

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.45

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe – Mr M Vest – Mrs R Ball Risk – Mr J Toyne – Mr D Mansell (Somerset Councillor) PCSO Henderson attended the first part of the meeting. Mr C Biscoe and Ms H Bennett attended the first part of the meeting.	
23/082	Apologies	Cllr G Wren, Mr J Frost
23/083	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
23/084	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 21 st August 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.
23/085	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Police Meeting 22nd August. This was discussed by the Members with comments from PCSO Henderson. Matt Smith from Somerset Council's probation service gave a detailed report at the August meeting, Somerset Cllr Dave Mansell kindly agreed to contact Matt Smith and Somerset Council's housing department for further advice. Asked what we as a parish council could do, the officers encouraged us to keep them informed of any developments. (ii) Nynehead Natters dates have been posted on all three parish notice boards. (iii) Airband have agree to give a presentation at the Parish Council Meeting on the 18th December. (iv) Lidl junction 'near misses' Simon Fox (Major Projects Officer (Planning) has received several reports of near misses at this junction, although not publicly viewable, he has placed them on the Longforth file.
23/086	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Planning Application 26/23/0006/T Application to carry out management works to one sycamore tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Nynehead No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1998 at 2 Monument View, Nynehead, Wellington (TD818) Application Type: Pruning of Tree(s) covered by TPO Grid Reference: 314599.122895 No comment (ii) Land to the North of Taunton Road- pre-application. Members discussed that this proposed development of 257-293 new dwellings together with the Longforth Farm proposed development of up to 210 new dwellings. Additional strain on the community infrastructure and on the roads is a major concern.
23/087	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Precept Somerset Council has reported that due to the substantial call on staff resources a provisional precept figure will not be produced for this year. Instead, only one final projection of the Tax Base will be issued in December 2023. (ii) £992 was received from Somerset Council for All Saints Church Burial Ground grant (£630) and the Jubilee Playing Field grant (£362). The sums have been forwarded to the Church and the Playing Field. (iii) Mrs R Ball Risk maternity leave, the Clerk asked Cllr Ball Risk to submit a written request to the council asking it to approve her absence for a specified period of time. (iv) Scribe Receipts and Payments were noted (v) Members approved the 6 monthly Bank Reconciliation (vi) Update on The Old School Building – the building and land behind have been vacant since July 2022. It is believed to be subject to an educational covenant. Members of the council agreed to try and contact the owner for more information regarding the future use of Old School Building. (vii) Members agreed to move the March Parish Council Meeting from the 18th to the 25th March (viii) LCN – Mr Vest attended the LCN meeting on 12th October. He reported that there were 5 main issues highlighted. These included, safer walking and cycling routes, flooding, speeding and the need for 20mph zones and the maintenance of the highways including a proposed new lengthsman scheme. There was a presentation from Somerset

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		Highways giving details of the £30 million budget to maintain 6,600km of roads. It was noted that flooding is the responsibility of the Environment Agency and Somerset Rivers Authority.
23/088	Police Report	<p>(i) August Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There was 1 call into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of August. This call involved: 1 Assault. There were no calls to police for ASB in Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville in August or September.</p> <p>(ii) September 2023. There was 9 calls into 101 and 999 for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of September. This call involved: 1 Theft. 1 Possession of weapons. 1 Public order. 2 Harassment. 1 Criminal damage. 3 Non-Dwelling burglary. PCSO Henderson reported that the perpetrators of this non-dwelling burglaries have been arrested.</p>
23/089	Rights of Way	<p>(i) Kissing gate repair where WG14/4 meets WG8/6 - Kissing Gate has been replaced</p> <p>(ii) Charles Biscoe Chair of the Grand Western Greenway Association gave a very interesting presentation about this project.</p> <p>(iii) Mr Joe Frost (Footpath Liaison Officer) reports that the annual footpath walk took place on Sunday 24th September for a sunny but windy walk covering most of the East Nynehead area. Thanks are accorded to John and Steph Stamp for supplying wood chippings for the path in Blackdown View plus several Kissing Gates. Thanks also to Ronnie Smith for transporting the chippings to the gates. The Clerk will look into a problem reported on footpath WG 8/12</p>
23/090	Highways	<p>(i) Members discussed the August email from Kate Brown where she agreed to work on a plan for advance warning signs of flooding on the Nynehead and East Nynehead Roads together with moving the flood markers to more appropriate locations. It was agreed to ask for an update on these changes.</p> <p>(ii) Automated flood warning signs. Whilst Somerset Highways confirmed that they do not have funding for this request, it may be a matter to which Somerset Rivers Authority would be sympathetic. Members agreed to ask District Cllr Wren for further information.</p>
23/091	Receipts and Payments	<p>The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary for September (£251.02) and Expenses (£79.98) Total £331.00 Payment ref 1001 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(b) M.S.King Nynehead Natters 22/09 £44.80, 06/10 £46.72 Total £91.52 Payment ref 1002 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(c) Mrs R Ball Risk (123Reg Annual Domain Charge) £20.39 Payment ref 1003 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(d) SALC Annual Affiliation Fee £114.53 Payment ref 1004 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe Sec Mr J Toye</p> <p>(e) Nynehead Memorial Hall Hire 3 x PC £54, 5x Nynehead Natters £80 Total £134 Payment ref 1005 Prop by Mrs A Harcombe Sec Mr J Toye Sec</p>
23/092	Correspondence	<p>(i) September environmental news from Somerset Council https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGtxSqJjlkNrFDNZgvvLqNNrSvh</p> <p>(ii) https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/</p>
23/093	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (20 th November 2023):