></p> <p>(g) Payroll Manager (Annual Subscription) <b>£98.40</b></p> <p>(h) Mrs R Ball Risk (123 reg Nynehead archive domain name annual subscription) <b>£14.39</b></p> <p>(i) Clear Councils Insurance Premium <b>£269</b></p> <p>(j) Somerset Council – Nynehead Speed Reduction scheme <b>£7575.64</b></p>
24/095	Items requested for the next agenda	<p>Items requested for the next Agenda (17<sup>th</sup> June 2024)</p> <p>(i) Election of Vice-Chair</p> <p>(ii) Discuss future funding and a new name for Nynehead Natters</p> <p>(iii) Discuss response to Mr G Kingsland</p> <p>(iv) Discuss NPC reserves.</p>