

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2021 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 20.20 and concluded at 21.48

Present	Dr J Butterley – Mr G Stead - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr J Frost (Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer) – Mr J Hunt (County Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. There were no members of the public.	
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21/102	Apologies	Mr G Wren (District Councillor) – Cat Sweatman (Village Agent)
21/103	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
21/104	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 16 th August 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.
21/105	Actions from the previous meeting	<p>1) SCC Reconnecting Communities Fund – Nynehead Parish Council has been successful in its application and has been awarded a grant of £1,500. This money will be used to hire the Memorial Hall one afternoon every fortnight over a six month trial period and pay a coordinator to organise activities, according to demand, and provide tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome and we hope that residents will enjoy the opportunity to socialise in a warm, friendly environment. There will also be the opportunity to bring and buy homemade produce and craftwork. It is hoped to get this project underway as soon as is feasible.</p> <p>2) CIL payment – at the end of October 2021, Nynehead Parish Council will receive £1,183.77 of CIL funds (Community Infrastructure Levy) relating to the development at Perry Farm, East Nynehead. This money gives the Parish Council the flexibility to invest in a range of infrastructure such as (but not limited to) social, community, sporting and recreational facilities. Any money received has to be spent within a five year period. For clarification, the Clerk will contact SWTC to establish exactly how this amount was calculated.</p> <p>3) Telephone box – Nynehead telephone box currently serves as a free lending library. Residents are invited to borrow books and donate any that they no longer require. As space is limited, paperbacks are preferable. Heavy training manuals or obscure tomes that others are unlikely to want to read should not be left. After many years of meticulous management of this facility, Rosemary Lea is handing over the responsibility to Zen Bellamy. The Parish Council is very grateful to Zen for volunteering to take on this responsibility and, indeed, to Rosemary for the time and effort she has devoted over the years to maintaining this facility for all to enjoy.</p> <p>4) Blocked gullies – thanks to the five requests that Malcolm Vest has made to SCC regarding the blocked drains, action has finally been taken and the gullies in Nynehead and East Nynehead have all recently been cleared. The dead tree near the bridge over the river Tone on Ash Road has also been reported and should be dealt with soon.</p>
21/106	Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting	<p>Electors made the following suggestions based on the list of possible initiatives presented by the Parish Council:</p> <p>1) Should the idea of creating a shop/Post Office at the Hall be pursued, it was suggested that contact should be made with Oake Post Office as they have considerable experience in this field. However, councillors feel that</p>

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		<p>Nynehead lacks the population and infrastructure to realise this goal at the current time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Given the narrowness of some of the lanes around Nynehead, it was suggested that there should be more signs warning of a single lane with passing bays. Councillors agreed this was a sensible measure and would look at this later, following the introduction of speed restrictions. 3) The creation of a committee for young residents was put forward to meet their specific needs. It was felt, however, that their requests for a hard surface track and exercise equipment have already been addressed in the survey conducted by the Jubilee Playing Field. Once the suitability and safety of the designated areas of the Jubilee Playing Field have been assessed and approved, some members of the committee will go and view the equipment at Wiveliscombe and Norton Fitzwarren. They will then seek quotes for various options from contractors and discuss insurance before presenting to the PC (with the potential of allocating some CIL money for this project). 4) It was agreed that it would be more effective to rank the suggested initiatives for Nynehead according to feasibility and benefit for different segments of the community. Short, medium and long term goals could then be established. 5) There was an enquiry about the Nynehead Community Fund. Although it is disappointing that, currently, the money is not being put to any active use, it is understood that it is still available as a loan for projects within the community. The difficulty in managing the fund lies with the number and health of the remaining trustees and it is hoped that this can be resolved as soon as possible.
21/107	Planning Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To report planning application 26/21/0006/CQ Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations at Barn A, Havilands Farm, East Nynehead 2) Decision of Prior Approval Approved (Conditional) was made on 08/09/2021 3) To report planning application 26/21/0007/LEW Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the caravan and buildings adjoining as a single independent dwelling at Traumheim, Chipley Road, Nynehead. 4) Decision of Refusal was made on 24/09/2021. 5) (iii) The members considered planning application 26/21/0008 Erection of an outbuilding for use as a workshop and for the storage of firewood, garden machinery and tools at Mill House, Luckham Bridge Road, Nynehead. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. The Council has no objections to this application other than restrictions on any external lighting to reduce impact upon adjoining properties. 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”

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21/108	Parish Council Administration	<p>(i) The Bank reconciliation for the 1st July – 30th September 2021 was agreed and signed.</p> <p>(ii) The expenditure for the months of August and September was reviewed against the budget set for 2021/2022. The balance remains pleasingly healthy. Councillors agreed that as expenditure is now being reviewed against the budget on a monthly basis, it is no longer necessary to produce a specific expenditure report after six months.</p> <p>(iii) Dr J Butterley and Mr G Stead will conduct the half yearly internal audit of the Council's Accounts.</p> <p>(iv) Dr J Butterley and Mr M Vest attended the meeting for Town and Parish Councils organised by SCC in September to impart further information about how Somerset may proceed as a unitary authority. In line with the model promoted by the unitary authority of Wiltshire, it is proposed that a number of community networks will be established to identify needs and issues. These networks will not have any involvement in Planning or Highways and access to meaningful funding is likely to be extremely limited. It is unlikely, therefore, that small rural parishes will see any financial benefit. However, it is expected that these networks will focus on local community projects and champion a selection of specific schemes. Whether Nynehead joins the proposed Wellington Town & adjoining Parishes Local Community Network (to provide a stronger lobbying platform for any applicable community funds) remains under review pending further information on how the Local Community Networks will function under the new Unitary Authority.</p> <p>(v) Mrs Carole Darby reported the light pollution currently emanating from the sewage treatment works at Tonedale. Councillors agreed that the degree of lighting was unnecessarily wasteful but less obtrusive than in other locations. Mr M Vest will investigate further.</p> <p>(vi) The monthly check of the defibrillator at the Nynehead Memorial Hall will now be conducted by a rotation of councillors ahead of each Parish Council meeting. Mr G Stead will liaise with Mr Frank Meadows and instruct councillors accordingly. The Council is grateful to Mr Meadows for volunteering to conduct the checks in recent months in the absence of Mr Powell-Gill.</p> <p>(vii) Councillors all agreed that a gift voucher for the sum of £75.00 from the Waitrose/John Lewis Partnership should be awarded to Mr Ben Tingay in recognition of all the strimming he has kindly volunteered to do over the summer months. His work has contributed significantly to the good maintenance of the footpaths in the Parish.</p> <p>(viii) The Council agreed to contribute towards the funding of the celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022 but will not decide upon the amount until concrete plans are in place and needs determined.</p> <p>(ix) Following the award of a grant from SCC to open up and reconnect communities, the Clerk will initiate proceedings for creating the opportunity for residents to gather socially in the Memorial Hall once fortnightly and enjoy refreshments and company. She will liaise with the booking secretary of the Memorial Hall to establish hiring availability and will also have a preliminary meeting with two volunteers to discuss logistics and management. She will report back at the PC meeting in November.</p>
21/109	Police Report	<p>1) PCSO Henderson gave her monthly report. There were nine calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of September 2021. These involved three road related incidents (some affected by flooding), one domestic disturbance, one</p>

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		<p>assault, two concerns for welfare, one fraud related issue, one missing person (located), one incident of suspicious behaviour and one act of antisocial behaviour involving a neighbour.</p> <p>2) PCSO Henderson will be continuing with her hot spot patrols.</p>
21/110	Rights of Way	<p>1) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer, gave his monthly report. The Annual Parish Footpath walk took place last month. Although numbers were down slightly on previous years, the walk was enjoyed by all together with the fine weather.</p> <p>2) Ploughing, in all surrounding fields, is now taking place in earnest. Landowners and farmers are politely reminded that the footpaths should be reinstated as soon as possible.</p> <p>3) Two finger posts have gone missing – one from East Nynehead on the Bradford Road WG8/3 and the other opposite Clavengers on the Ash Road WG8/4. It is hoped that these will be replaced as soon as possible. Mr Frost will also be replacing some missing Way Markers in the near future.</p>
21/111	Highways	<p>1) The Clerk received a brief reply to her emails last week one hour before the PC meeting. Traffic Management is still not in a position to give a decision on the amended speed limits suggested by the Parish Council. Further analysis of the speed data needs to be done. It is hoped that a response can be made by mid-November.</p>
21/112	Receipts and Payments	<p>1) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Clerk's Salary for August 2021 (£229.68) and Expenses (£77.90) Total £307.58 Cheque No.000867 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley b) The Clerk's Salary for September 2021 (£229.68) and Expenses (£111.96) Total £341.64 Cheque No.000868 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley c) Dr Jan Butterley £36.98 (Joomla Wired Ltd - Website Host and Domain Name for nynehead.org) Cheque No.000869 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley d) Dr Jan Butterley £3.40 (Joomla Wired Ltd – Additional Disc Space for nynehead.org) Cheque No.000873 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley e) Nynehead Memorial Hall, Hall hire (July, August, October x 2 2021) £60.00 Cheque No000870 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley f) All Saints Church PCC Nynehead, Burial Ground Maintenance Grant £630.00 Cheque No000871 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley g) Jubilee Playing Field. Maintenance Grant £362.00 Cheque No000872 Prop. by Mrs A Harcombe and Sec. by Dr J Butterley <p>2) To Note Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) SCC Reconnecting Communities Fund £1,500 (b) SWTC Parish Grant £992
21/113	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>1) Toneway-Creech Castle, Improvements Project Bulletin September 2021*www.alungriffiths.co.uk</p> <p>2) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing October 2021*www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</p>
21/114	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (15th November 2021):</p> <p>1) Dr J Butterley requested an update on progress with the use of the Hall to gather socially once fortnightly.</p>

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