

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th December 2024 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.22

Present	Dr J Butterley - Mr J Toye - Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr M Vest. Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor), Michelle Brookes (LCN Link Officer) and Mr John Dodden attended the first part of the meeting.	
24/154	Apologies	– PCSO Henderson, Mrs A Harcombe
24/155	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations. New Declaration of Interests forms were given to Mr J Toye and Mr M Vest to update.
24/156	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 17 th November were approved and signed as a correct record.
24/157	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Planning application 43/24/0105 - From Simon Fox (SC Planning Officer) <i>The provision of the alternative access is still under discussion with Lidl.</i> (ii) nyneheadarchive.co.uk has been taken down with a redirect to nynehead.org (iii) The Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting responses for NPC were submitted (iv) An email was sent to Mr Bryant's agent regarding the mud and water run-off from the field in East Nynehead opposite Langdale thanking him for steps taken so far on helping to mitigate this and asking about long term proposals to regulate run-off so as to avoid flooding/silting of road and properties opposite the field entrance. No reply has been received. (v) Chapter 8 training, now called Unit 01 is required for volunteers moving SIDs. Courses run by NRSWA in Rooks Bridge (Somerset) cost £215 +VAT. Volunteers to attend the course are being sought. (vi) Reply from Martock PC regarding their Digital Flood Warning signs from Gordon Swindells, Flood Warden Coordinator - <i>The signs operated by solar energy and activated by telemetry were installed on the main route to/from Martock village and the A303 dual carriageway, on 17.05.22. The Scheme was funded by the Somerset Rivers Authority and installed by Somerset County Highways, The signs are activated by a sensor when a depth of 15cms is reached on the road surface, at a point where flood water first flows on to the carriageway from 'main river'. Alert messages are also sent to key individuals to inform them that the signs have been activated.</i> Ruishton PC also had a similar system fitted, also with a grant from Somerset Rivers Authority. Replies from both PCs noted that the system does not stop some drivers entering the flood waters. (vii) Acceptance of invitation for Dr J Butterley to Christmas Drinks with MP Rachel Gilmour in Tiverton, 20th December. (viii) Gifts for Ben Tingay and Steve Wadham have been bought as thanks for their work maintaining the parish footpaths. A thank you gift was approved for Rosemary Lea for her 10 years editing the Newsletter.
24/158	Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Old School Building Pre-planning response - Members agreed that the building is no longer viable as an educational establishment and have no objections to its change of use to residential. (ii) Planning Application 26/24/0009 Proposal: Erection of stable block at Long Barn, Luckham Bridge Road, Nynehead (retention of works already undertaken). Members have no comment apart from requesting the normal 'Dark skies lighting clause'

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24/159	Parish Council Administration	(i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted (ii) Budget for 2025-26 - approved Therefore, the precept will rise from £8617 to £11059 which is an increase of £28.3% (a very similar increase to last year). A band D property precept is likely to increase from £47.36 approx £60.77 (iii)
24/160	Police Report	Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville. Crime Stats There were 4 police reports for the month of November. These calls involved: 1 Attempted phone scam, 1 Public order, 1 Harassment and 1 Suspected Theft – This is under investigation. There were 0 reports of ASB across the Wellington rural beat.
24/161	Rights of Way	(i) No report was received from Mr J Frost, Footpath Liaison Officer
24/162	Highways	(i) Members agreed to support Proposed 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signage on the B3187 From Mr T Payne (Clerk for Milverton PC) <i>Milverton residents and the Parish Council have been concerned about the number and size of HGVs that pass through the parish on the B3187. This issue is particularly acute in the central village area, where residents are rightly concerned due to the resulting congestion, the impact on shallow service infrastructure in the road and the potential damage to cellars of properties which abut the highway, etc. It has recently come to light that this road is actually specifically designated as being unsuitable for HGVs by Somerset Council and, following a meeting with the Traffic Management team, they have agreed to erect 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs just passed the Lowmoor Business Park in Wellington and at the roundabout with the B3227 in Milverton.</i> It is expected that these will be erected in the next three months or so. (ii) Mr G Wren (Somerset Cllr) agreed to convene a meeting of all parties involved in the automated flood signage for Nynehead with the aim of trying to develop an acceptable plan to progress this project. (iii) Members also agreed to work on improvement to the current flood signage on the Nynehead and East Nynehead Roads.
24/163	Receipts and Payments	(i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for: To Authorise the issue of payments for: (a) The Clerk's Salary (292.32) and Expenses (78.87) Total £391.19 (b) The Clerk's Back-Pay Apr-Oct £53.68 (c) HMRC (Clerk's Tax for November) £86.60 (d) Ms M King (Nynehead Natters 15 th Nov, 6 th + 13 th Dec) £133.13 (e) Nynehead Memorial Hall (Hire for 6 x PC mtgs) £144 (f) Nynehead Memorial Hall (Hire for 12 x NN mtgs) £288 (g) SALC (Code of Conduct courses x 4) £75
24/164	Correspondence	
24/165	Items requested for next agenda	Items Requested for the next Agenda (20 th January 2025):