

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th November 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 22.15

Present	Dr J Butterley -Mr J Toye - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest– Mrs R Ball Risk. Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. Emma Giffard (Flood Resilience Engagement Adviser for the Environment Agency), Paul Harfield and Gary Sparks all attended the first part of the meeting.	
24/142	Apologies	– Mr J Frost (Footpaths Liaison Officer)
24/143	Declarations of Interest	There were Declarations of Interest for Mr M Vest (wife is Church Warden at All Saints Church) and Mrs R Ball Risk (Chair of the Jubilee Playing Field). There were no Dispensations.
24/144	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 7 th October were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/145	The Environment Agency	Emma Giffard (Flood Resilience Engagement Adviser for the Environment Agency) kindly accepted an invitation to talk to Members. The Environment Agency manages the flood risk from main rivers (but not the River Tone) and also monitors the quality of the watercourses. Emma discussed the need for communities to help themselves to become more resilient to flooding. The 2023-24 data shows this to be the wettest on record for the Rivers Axe and Brue and the fifth wettest for the River Tone catchment. Flooding is becoming so common place that is hardly newsworthy. She strongly advised Nynehead to develop an Emergency Plan and noted that driving into floodwater is the major cause of death due to flooding.
24/146	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A grant application was submitted for Somerset Community Foundation’s Festive Fund. Approval for the grant has been received with the monies expected by the end of November. (ii) Code of Conduct training was undertaken by Dr J Butterley, Mr J Toye, and the Clerk (iii) An email was sent to Mr Bryant’s agent - to ask Mr Bryant to take urgent action to lessen the risk of field mud and silt blocking the drains at East Nynehead and therefore to reduce the risk of flooding for nearby properties. (iv) Response to Planning application 43/24/0092 internal spine road etc at Longforth- Nynehead Parish Council is strongly opposed to the use of the current 'Lidl' junction with Nynehead Road for this planning application. The current road layout, where traffic entering and exiting the Lidl store will use the same road to link with this proposed spine road for the new housing development, is too close to the traffic island with the main road into Wellington. Councillors and residents have witnessed numerous near misses due to cars exiting Lidl pulling out in front of vehicles continuing along the Nynehead Road due to the vehicles left indicator not cancelling because the roundabout and the 'Lidl' left turning are in such close proximity. (v) Nynehead Archive will be ‘switched off’ due recent to malware alerts. (vi) Mr J Toye and the Clerk attended Nynehead Natters on 1st November to chat to attendees about how to run the group with reduced funding. (vii) The Clerk’s salary will now be paid for 28 hours per month.
24/147	Planning Matters	(i) Planning Application 43/24/0105 Proposal: Application for the approval of reserved matters following outline application 43/23/0056 for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the station square including hard and soft

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		landscaping, mobility hub, and Wellington Monument pyramidion on land north of Taunton Road, Longforth Park, Wellington – no comment
24/148	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted</p> <p>(ii) Discuss the draft budget for 2025-26 – Members compared spending for this current financial year with projected costs for each cost code in 2025-26 in order to prepare a budget on which to set the precept. When the grant for All Saints Church Burial Ground was discussed Mr M Vest left the room, when the grant for the Jubilee Playing Field was discussed Mrs R Ball Risk left the room.</p> <p>(iii) Safeguarding Policy - approved</p> <p>(iv) A response to the Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting for Meetings Consultation was discussed and agreed.</p> <p>(v) Members discussed Nynehead Natters funding and how to support the continuation of this important village group. It was agreed to work with attendees to help the group work towards becoming self-funding, although this is not envisaged to be until the autumn of 2025.</p>
24/149	Police Report	Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There were 0 police report for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of October. Reports of Antisocial Behaviour -0
24150	Rights of Way	(i) Report from Footpath Liaison Officer Mr Joe Frost – <i>Can I please remind farmers and tenants to reinstate footpaths after recent ploughing, thank you in advance. The finger post on the entrance to the fruit farm (WG8/1) on the Oak Road is still missing. A temporary above ground pipe is going to be installed between Blackdown View and the Memorial Hall in connection with the sewage works. Please be careful when walking along this path.</i>
24/151	Highways	<p>(i) Update on automated flood markers – NPC will be seeking clarification on quotes and grants for this project.</p> <p>(ii) Update on Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs) –Having inspected the proposed sites for SIDs it is now apparent that due to visibility requirements the SID near to the Playing Field entrance will have to be sited where there is a nearby tree. This over-shadowed area will require a battery powered SID. Also in order to apply for the MOU (prior to applying for a grant) names of Chapter 8 accredited officers who will be deploying the device are required.</p> <p>(iii) An update on the Wessex Water sewer repairs – thanks to Mrs R Ball Risk who contacted Wessex Water to ensure that in the event of flooding of the roads in and out of Nynehead, work would be suspended on the sewer in order that the resilient route for Nynehead via the road to Langford Budville would remain open. Residents recently received a letter from confirming this.</p>
24/152	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk’s Salary (283.04) and Expenses (20.00) Total £303.04</p> <p>(b) HMRC (Clerk’s Tax for October) £70.60</p> <p>(c) Ms Marion King (Nynehead Natters 4/10, 18/10 +1/11) £134.48</p> <p>(d) Community Heartbeat Trust (N’head defib Annual Support Fee) £162.00</p> <p>(e) Information Commissioner’s Office (Data Protection Fee) £40</p> <p>(f) Mrs R Ball Risk (123Reg Domain transfer Nynehead.org) £20.39</p> <p>(g) SALC (outstanding invoice 0628 from 30/04/2022) £25</p>
24/153	Correspondence	
24/154	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (16 th December 2024):

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