

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.50**

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk – Mr J Toye - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr G Wren (District Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. Mr F Meadows attended most of the meeting.	
23/094	Apologies	PCSO Henderson, District Cllr Dave Mansell, Cllr Mrs A Harcombe.
23/095	Declarations of Interest	There were Declarations of Interest regarding setting the budget from Mrs R Ball Risk (Chair of the Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field) and for Mr M Vest (Mrs R Vest is Church Warden for All Saints’ Church, Nynehead). There were no Dispensations.
23/096	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.
23/097	Actions from the previous meeting	(i) <b>Nynehead Cllr A Harcombe will be moving house.</b> The Clerk sought advice from the Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) and reported that - Moving house will not affect her seat, unless she resigns or her new home is more than 3 miles from the parish boundary. (ii) There has been no response from the email sent to the owner of The Old School building. Mr J Toye has kindly agreed to phone him to hear if there are any updates. (iii) There has been encouraging news regarding the <b>automated flood markers for Nynehead Road</b> . District Cllr Gwil Wren had a reply from Somerset Rivers Authority - <i>The good news is that what you are looking for has been tried before and assuming the road conditions allow there seems to be no obvious reason why a similar system to Martock cannot be installed. Hopefully a site meeting will be able to confirm this. I will contact Highways to confirm they are able to assist. Then we can try to get a site meeting set up.</i>
23/098	Planning Matters	(i) <b>Planning Application 43/23/0056 • Longforth Farm, Wellington,</b> Somerset Transport Assessment Addendum. - Safety concerns raised by Nynehead Parish Council regarding existing Nynehead Road access are not reflected in the Road Safety Audit and not a significant road safety issue. (ii) <b>Land North of Taunton Road consultation 20/10/23</b> Mr J Toye attended this online consultation and reported - <i>the proposal is for a housing development of 200-230 homes on land on the north side of Taunton Road between Nynehead Road and the A38. There could also be the development of a wetlands area to the north of the railway line in our parish to mitigate for phosphates. Somerset Councillor Gwil Wren said that while the creation of a wetlands area to the north of the railway line would be welcome from an ecological point of view, there were existing concerns about flooding levels in our parish which should be considered, particularly if flood depths were going to be affected. Martyn Twigg (Planning Director of the Carden Group Ltd) agreed, and suggested that section 106 funding from the development might be available to support schemes such as flood warning signs. He said he</i>

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		<p>would welcome guidance from those involved in local schemes. Mr Wren also stressed the need for careful assessment of possible leaching from the landfill site.</p> <p>Following discussion by Members, a letter was sent to Mr M Twigg, Planning Director of the Carden Group Ltd regarding the possibility of Section 106 funds from this development to support flood controls on key access routes into Nynehead.</p>
23/099	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Members approved <b>Maternity Leave for Mrs R Ball Risk</b> commencing in January 2024 and all being well, she will return on Monday 15th July 2024.</p> <p>(ii) Scribe Receipts and Payments were noted</p> <p>(iii) Members approved filing receipts and payments in Scribe only after March 2024</p> <p>(iv) The <b>Provisional budget for 2024-25</b> was discussed, more information regarding Somerset Council's Asset and Service Devolution is to be sought before the budget can be finalised. It was noted that there is a risk that Somerset Council will make cuts to services for 2024-25 to reduce their expenditure, which could result in additional new costs for the Parish.</p> <p>(v) <b>Nynehead.org</b> – a compliance audit will be undertaken</p>
23/100	Police Report	<p>There were 9 calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of October - 2 Criminal damage, 1 Theft, 4 Violence against the person, 1 Common assault and 1 Harassment</p> <p>Reports of Antisocial Behaviour - None for this area.</p>
23/101	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Mr Joe Frost (Footpath Liaison Officer) reported that there were no issues.</p>
23/102	Highways	<p>(i) <b>New Flood Markers</b> on Nynehead Road and East Nynehead Road. Kate Brown (Traffic Officer, Somerset Highways) reported: <i>I have emailed our survey team to check their availability over the winter and once they have been to site and taken levels I will send you a plan showing where the markers and signage will be located.</i></p>
23/103	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for October (251.02) and Expenses (23) Total <b>£274.02</b> Prop Mrs R Ball Risk, Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(b) Ms M King Nynehead Natters 20/10, 10/11 <b>£88.33</b> Prop Mrs R Ball Risk, Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(c) SALC Clerks Training course <b>£30</b> Prop Mrs R Ball Risk, Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(d) The Community Heartbeat Trust (Mem Hall Defib Annual support cost ) <b>£162.00</b> Prop Mrs R Ball Risk, Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(e) Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection annual renewal fee) <b>£35.00</b> Prop Mrs R Ball Risk, Sec Mr J Toye</p>
23/104	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only.</u> <a href="http://www.somersetsight.org.uk/">http://www.somersetsight.org.uk/</a></p>
23/105	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (18<sup>th</sup> December 2023)</p> <p>(i) Approve thank you gifts for Steve Wadham and Ben Tingay</p>