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## NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7 JUNE 2010 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, NYNEHEAD

Present: Mr. M. Hooper (chairman), Mr. M. Briginshaw, Mr. A. Howe and Mr. G. Sparks.  
Also present were Mr. C. Bishop (Borough Councillor), Mr. A. McMahon (from 8.07 p.m.)  
and five members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Netley, Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and PCSO J. McAteer.

#### 10/062 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10/063 The minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 10/064 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 10/052(i) – Waste disposal services: members did still not consider that this part of the Deane website was easy to access. The chairman would follow up a resident's complaint about rats in Higher Nynehead associated with waste bags. Photographs of traffic problems at the Poole site would be sent to Somerset Highways.
- (ii) 10/053 – No one had offered to be tree warden. The item would be omitted from future agendas until a volunteer came forward.
- (iii) 10/058(ii) – So far four members had updated their entries in the register of interests.
- (iv) 10/058(v) – The clerk had ascertained from SALC that local council insurance cover could be obtained from three companies. Having consulted the chairman the policy with Allianz had been renewed for 2010-11, but members agreed that the matter be reviewed in the autumn when the budget for 2011-12 is prepared.

#### 10/065 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.

#### 10/066 Highway matters

A response had been received from Somerset Highways to the problems identified at the site meeting on 14 May with the Highway Superintendent:

- (i) The identified carriageway defects around the village will be repaired in the next two months.
- (ii) Village Hall to the top of The Hollow - this road will be inspected at regular intervals and any safety defects repaired as necessary. Resurfacing of this

length of road in 2011/12 would be considered. The blocked gullies will be cleared with the jetting machine.

- (iii) The three downpipes that empty on to the verge at Rew's Farm might be in breach of the planning conditions and be taken up with Taunton Deane planners. The highway has not been altered so the highway authority is not involved.
- (iv) The overgrown hedge in east Nynehead should have been cut back years ago and is now fully established. It is too late for us to tell the owner to cut it back as this would mean most of the hedge being removed and probably killing the hedge

After a discussion about the state of Nynehead's roads, to which members of the public contributed, it was agreed to write as follows to Somerset Highways:

- (i) On the road from the hall to the Hollow there is a problem of the build-up of grit which needs attention now. Could this be dealt with by the Deane's street cleaning machines?
- (ii) The council does not agree that the growth of the hedge in East Nynehead should be accepted. Its encroachment on the highway is a problem and whether it would die if cut back is of no concern to the council. The correct position of the highway boundary should be identified.
- (iii) The parapet on the bridge over the Luccombe/Bickley stream has been damaged by machinery and should be repaired.
- (iv) There continues to be a problem with parking on the verge at the corner of Blackdown View. A resident has offered to install wooden posts in the verge to prevent this. The council supports the suggestion but asks for the highway authority's comments.
- (v) The council will contact the Deane planners about Rew's Farm.
- (vi) Members are not happy with the standard of workmanship on the road between Trefusis and Tone Green. Although it is not in Nynehead parish the road is much used by its residents. The council considers that the parishes should be involved in checking the standard of repairs before payment is made.

#### 10/067 Rights of way

In Mr. Spackman's absence there was no monthly report. The footpath inspection on 17 May had concentrated on the East Nynehead circuit, several possibilities for improvement being identified.

#### 10/068 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to make no comment on applications for the internal alterations; reinstatement of pitched timber roof; demolition of shed; erection of storage buildings; conversion of 2 buildings for cottage and office for estate manager; addition of first floor to east barn, Chipley Park House (ref. 26/10/0008 & 26/10/0009LB).
- (ii) It was noted that permission had been granted for the erection of a log store and car port, Chipley Park (ref. 26/10/0007).
- (iii) Mr Sparks had represented the council at the hearing on 27 May into the appeal at Upcott Barn (ref. 26/08/0009). The hearing lasted from 10 a.m. to

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4 p.m. with a site visit. The inspector's decision was expected within seven weeks. The Deane Council had written apologising for its failure to notify the parish council of the postponement of the hearing from an earlier date and stating that compensation would be discussed with those individuals affected.

10/069 Parish Council administration

- (i) It was agreed to adopt the SALC version of the new national model Standing Orders. The annual report of the Deane Standards Committee would be circulated.
- (ii) The clerk presented a risk management report which was approved without amendment. Two important items were the review of insurance cover (see min. 10/064(iv) and the urgent need to repair the notice board near the school.
- (iii) The clerk summarised the council's financial commitments of £6650: running expenses for 2010-11 (employee and administrative costs) - £4438; election fund - £700; footpath fund - £1012; grant for Memorial Hall toilets - £500. Total assets were £7565.65 including the precept of £3500.

10/070 Payments.

The issue of a cheque was authorised for the clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£20.58) for May - £211.79 (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no. 000546).

10/071 Correspondence

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

- (i) SCC – Surface dressing of roads in Somerset (to be circulated).
- (ii) TDBC – weekly planning lists.
- (iii) TDBC – poster for Affordable Housing Open Day, 10 June.
- (iv) TDBC – Heart of Somerset Events, June 2010.
- (v) Butterworths – conference and seminar information.
- (vi) NalcMailbox – NALC events bulletin.
- (vii) Society of Local Council Clerks – course on cemetery management.
- (viii) Avon and Somerset Police Authority – Policing Plan.
- (ix) PCSO McAteer – monthly police report.

10/072 There were no items suggested by members for the next meeting (5 July).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: