

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
7 DECEMBER 2009 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (in the chair), Mr. M. Briginshaw, Mr. A. Howe, and Mr. G. Sparks.
Also present were Mr. C. Bishop (Borough Councillor) and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: Mr. Netley; Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer); PCSO J. McAteer.

09/128 There were no Declarations of Interest.

09/129 The minutes of the meeting on 2 November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

09/130 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 09/116(ii) – The registration of the Jubilee Playing Field at the Land Registry had been completed.
- (ii) 09/116(iii) - Opening hours at the Poole Recycling Centre: Somerset Waste Partnership had explained that the new hours had been agreed after careful consideration across the county. The former hours would be restored when finance was available.
- (iii) 09/118 - Declarations of interest on planning applications: after the last meeting the Council had received letters from Nynehead residents Mr. D. Brook, Mr. M. Turner and Mr. C. Watson criticising its procedures and the role of particular members in making a decision on the application for 7 houses opposite the Memorial Hall (26/09/0010). Members of the public present reiterated the criticisms and asked the Council to take another vote on the application. Mr. Brook said that he had made a formal complaint to the Deane Council. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the Deane's Parish Liaison Officer who had advised him that they did not consider that Mr. Netley had a prejudicial interest in the application. He then responded to the criticisms made of his role in the matter. He also said that the Council's comments had been sent to the Deane Council and another vote would not be taken. Any further discussion of procedures should wait until the formal complaint had been dealt with by the Deane Council. The wider issue of affordable housing in Nynehead could be considered when the decision on the application is known.
- (iv) 09/121 – Adoption of the Higher Nynehead telephone box: it was proposed by Mr. Briginshaw, seconded by Mr. Hooper and agreed not to accept the offer to buy the Higher Nynehead telephone box from BT for £1. It was agreed that there was no obvious use of the box and there were too many practical implications.
- (v) 09/123 – Somerset Rural Youth Project: the SRY Project Officer had thanked the Council for its response to the consultation on anti-social behaviour, and encouraged it to get involved in the project's other activities.

09/131 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report. As in previous months crime levels in the area were low. No incidents in Nynehead had been reported.

09/132 Finance matters

- (i) The Clerk presented a financial report and a draft budget for 2010-11, with a note from SALC advising parish councils to consider how they would respond to the pressures on County and District finance in the coming year and the possibility that parish councils be asked to take on additional functions. The budget and the precept for 2010-11 would be agreed at the January meeting. Requests for financial support from Age Concern and Taunton CAB would also be considered.
- (ii) Mr. Sparks had examined the Council's financial documents and procedures and said that he had no issues to raise.

09/133 Highway matters

It was agreed to raise the following matters with Somerset Highways: flooding of the road between Hornshay and Wharf Cottage and at Hornshay Farm; run-off from the Fruit Farm; blocked drains near Oakridge and Blackberry Farm; leaves and mud in the Hollow.

09/134 Rights of way

- (i) In Mr. Spackman's absence there was no monthly report. He had submitted a draft programme of work for the Council's consideration. The programme was agreed in principle subject to the inclusion of kissing gates to replace stiles on the footpath behind Corrievale (WG8/10). The footpath fund stood at about £1000 and should enable most of the work to be done, subject to County Council support.
- (ii) There was a problem of mature maize impeding footpaths, but it was recognised that recent wet weather had been a problem.

09/135 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to comment on applications as follows
 - a. The erection of two storey extension and detached double garage with annex above, Dollings, East Nynehead (ref. 26/09/0011) - support.
 - b. Internal alterations to the west wing, Chipley Park House, (ref. 6/09/0012LB) – support..
- (ii) It was noted that:
 - a. The Inspector had dismissed the appeal against the refusal of permission for 20 affordable houses on land opposite the Memorial Hall (ref. 26/08/0010)
 - b. The application by Devonshire Homes for affordable housing at Poole had been withdrawn (ref. 26/08/0011).
- (iii) The application for 7 affordable houses on land opposite the Memorial Hall (ref. 26/09/0010) would be considered by the Taunton Deane Planning Committee on 16 December. There would not be a statement to the Committee on behalf of the Council.

09/136 Parish Council administration

- (i) SALC meetings had been cancelled because of lack of business. However the New Year would bring a range of new regulations affecting parish councils and meetings would be held to consider these. The latest 'Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks' was circulated to members. Attendance at a parish councils seminar for chairmen and experienced clerks on 8 February at a cost of £40 per person would be considered at the next meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk tabled a letter from his accountant confirming that the salary he received from the Council had been included in his tax return for 2008-9.

09/137 Payments

The issue of cheques was authorised for:

- (i) The Clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£22.38) for November - £213.59. (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000533).
- (ii) Memorial Hall Committee – hall hire Sept to Dec 2009 - £40.00. (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000534).

09/138 Correspondence

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

- (i) TDBC – invitation to Mayor's Charity Carol Service, Wednesday 9 December, 6.30 p.m., St Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton.
- (ii) Taunton CAB – request for grant.
- (iii) Age Concern – request for grant; posters re volunteering and carol service.
- (iv) SCC – letter from the Leader of the Council (already circulated).
- (v) Somerset Highways – guide to winter services in Somerset 09/10.
- (vi) SCC – cancellation of Bradford level crossing temporary road closure.
- (vii) TDBC – weekly lists of planning applications and decisions.
- (viii) TDBC – events in Heart of Somerset November/December 2009.
- (ix) Avon and Somerset Police – newsletter.
- (x) Glasdon – product information.
- (xi) Rekk Ltd. – product information (youth shelters).
- (xii) SCC – bus timetable November 2009.
- (xiii) Landscaping Crew – introductory letter.
- (xiv) 'Clerks and Councils Direct' magazine.
- (xv) Age Concern – annual report and posters.
- (xvi) Somerset Community Safety Partnership – re use of parish newsletter.
- (xvii) NHS – re use of parish newsletter.
- (xviii) Somerset Waste Partnership – Love food hate waste pledge.
- (xix) Husson UK – autumn deals on play equipment.
- (xx) Somerset Skills and Learning – re parish newsletter.
- (xxi) Butterworths – on-line seminars for parish councils.
- (xxii) Somerset Waste Partnership – collection schedules.

09/139 No items were requested by members for the next meeting (4 January).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: