

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
12 APRIL 2010 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (in the chair), Mr. A. Howe, Mr. P. Netley and Mr. G. Sparks. Also present were Mr C. Bishop (Borough Councillor) (for the end of the meeting) and six members of the public.

Apologies: Mr. Briginshaw, Mr. T. McMahon (County Councillor), Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and PCSO J. McAteer.

10/035 There were no Declarations of Interest.

10/036 The minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

10/037 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 10/026(i) – The chairman confirmed that Mr Spackman was still willing to produce a news sheet for the village but the arrangements had not yet been put in place. Mr Howe said that the Nynehead News Committee had discussed the idea but wished to retain control of the finances. In response to a query as to why the council was considering the matter the clerk said that the future of the Nynehead News had been raised with the council over a year ago. As the minute stated it was not its project but the council did support Mr. Spackman’s proposal.
- (ii) 10/033(i) – The Memorial Hall had received a grant from the SCC Community Fund for the purchase of chairs.

10/038 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report which was tabled..

10/039 Highway matters

The Assistant Area Highway Service Manager had written to thank the council for its pothole survey. Some repair work had already been done in response. However members and the public present felt strongly that there was still much to be done. It was agreed to write to the Highway Authority bringing their attention in particular to the following and to request a site meeting:

- (i) More effective road sweeping to prevent the narrowing of roads by bank collapse which has led to the blocking and concealment of gullies in many places. This needs the use of an edging plough.
- (ii) Repair of the road between the Memorial Hall and the top of the Hollow to deal with dangerous potholes, blocked gullies, the sinking of the trench carrying services and the build up of grit and soil on the northern side;
- (iii) The removal of leaves building up in the Hollow and of an obtrusive root;
- (iv) Repair of potholes in Ash Lane, and between Hornshay and the railway bridge;

- (v) Clearance of ditches near Upcott;
- (vi) Effective cleaning of the drain from the Oakridge corner towards the fruit farm;
- (vii) Effective removal of litter by farmers after the cutting of hedges which leads to blocked gullies and increased likelihood of bicycle punctures on this Sustrans route.
- (viii) Reinstatement of road surface by contractors working on behalf of BT.
- (ix) Better drainage of water from the Poole roundabout towards Nynehead. The drain installed appears not to have sufficient capacity and there is permanent surface water.

10/040 Rights of way

- (i) In Mr. Spackman's absence there was no monthly report.
- (ii) The wet patch on the footpath at Baghay Lane had been dealt with following approaches to the county council
- (iii) The work programme and the annual inspection were deferred to the next meeting.

10/041 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to respond to applications as follows:
 - a. Erection of 3 extensions, 2 Court Cottages (ref. 26/10/0004) – Support – the council sees no reason to object to this proposal which could improve the building.
 - b. Erection of extensions, Upcott (ref. 26/10/0005). Support – the council sees no reason to object to this proposal.
- (ii) The following decisions were noted:.
 - a. Reordering of waste sorting and transfer station, the Old Brickworks, Poole (ref. 4/46/09/0034) – approved with conditions. Arising from this it was agreed to write again to the operator of the household waste recycling site to complain about the new opening hours.
 - b. Erection of extension and alterations at Mulberry Wing, Nynehead Court, (ref. 26/10/0002) - approved with conditions.
 - c. Erection of extension and alterations at Mulberry Wing, Nynehead Court, (ref. 26/10/0003LB) – approved with conditions.
 - d. Retention of stables and implement shed (renewal of previous approval) Havilands Farm, East Nynehead (ref. 09/0013) – approved with conditions.
- (iii) The chairman and vice-chairman would attend the hearing into the appeal on Upcott Farm Cottage on Thursday 15 April, the chairman having authority to speak on behalf of the council.
- (iv) No action would be taken on the consultations on the County Council's Minerals Core Strategy and the Deane Council's Climate Change document.

10/042 Miscellaneous matters

- (i) In response to a suggestion by Mrs Darby of Hornshay farm the purchase of litter grabs would be considered when the costs are known. The increasing untidiness of the village, in particular of Higher Nynehead, had been raised in the public question time. It was agreed that community action was needed although no suggestions as to how this might be achieved.
- (ii) Letters on Taunton Deane Transition Town, Fuel Poverty, and Community Enterprise would be circulated to see if there was any interest in responding to them.

10/043 Parish Council administration

- (i) It was agreed that the Chairman would attend the SALC Chairmanship training at Ruishton on 22 April, at a cost of £20.00.
- (ii) The bank reconciliation at 31 March 2010 was tabled and signed by the chairman and clerk.
- (iii) The accounts for 2009-10 had to be with the external auditor by 1 June. It was agreed that Mrs M. Maunder of Oake should again be the internal auditor at an unchanged fee of £30.00.
- (iv) New model standing orders had been received and new model financial regulations were to be published. These and a risk management report would be considered at a future meeting (possible 7 June).
- (v) Administration of the council's insurance policy with Allianz had been taken over by AON although the policy remained with Allianz. The terms of the policy would be checked before renewal was agreed at the next meeting.
- (vi) Mr. Sparks was appointed to the Memorial Hall Committee for 2010-11.

10/044 Payments

The issue of cheques was authorised for the following (prop. Mr. Sparks, sec. Mr Netley):

- (i) The Clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£16.52) for March - £207.73. (cheque no. 000340).
- (ii) Community Council subscription for 2010-11 - £30.00 (cheque no. 000341).

10/045 Correspondence

The receipt was noted of the following correspondence tabled at the meeting:

- (i) PCSO J. McAteer – PACT meeting, 7pm on 21 April, Where Centre, Wellington.
- (ii) NALC – invitation to subscribe to Direct Information Service.
- (iii) NALC – Conference/Exhibition – Localism in Action - 2 July 2010, Bristol.
- (iii) Steve Shaw – supporting the Sustainable Communities Bill.
- (iv) Victim Support Avon and Somerset – 2010-11 funding request.

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- (v) Centre for Sustainable Energy – Community Energy Consultation – 10 April, Bridgwater.
- (vi) SCC – new Heritage Centre.
- (vii) TDBC – weekly lists of planning applications.
- (viii) TDBC – Deane Dispatch.
- (ix) TDBC – electronic newsletter for the Local Development Framework.
- (x) TDBC – Heart of Somerset events April 2010.
- (xi) BT – disposal of telephone kiosk.
- (xii) Community Council – ‘Thatch’.
- (xiii) Community Council – updating community plans database.
- (xiv) South West Counties Allotment association – membership information.
- (xv) Glasdons – product information (litter bins etc).
- (xvi) Butterworth Webliners – on line seminars on shared services and anti-social behaviour.
- (xvii) Taunton Inner Wheel – publicity for fundraising concert for RNLI on 15 May.
- (xviii) Spinal Injuries Association – publicity for Great Fish and Chip Supper – 21 May.
- (xix) SCC – Taunton and West Somerset Area bus timetable March 2010.
- (xx) Patersons – licensing law conferences.
- (xxi) TDBC – invitations to Civic Dinner/Dance (14 May) and Civic Service (16 May).
- (xxii) Society of Local Council Clerks – regional conference, 18 May, Plymouth.
- (xxiii) SMP – playground equipment information.

10/046 No items were requested by members for the next meeting (10 May). The meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.00 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: