

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19th January 2026 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

The meeting started at 19.30 and concluded at 21.30

Present	Mr J Toye - Dr J Butterley - Mrs A Harcombe – Mrs R Ball Risk - Mr M Vest – Mr G Wren (Somerset Councillor) attended the first part of the meeting. Ms Caroline Blogg attended the first part of the meeting.
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26/001	Apologies	– none
26/002	Declarations of Interest	There were no Declarations of Interest or Dispensations.
26/003	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting held 15 th December were approved and signed as a correct record.
26/004	Actions from the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Precept demand form was completed and sent to Somerset Council. The Precept demand is for £11,582 as approved by NPC on 15th December. This is an increase of 4.73% with a Band D of £60.94 an increase of 84p or 1.4% (ii) Life-Vac anti-choking aid - following advice from Roger Wilson of Wiveliscombe First responders, Members agreed that a Life-Vac was not needed. (iii) The NPC Internal audit is booked with Jill Larcombe 9th April 2026. (iv) All NPC policies on the website were reviewed by the Clerk and website and email addresses were updated.
26/005	Planning Matters	(i) Planning Application 26/26/0001/T - tree management at Foxdown, Chipley Rd – no comment
26/006	Police Report	(i) In December 2025 there were 2 calls to 101 and 999 to police for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone, Langford Budville for the month of December that resulted in a police report. 1 Theft, 1 Domestic incident
26/007	Rights of Way	(i) Ben Tingay and Steve Wadham regularly give up their time to maintain the parish footpaths. As thanks for their work, NPC asked them to nominate a charity for a donation, thus £100 will be donated to Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance.
26/008	Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Members agreed that a salt bin located at the top of the Hollow could be purchased, filled with de-icing salt for any member of the public to use to aid the safety of road users in this area. (ii) Residents of Blackdown View have informed NPC that nuisance parking in the turning circle of Blackdown View is becoming a real problem, especially where there is double parking. There is concern that emergency vehicles could be unable to access some properties and that vehicles are forced to make a long reversing manoeuvre. Members agreed to ask an SC Traffic Officer if double yellow lines or other road markings could be applied to deter this nuisance parking. (iii) Members discussed the persistent road flooding at Tone Green (Bradford-on-Tone) and their concern that Suez Waste crews have not driven through the water resulting in East Nynehead recycling non-collection since the start of January. Members have made representations to SC councillors to ask that Waste Services either drive through the low level flooding or find an alternative route, with several different routes into East Nynehead being sited. (iv) Mr Malcolm Vest has continued to make good progress on the new Flood Signage and Depth Markers at Hornshay and Ash river crossings, working with SC Traffic Engineer Kate Brown to produce

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		detailed drawings of where the new signage will be placed. Members were able to review these drawings and agreed to ask that an additional depth marker is placed centrally at the lowest point at both locations.
26/009	Parish Council Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scribe Payments and Receipts - noted (ii) Q3 Bank reconciliation - noted (iii) Google analytics for nyneheadparish.gov.uk - noted (iv) Members discussed the need for a new casing for the Memorial Hall Defibrillator. Nick Povey, kindly undertakes the monthly checks on the defib and has noticed that the plastic on the outer casing is starting to crack. It was agreed that a new casing would be purchased from the Community Heartbeat Trust at a cost of £120+VAT and £15 carriage, to prevent a situation where an inadequate or missing cover renders the defibrillator unusable.
26/010	Receipts and Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Council authorised and instructed payment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Clerk's Salary (306.72) and Expenses (106.80) Total £413.52. (b) HMRC (Clerk's PAYE for December) £76.60 (c) Donation to Devon and Somerset Air Ambulance £100 (chosen charity of footpath maintenance volunteers)
26/011	Correspondence	
26/012	Items requested for next agenda	<p>Items Requested for the next Agenda (16th February 2026):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Update on Footpath to Bradford-on-Tone