

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
1 FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (in the chair), Mr. M. Briginshaw, Mr. A. Howe, Mr P. Netley and Mr. G. Sparks. Also present were Mr C. Bishop (Borough Councillor); Mr. T. McMahon (County Councillor) (until 8 p.m.); Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: PCSO J. McAteer.

10/012 There were no Declarations of Interest.

10/013 The minutes of the meeting on 4 January 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

10/014 There were no matters arising from the minutes

10/015 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report that there had been four incidents in the parish, including three burglaries, and a variety of incidents in the Wellington area.

10/016 Highway matters

- (i) Some of the work requested after the last meeting had been done but a full progress report from Somerset Highways was awaited. The chairman had met Mr Darby about the removal of the tree stumps at the weir and the clearance of the back Stream.
- (ii) Messrs Briginshaw, Hooper and Howe would make a survey of potholes and other damage caused by the icy weather for submission to Somerset Highways. A letter would be sent to Fox's Farm Services thanking them for their help in keeping roads open.
- (iii) Other matters raised at the meeting that would be pursued included 1) the damage to the road in Higher Nynehead caused it was thought by quarry lorries from Burlescombe and 2) the interruption to visibility at the entrance to Blackdown View caused by the regular parking of a vehicle on the verge.
- (i) There would be temporary road closures at Baghay Lane (11 days from 22 February, for drainage, bridge and resurfacing work) and at the Poole road (14 and 21 March for tree felling).

10/017 Rights of way

- (i) Mr. Spackman made his monthly report. He had met the new member of the County Rights of Way team and had impressed on her the importance of finishing the stile replacement programme.
- (ii) The re-opening of the path to Bradford depended on the results of the impending structural survey of the problem bridge (in West Buckland parish).
- (iii) Hardcore and/or drainage were needed at the path by the sewage works (path WG8/6), the kissing gate by the pumping station (WG8/18) and the gateway where path WG8/7 joins the East Nynehead road.
- (iv) Work on the next phase of the work programme agreed at the last meeting would follow completion of the present stile replacement programme and would depend on the financial support available from the county council.

10/018 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to comment on applications as follow:
 - a. Poole Waste Transfer site reorganisation (ref. 4/46/09/034) (application in adjoining parish) – the council is concerned about 1) the amount of traffic currently generated by this site and the potential increase and 2) the impact on the surrounding area of the floodlighting on the site.
 - b. Erection of stables and implement store at Havilands Farm, East Nynehead (ref.26/09/0013) (retention of work already undertaken) – support.
- (ii) It was noted that
 - a. Listed building consent has been granted for internal alterations to the west wing, Chipley Park (ref. 26/09/0012LB).
 - b. The preservation order on the turkey oak to the west of the Memorial Hall had been confirmed.
- (iii) An appeal had been lodged against the Deane Council’s refusal of planning permission for the change of use from holiday let to dwelling and alteration to the roof at Upcott Cottage. It was agreed to reiterate the council’s continued opposition to this proposal and to support the reasons for refusal. The council would also question why submission of the appeal had been accepted apparently after the six month deadline.
- (iv) The council had received the consultation documents for the Taunton Deane Local Development Framework. In response to the Core Strategy and Small Sites Report it was agreed 1) to reiterate the council’s support for the proposed northern relief road for Wellington while questioning why it would be provided only as part of housing and commercial development and 2) express concern that proposals for the wider road system were not sufficient to accommodate the amount of development planned. The five consultation documents for specific topics, in particular community halls and allotments, would be discussed at the next meeting.
- (v) The consultation on nuclear power station sites from the Department of Energy and Climate Change would be considered at the next meeting when more information was available.

10/019 Communications

The future of the Nynehead News and Website was discussed. Mr. Briginshaw said that no one had volunteered to be editor or web master. There were funds available for up to three years only. He was willing to continue as treasurer for the time being but the long-term future depended on volunteers coming forward. After discussion it was agreed to pursue the idea of a simple sheet containing a diary of village events and contacts in village organisations. Mr Howe and Mr sparks would draft a flier to be circulated in the village inviting volunteers for this.

10/020 Parish Council administration

- (i) The SALC 'Items of interest' had been circulated. It was agreed that the clerk could attend the workshop in Edington on the new model standing orders at a cost of £15 plus travel.
- (ii) It was agreed that the monthly sum for the clerk's telephone and computer expenses would increase to £15 from February 2010. It would be reviewed when the budget for 2011-12 was prepared in the autumn.
- (iii) The budget for 2010-11 as discussed at the last meeting (min. 10/004(i)) was approved.
- (iv) The bank reconciliation for the quarter ending 31 December 2009 was tabled and approved.
- (v) Guidance on the new procedures for dispensations for town and parish councillors would be circulated to members.
- (vi) It was agreed that the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 7 p.m. on 10 May with the same format as 2009. It would be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- (vii) The Memorial Hall Committee had apologised for the storage of play group equipment in the hall during council meetings. It was agreed that a notice of the Hall AGM (26 April) could be placed on the three council notice boards.

10/021 Payments

The issue of a cheque was authorised for the clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£10.00) for January - £201.21. (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000536).

10/022 Correspondence

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

- (i) TDBC – Taunton Deane Citizenship Award 2010.
- (ii) NALC – Local Councils Award 2010.
- (iii) NALC – National Training Strategy on-line survey.
- (iv) Steve Shaw (Local Works) – Sustainable Communities Bill
- (v) Somerset Waste Partnership – e-mails re waste collection during snowy weather.
- (vi) SCC – Rural Services Fund.
- (vii) SCC – 'Quest' newsletter (Somerset Cultural Olympiad 2012).
- (viii) SCC – Somerset Rail Guide 2009/2010.
- (ix) TDBC – weekly list of planning applications and decisions.
- (x) TDBC – 'Deane Dispatch'.
- (xi) Playground equipment information – Wicksteed; Nottssport.
- (xii) Vista – training programme.
- (xiii) 'Clerks and Councils Direct' – magazine and yearbook.
- (xiv) St. Margaret's Hospice – request for financial support.
- (xv) Somerset Chamber Choir – notice of concert on 14 February.
- (xvi) Arien Signs – product information.
- (xvii) TDBC – 'A sustainable future for Taunton Deane' (to be discussed at the next meeting).

10/023 No items were requested by members for the next meeting (1 March).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: