

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
4 JANUARY 2009 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 3 members of the public.

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

10/001 There were no Declarations of Interest.

10/002 The minutes of the meeting on 7 December 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

10/003 There were no matters arising from the minutes

10/003 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report. As in previous months crime levels in the area were low. A non-injury road traffic collision in the Hollow and icy roads from the village had been reported.

10/004 Finance matters

- (i) The budget for 2010-11 was approved subject to the employees costs being increased to £2320 to take account of a possible national pay award of 1% and a report to the next meeting on provision for the clerk's telephone and computer costs.
- (ii) It was proposed by Mr. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Howe and agreed that the precept for 2010-11 be £3500, an increase of £50 on the 2009-10 precept.
- (iii) Requests for grants from Age Concern and the Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau were considered. It was agreed to adhere to the previously agreed policy not to grant aid charities outside the parish.

10/005 Highway matters

Somerset Highways had acknowledged the matters raised after the last meeting: 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. However it was not known when the work would be done. These matters would be pursued with Somerset Highways together with requests to deal with flooding and potholes on Ash Lane, potholes between Hornshay Farm and the bridge and between Wharf Cottage and the railway bridge, drainage from the Poole roundabout and absence of gritting on the road to Poole. The chairman would speak to Mr. Darby about the problem of tree stumps at Hornshay Weir and the clearance of the Back Stream. The condition of the road leading to the railway level crossing and the potholes on the road from Bradford to Three Bridges would also be pursued with the Bradford Parish Council.

10/006 Rights of way

- (i) Mr. Spackman's submitted a written report. Generally there were no significant new problems. The maize impeding some paths had been cut shortly after the last meeting. He was pursuing with the County Council the problem of deeply rutted paths through the fruit farm, and the replacement of missing finger posts on Ash Lane and Gypsy Lane and the considerable delay in providing the kissing gate between Blackdown View and East Nynehead.
- (ii) The period of closure of the path to Bradford from East Nynehead (WG8/13) had been extended and it was understood that the County Council did not have the considerable funds it felt were needed to re-open it. Members were not happy with this. They did not believe that the problem warranted closure of the path and suggested that in any case the work to the problem bridge (in West Buckland parish) could be done relatively cheaply. It was agreed to raise it with West Buckland and Bradford-on-Tone parish councils and also to ask Mr McMahon as County Councillor to look into the matter.
- (iii) Mr Spackman would be asked to provide Ken Coles with details of rights of way on Ash Farm for use in his contract work.
- (iv) The footpath (WG8/6) by the sewage works still needs levelling. There was also a pothole near the junction of the track with the public road by the Memorial Hall.
- (v) The stump in the stream crossed by path WG8/12 should be removed.

10/007 Planning matters

- (i) The following decisions were noted:
 - a. Erection of 7 affordable houses on land opposite the Memorial Hall (ref. 26/09/0010) – refused.
 - b. Erection of two storey rear extension and detached double garage with annex above, Dollings, East Nynehead (ref. 26/09/0011) – approved with conditions.
- (ii) It was noted that that on 14 December the Local Planning Authority had made a Tree Preservation Order in respect of a turkey oak on the north side of the road to the west of the Memorial Hall.

10/008 Parish Council administration

It was decided not to end a representative to the seminar for chairmen and experienced clerks in Tiverton on 8 February.

10/009 Payments

The issue of a cheque was authorised for the clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£10.00) for December - £201.21. (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000535).

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10/010 Correspondence

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

- (i) NALC – review of events programme.
- (ii) SCC – Cultural Strategy web site.
- (iii) TDBC – Heart of Somerset Events January 2010.
- (iv) TDBC – Deane Dispatch.
- (v) Arien Signs – product information.
- (vi) Christmas cards/calendar – Jeremy Brown MP; the Mayor of Taunton Deane; the Deane DLO.
- (vii) Avon and Somerset Police – neighbourhood beat team posters (copy attached).
- (viii) Community Council for Somerset – ‘Thatch’.

10/011 Item were requested by members for the next meeting (1 February): communications including the future of the village newsletter and website.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: