

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 5 JULY 2010 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (chairman), Mr. M. Briginshaw, Mr. A. Howe, Mr. P. Netley and Mr. G. Sparks. Also present were Mr. C. Bishop (Borough Councillor), Mr. A. McMahon (County Councillor) (until 8.00 p.m.), Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from PCSO J. McAteer.

10/073 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10/074 The minutes of the meeting on 7 June 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

10/075 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 10/069(i) – The chairman had spoken to the householder and had put them in touch with the Deane Council.
- (ii) 10/069(ii) – The chairman would pursue the repair of the notice board in lower Nynehead.

10/076 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report which was passed round. It showed that there had been only a few reported crimes in Nynehead and the surrounding area.

10/077 Highway matters

Somerset Highways had sent a detailed reply to the points raised at the last meeting. This had been circulated to members and was read to the meeting. The repair work undertaken had been welcomed although there were comments that in some cases a second repair had been made to raise drain covers. It was agreed to take the following matters further:

- (i) Posts should be provided on the verge on both sides of the entrance to Blackdown View.
- (ii) The queuing problem at the Poole recycling site was not only one of inconvenience. Members considered that there was potentially a great problem for emergency vehicles and that the matter should be drawn to the attention of the police and emergency services.
- (iii) The accumulation of chippings on the road past the hall is dangerous to cyclists who are increasingly using this route.
- (iv) The chairman and or vice-chairman will speak to the owner of private number about the excessive growth of the hedge on the corner.
- (v) The chairman will speak to the person believed to be responsible for the garden waste deposited on the verge opposite Prings. As it is fly-tipping the matter will also be raised with the police and the Deane Council.

- (vi) Although it was outside the parish a resident had asked for the dangerous narrowing of the pavement from the Poole roundabout to Wellington to be brought to the attention of the relevant authority.
- (vii) A resident had commented that the 'green' near the school (part of the highway) had not been cut.

10/078 Rights of way

- (i) Mr. Spackman's presented his report on action undertaken since May. His main concern was the extension of the closure of the path to Bradford-on-Tone to 7 January 2011. It was agreed to ask the county council to explain why the repair work had not been done, when it expected to re-open the path, whether the fences put up across the path by farmers were legal and why the parish council had not been formally notified of the extension.
- (ii) Mr. Spackman would produce a draft work programme for the next meeting.

10/079 Planning matters

- (i) It was noted that permission had been granted for:
 - a. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling, Grange farm (ref. 26/10/0001).
 - b. Various internal works, Chipley Park House (ref. 26/10/0006LB);
 - c. Internal alterations to agricultural building complex, Chipley Park house (ref. 26/10/0008).
- (ii) It was noted that the Inspector had allowed the appeal at Upcott barn (ref. 26/10/0008) and had granted planning permission subject to conditions controlling occupancy and alterations to the property. The Deane Council had withdrawn its legal action on non-compliance with the enforcement notice.
- (iii) The Deane Planning Enforcement Officer had advised the council that no action could be taken on the down-pipes on the barn conversion at Rews Farm.

10/080 The future of the Nynehead school site and buildings

In response to the parish council's enquiry the county council had sent a detailed statement on the future of the school site after its closure on 31 August. Two key issues were that no approach had been received about the use of the Pratten classroom for community use, and a formal decision by the Nynehead pre-school group on whether it would take a lease of the building was still awaited. There was likely to be a delay before any new user took over the site.

10/081 Parish Council administration

- (i) There were no SALC items.
- (ii) It was noted that the council had received a satisfactory external auditor's report on its 2009-10 return with no matters to be investigated further. The notice of completion of the audit was on display for 14 days.

10/082 Payments.

The issue of cheques was authorised for:

- (i) The clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£15.00) for May - £206.21 (prop. Mr. Sparks, sec. Mr. Netley) (cheque no. 000547).
- (ii) Moore Stephens – audit fee - £58.75 (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000548).

10/083 Correspondence

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

- (i) SCC – Chairman's awards for service to the community 2010.
- (ii) Community Council for Somerset – Rural Housing Enabler evaluation (on-line) survey (no reply to be sent).
- (iii) TDBC – weekly planning lists.
- (iv) TDBC – Heart of Somerset Events, July 2010.
- (v) 'Clerk and Councils Direct' magazine.
- (vi) Somerset Waste Partnership – Update on projects etc.
- (vii) Society of Local Council Clerks – branch newsletter and notice of meeting.
- (viii) S & C Slatter Ltd – play area product information.
- (ix) Wicksteed – play area product information.
- (x) SCC – Somerset Rail Guide 2010.
- (xi) Steve Shaw – re Sustainable Communities Act.
- (xii) NALC – On-line events bulletin.
- (xiii) Parkers – bulb catalogue.

10/084 Items suggested by members for the next meeting: the frequency of council meetings (requested by the chairman). The next meeting will be on 6 September unless an additional meeting is required for planning applications or other matters that cannot wait.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: