

**NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON  
1 MARCH 2010 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. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer) and one member of the public.

Apologies: Mr Netley; Mr C. Bishop (Borough Councillor); Mr. T. McMahon (County Councillor) and PCSO J. McAteer.

10/024 There were no Declarations of Interest.

10/025 The minutes of the meeting on 1 February 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record.

10/026 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 10/019 – Nynehead News: in response to the discussion at the last meeting Mr Spackman showed the council a draft of a short A4 news sheet he was willing to produce, probably quarterly, including diary dates and contacts. He would require a village contact to receive information by email. If the news sheet were to be reproduced commercially it would cost about £20 per issue. His proposal was in lieu of anyone in the village willing to take on the work. Members welcomed the proposal and while recognising that it was not a council project gave it their support.

10/027 Local police report

PCSO McAteer had sent a written report which was tabled.

10/028 Highway matters

- (i) Messrs Briginshaw, Hooper and Howe had completed their survey of potholes and other damage caused by the icy weather. A copy would be sent to Somerset Highways. Members were critical of the standard of maintenance and repair work. It was clear however any work would have to wait until the next financial year.
- (ii) The chairman had written to Fox's Farm Services thanking them for their help in keeping roads open during the bad weather and had spoken to the highway surveyor about the damage to the road in Higher Nynehead caused it was thought by quarry lorries from Burlescombe and the interruption to visibility at the entrance to Blackdown View caused by the regular parking of a vehicle on the verge.
- (iii) The Bradford railway crossing would be closed overnight on 3-4 April.
- (iv) Members expressed renewed concern about the encroachment of a domestic hedge onto the highway in East Nynehead although it was doubted whether anything could be done about it.

10/029 Rights of way

- (i) Mr. Spackman made his monthly report. He had been in touch with the County Council about paths WG8/7 and with the new owner of Corrivale about fencing WG8/10. He would contact the County Council's contractor about providing the kissing gate on WG8/7 as part of the stile replacement programme.

Highways would be asked if spoil from the Baghay Lane work could be provided for the wet area at the east end of WG 8/25.

- (ii) Mrs Darby of Hornshay Farm had replied to the council's concerns about the condition of the paths at the kissing gate by the pumping station and by the sewage works. Mr Spackman would speak to her about her suggestions. The chairman would speak to Mr Lewin at Nynehead Court about reinstatement of the area by the village green.
- (iii) The diversion of path WG8/19 at Nynehead Court had been renewed for a further six months.

#### 10/030 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to comment on applications as follow:
  - a. A planning application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Grange Farm (ref. 26/10/0001) – object for two reasons: 1) bearing in mind that the farm house on the original Block House holding was on the market when the chicken farm was established the is not convinced of the justification for this new permanent dwelling, and 2) notwithstanding this the size of and accommodation provided by the proposed house are much larger than would be expected of an 'agricultural workers dwelling'.
  - b. Planning and listed building applications for the erection of an extension and alterations, Mulberry Wing, Nynehead Court (refs 26/10/0002 and 26/10/0003) – support: the council has no objections but is concerned about the potential increase in traffic.
- (ii) Apart from noting that the Community Halls document had incorrect information about the Memorial Hall members had no comments to make on the Taunton Deane Local Development Framework topic reports.
- (iii) The deadline for comments on the Government's consultation on nuclear power station sites had passed.

#### 10/031 Parish Council administration

It was doubtful that any one would be available to attend the SALC meeting on 4 March.

#### 10/032 Payments

The issue of cheques was authorised for the following (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr Sparks):

- (i) The Clerk's salary (£191.21) and expenses (£16.00) for February - £207.21 (cheque no. 000357).
- (ii) Memorial Hall Committee – hire of hall January to March - £30.00. (cheque no. 000358).
- (iii) SALC – subscription 2010-11 - £81.75 (cheque no. 000359).

#### 10/033 Correspondence

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

- (i) County Councillor T. McMahon – reminder re SCC Community Fund.
- (ii) TDBC – Fuel Poverty in Rural Taunton Deane (for April meeting).
- (iii) Somerset Co-operative Services – re community enterprise (for April meeting).
- (iv) Centre for Sustainable Energy – event for local communities - 10 April in Bridgwater.
- (v) TDBC – weekly lists of planning applications.
- (vi) TDBC – Deane Dispatch.
- (vii) TDBC – Heart of Somerset events March 2010.

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- (viii) TDBC – Mayor’s Patronage Concert -20 March.
- (ix) Wicksteed – play area product information.
- (x) Butterworths Webliners – on-line seminars for local government
- (xi) Marshalls – product information (driveway surfaces).
- (xii) NSPCCC – request for support.

10/034 No items were requested by members for the next meeting (12 April).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: