

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr M Hooper, Mr G Sparks, Mr F Meadows, and Dr J Butterley. Also present were Mr J Frost Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer and one member of the public.

Apologies were received from Mrs A Harcombe

18/096 There were no Declarations of Interest.

18/097 The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

18/098 There were no Matters Arising.

18/099 Police Report.

- (i) In the absence of PCSO Baker, the Clerk read out the report that she had received. There had been a non-dwelling burglary reported in Nynehead where a shed had been broken into and garden tools stolen. The Beat Team would now be working out and about remotely with their new laptops.

18/100 Rights of Way.

- (i) Mr Joe Frost, Parish Paths Liaison Officer gave his monthly report. He stated that 40 hours strimming had been done in the past month mainly on the parish walks that are most popular. Many thanks had been received from residents for this work which is much appreciated. Ploughing has taken place and the Chairman will speak with local farmers about reinstatement of footpaths where necessary.

18/101 Highways.

- (i) The Clerk had received correspondence from Somerset Highways Dept. concerning an enquiry from the council members regarding the cutting done recently of the hedges and verges by contractors. The members felt that this had not been carried out satisfactorily and instructed the Clerk to write to the Highways Superintendent with their concerns.

18/102 Planning Matters.

- (i) The members considered planning application 26/18/0011/QC Prior Approval for proposed change of use from Agricultural Building to 2 no. Dwellings (Class C3) and associated building operations at Grange Farm, Nynehead. Objection. The members felt that there was no requirement for further housing as one dwelling had already been built on the farm for the use of a farm manager/worker. They felt that as the farm was still active the barn still had a purpose to house machinery and straw as originally required.
- (ii) To note that the planting had taken place at 16 Farthings Close, Nynehead, a condition of the approved planning application.

18/103 Defibrillator

- (i) The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator had been installed in the cabinet and was now 'live'. Councillor Meadows will undertake the weekly checks. The Community Seminar has been arranged for Monday 26th November, to take place at the Memorial Hall between 7-9 pm. A light was suggested by Councillor Meadows as the defibrillator cannot be seen at night. The Clerk to enquire of Andrew Kerslake, Electrician, as to the best solution.

18/104 Parish Council Administration.

- (i) The Bank Reconciliation at 30th September 2018 was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The Half yearly Expenditure report was presented. Mr Sparks asked for clarification on reserve figures for Website. The Clerk will check and present the report at the next meeting.
- (iii) The members discussed the formation of a village amenity fund. It was proposed that this was not needed at present as the Council was in receipt of CIL monies which can be used for various projects. Councillor Sparks asked that the local groups be made aware that money might be available as grants.
- (iv) The members have received to applications for the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and interviews will take place in due course. The Interview panel to consist of Councillors Sparks, Meadows and Butterley.
- (v) Councillor Meadows and Councillor Butterley will undertake the half yearly internal audit of the Council's Accounts.
- (vi) The Mayor of Taunton Deane had invited the chairman or his representative to the remembrance Service on 11th November.

18/105 Receipts and Payments

- (i) The Council authorised and instructed the issue of cheques for:
 - (a) The Clerk's Salary for September 2018 (£241.84) and Expenses (£15.00) Total £256.84 Cheque No000771 Prop. By Mr F. Meadows and Sec. By Mr G Sparks
 - (b) Dr Jan Butterley £36.98 (New Website Host and Domain Name for nynehead.org) Prop By Mr F Meadows and Sec. By Mr G Sparks Cheque no. 000772
 - (c) Nynehead Memorial Hall-Hall Hire. £45.00 Hall Hire Aug, Sept, Oct. Cheque No. 000773 Prop by Dr J Butterley and Sec By Mr F Meadows.
- (ii) To note receipts
 - (a) HMRC £366.98 Repayment of VAT

18/106 Correspondence.

For information only (* received by email, ^ received by post).

- (i) Somerset Waste Partnership September Briefing* www.somersetwaste.gov.uk
- (ii) Somerset Community Foundation. e newsletter for September*

18/107 Items Requested for the next Agenda (19 November 2018)

- (i) Mr Hooper requested that an honorarium be considered for the Parish Paths Liaison Officer.
- (ii) Dr Butterley requested a discussion to consider reorganisation and what information should be on the nynehead.org website.