

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20th April 2026 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.05

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe - Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr M Vest. Mr J Toye attended remotely via Teams for the first part of the meeting. Mr Gary Sparks and Mrs Sarah Burt.	
26/037	Apologies	SC Cllr Gwil Wren
26/038	Declarations of Interest	Mrs A Harcombe declared an Interest of Secretary to Nynehead Memorial Club and Members agreed allow her a Dispensation when discussing the Club lease.
26/027	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 16 th March were approved and signed as a correct record.
26/028	Actions from the previous meeting	(i) Mr Jeremy Toye will continue to make the Cloudways payments monthly and receive reimbursement at approximately 6 month intervals. NPC does not have a debit or credit card needed to set up this payment.
26/029	Planning Matters	None
26/030	Police Report	(i) For Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone and Langford Budville for the month of March there were 9 calls that resulted in a police report 4 Burglary/malicious burglary, 1 Malicious communication, 1 Harrassment, 2 Assault, 1 Criminal damage. Two suspects were identified and arrested for multiple burglaries.
26/031	Rights of Way	No issues reported
26/032	Highways	(i) Update on Flood Signs – Mr M Vest and SC Highways Officer Kate Brown met to confirm the final positions of the new flood depth markers and signage. There will be 3 additional depth gauges and ‘Road Liable to Flooding’ signs installed at both the Hornshay and Ash river crossings. (ii) Railway Bridge flooding – Following SC Highways jetting of the blocked gullies, Mr M Vest and Mr Ben Tingay continued work on water drainage from this area, warning that it could block due to re-silting as there is scant fall for the water draining away. (iii) Speed Indicator Device – A cheque for £2,400 was received on 14 th April from the Avon & Somerset Police Community Fund. This is the cost of the Evolis battery SID excluding VAT. Mr David Bruford has generously donated £350 for one SID post and will donate another £350 if required. (iv) Trees in the Hollow – Parish council queries about responsibility for the trees overhanging the Hollow have not been resolved. Somerset Council answered a follow-up phone call to say an inspection had revealed no danger to road users, but did not clarify who was responsible if trees need to be cut back or removed. The subject will be pursued. (v) Gully grabbers – members agreed that one set of these would be purchased for use by Ben Tingay in clearing blocked gullies. Mr Tingay will be responsible for their storage.
26/033	Parish Council Administration	(i) Internal Audit Report 2025-26 - noted (ii) Annual Governance Statement for 2025-26 - approved (iii) Annual Accounting Statement for 2025-26 - approved (iv) Certificate of Exemption for 2025-26 - approved (v) Explanation of Variances for AGAR 2025-26 - noted (vi) Q4 Bank Reconciliation - noted

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		<p>(vii) Scribe Receipts and Payments - noted</p> <p>(viii) Google analytics for nyneheadparish.gov.uk - it was encouraging to note over 100 active users from the UK but discouraging to note 178 active users from Singapore that are most likely to be bots.</p> <p>(ix) Members agreed on plans for the Annual Parish Meeting on May 18th where wine and nibbles will be offered. All the village clubs and organisations will be invited to attend and give a short talk.</p> <p>(x) The new 7 year Memorial Hall Lease to the Memorial Club was signed. The new document has the Memorial Hall Trust document attached to show the inter-relationship between the Memorial Hall, the Memorial Club and Nynehead Parish Council. Members are very grateful for the legal expertise of resident Mr Peter Swinburn.</p>
26/034	Receipts and Payments	<p>(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for:</p> <p>(a) The Clerk's Salary (311.48) and Expenses (20) Total £331.48</p> <p>(b) HMRC (Clerk's PAYE for March) £78</p> <p>(c) Mr J Toye reimburse for Cloudways Hosting Oct-Mar £62.53, Salt bin £22.99, Id Mobile for NNow Jan-Mar £10.50. Total £96.02</p> <p>(d) Geosphere Ltd – Parish Online Annual Subscription £60</p> <p>(e) Nynehead Memorial Hall 3 x PC meetings 19/01, 16/02, 16/03 £72</p> <p>(f) Jill Larcombe – Internal Audit fee £55</p>
26/035	Correspondence	
26/036	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (18th May):</p> <p>(i) Agree transfers to Reserves for 2026-27</p>