

## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

**The meeting started at 19.32 and concluded at 22.20**

<b>Present</b>	Dr J Butterley – Mr M Vest– Mr J Toye - Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) attended part of the meeting. Jan and Julian Hosking and Olivia Clabburn attended part of the meeting.	
24/130	Apologies	Mrs R Ball Risk (Maternity Leave) , Mrs A Harcombe, Cllr Dave Mansell, Mr Joe Frost.
24/131	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
24/132	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 19 <sup>th</sup> August were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/133	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <b>PKF Littlejohn, external auditors</b> - have received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2024 submitted for Nynehead Parish Council.</li> <li>(ii) The agreed positions of the <b>Automated Flood markers</b> was sent back to Martyn Evans (SC Infrastructures)</li> <li>(iii) Kate Brown (SC Traffic Officer) has approved 2 locations for a <b>Speed Indicative Device (SID)</b>, one opposite the Jubilee Playing Field entrance and one by the Memorial Hall.</li> <li>(iv) Simon Fox (SC Planning Officer) was contacted about the Lidl junction with Nynehead Road now that the planning application <b>43/23/0056</b> has been approved. NPC believes the existing junction to be unsafe, as it is too close to the Wellington Road roundabout. In his reply Simon Fox noted <i>“that discussions continue between the developer and Lidl on forming the preferred junction”</i></li> </ul>
24/134	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Planning Application 26/24/0005 and 26/24/0006 (Variations to Close Care units at Nynehead Court) - approved</li> <li>(ii) Planning Application 43/23/0056 (Housing development near Lidl) - approved</li> <li>(iii) Planning application 26/24/0007 (Grange Farm) approved</li> </ul>
24/135	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted</li> <li>(ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Bank Reconciliation - noted</li> <li>(iii) <b>Nynehead Archive</b> – following alerts from Cloudways hosting and taking advice from the website developer, Members agreed to shut down the archive because in the long term it is going to become more problematic.</li> <li>(iv) <b>Grant funding for Nynehead Natters</b> – it is becoming more difficult to obtain grants for Nynehead Natters. The Clerk has spoken to Somerset Community Foundation and will work towards achieving more funds. NPC aims to seek the views of Nynehead Natters attendees as to how to support the continuation of this important village group well into 2025.</li> <li>(v) Dr J Butterley proposed that the <b>Clerk’s monthly hours</b> should be increased to 28 commencing in October – agreed.</li> <li>(vi) <b>Memorial Hall Committee</b> – NPC would like to thank Paul and Denny Harfield for all their hard work running and maintaining the Memorial Hall. There will shortly be vacancies for both the Chair and Caretaker. Members agreed to cover any printing costs for a notice to advertise these vacancies.</li> </ul>
24/136	Police Report	Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for August. There was 1 police report for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville This 1 call involved: Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society

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		Reports of Antisocial Behaviour -None for this area.
24/137	Rights of Way	<p>(i) <b>WG14/1 footpath to Bradford-on-Tone</b> An update on the new diversion and bridge over the River Tone was received from Rachel Pearce (SC Senior Rights of Way Officer) NPC responded that it wholeheartedly supports the proposed diversions. Both the Parish Council and many residents of all ages welcome the opportunity, if the proposal is approved, to be able to walk directly from Nynehead to Bradford on Tone on footpaths that span a beautiful stretch of countryside rather than having to navigate traffic on busy, narrow lanes. This right of way will also connect our Parish to local businesses within Bradford on Tone (The White Horse Inn &amp; Village Shop). Whilst the reinstatement of the footpath is our highest concern, we would appreciate considerations towards accessibility where allowable, so that as many people in the community can access this route.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Report from the Footpath Liaison Officer</b> (Mr Joe Frost) – <i>The annual Parish Walk took place in September in reasonably fine weather, 10 parishioners took part including baby Robin. The footpath beside the solar farm in Milverton parish has been cleared much to the delight of local walker but the style which connects to Luckham Farm is completely blocked. Finally, can I please ask footpath users to clear over hanging brambles which block gates and obscure signs. Thank you.</i></p>
24/138	Highways	<p>(i) <b>Field mud and water run-off in East Nynehead</b> following the potato harvest in the field opposite Langdale and recent torrential rain the Members agreed to ask the landowner to take urgent action to lessen the risk of field mud and silt blocking the drains and therefore to reduce the risk of flooding for these properties.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Automated Road Flood Warnings</b> – this project is progressing with Martyn Evan (SC Infrastructures) currently seeking funding approval for the signage from the Somerset River Authority.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs)</b> – Now that the locations outside the Memorial Hall and opposite the Playing Field entrance have been approved Members approved seeking a quote from ElanCity for one SID and 2 posts with solar panels with the aim of securing a grant from Somerset Road Safety Fund for these devices.</p>
24/139	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>a) The Clerk’s Salary (222.26) and Expenses (115.89) Total <b>£338.15.</b></p> <p>b) HMRC (Clerk’s Tax for September) <b>£55.60</b></p> <p>c) Ms M King (Nynehead Natters 20<sup>th</sup> Sept) <b>£44.55</b></p> <p>d) Mr J Toye (Cloudways reimburse Apr-Sept) <b>£65.70</b></p>
24/140	Correspondence	<p><u>For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).</u></p> <p>(i) &lt;wildlifeneeds@somersetwildlife.org&gt;</p>
24/141	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023):