

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
7 SEPTEMBER 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 Mr. T. McMahon (County Councillor) (until 8 p.m.), Mr. C. Bishop (Borough Councillor) (from 8 p.m.), Mr. C. Spackman (Parish Paths Liaison Officer), PCSO J. McAteer, and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: None.

09/090 Declarations of Interest

- (i) Mr. Sparks: item 8 (Jubilee Playing Field) – non-prejudicial as his wife is a member of the Playing Field Committee.
- (ii) Mr. Hooper: item 8 (Jubilee Playing Field) – non-prejudicial as a member of the Playing Field Committee.

09/091 The minutes of the meeting on 6 July 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

09/092 Matters arising from the minutes

- (i) 09/081(i) - Notice board repairs: The Deane DLO had repaired the East Nynehead board free of charge and no more work was required. The board at the Memorial Hall needed painting and repairs to the putty, while the one near the school needed painting, puttying and a new post. The Chairman would speak to Terry Binding.
- (ii) 09/081(v) - Nynehead School: Mr. McMahon reported that the County Council had after careful consideration decided to uphold the decision to close the school. The Governors and the head teacher supported the closure but John Osman, portfolio holder for schools, was in discussion with some of those opposed to the closure.
- (iii) 09/081(vi) - TDBC maintenance grants: These were delayed but would be available soon.
- (iv) 09/081(vi) - Chairing skills training: The Chairman had not been able to attend this owing to a confusion about the date.

09/093 Police report

At the Chairman's invitation PCSO McAteer made a brief report. It had been a fairly quiet and orderly holiday period in the area and he was happy to report there had been only one reported crime for the Nynehead area since the last meeting

09/094 Highway matters

- (i) The survey of potholes had been sent to Somerset Highways who had replied the 'The Highway Superintendent will inspect the various defects according to the intervention levels as defined in the Highway Safety Inspect Manual. Any defects which are at or above these set intervention levels will be recorded and the necessary repairs organised in the appropriate times scales, again defined in the manual.' It was noted that some but not all of the repairs requested had been made. It was agreed to request details of the agreed 'intervention levels'.

- (ii) Information on the drainage arrangements at the new Poole roundabout had been copied to members. The extension of the new footway as far as Lodge Copse, as requested in the Council's comments on the planning application for Cades Farm, had not been carried out. The Clerk had asked the planning and highway authorities why not but so far had not received a reply.
- (iii) The Chairman would complete the National Highways and Transport Survey on questionnaire and return it to County Hall.
- (iv) Arrangements were in hand to reinstate the Eva Edwards memorial seat at the new Poole roundabout.

09/095 Rights of way

- (i) Mr. Spackman gave his monthly report on the parish's footpaths. The County Council had installed a galvanised kissing gate on the correct line of path WG8/14 by the River Tone, thus avoiding the potential erosion problem. He and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Nynehead Court about the temporary diversion of path WG8/19 during building work. This work was now underway and the temporary route provided an attractive diversion.
- (ii) In response to a request from a local resident Mr. Spackman would look into the condition and safety of the wooden kissing gate by Wharf Cottage.

09/096 Planning matters

- (i) It was agreed to comment on planning applications as follows:
 - a. The replacement of west facing sitting room window, Aisle Barn, Chipley Park (ref. 26/09/0007LB) – support.
 - b. Management work to one field maple tree and 5 sweet chestnuts within Nynehead Conservation area, Nynehead churchyard (ref. 26/09/0008T) – support.
 - c. The continued development of car breaking, metal recovery, scrap dealing and storage yard without compliance with condition no.7 (relating to the maximum height of vehicles or materials) of planning permission no. 4/46/01/010, Old Brickworks, Poole Industrial Estate (ref. 4/46/09/0025) (application in adjoining parish) - no objection subject to a restriction on the overall height of 4 metres.
- (ii) It was noted that permission had been granted for:
 - a. Replacement of man-made roofing slates with natural slates, Aisle Barn, Chipley Park (ref. 26/09/0005).
 - b. Erection of porch within courtyard and porch to front door, Long barn, Blockhouse Farm (ref. 26/09/0006).
- (iii) It was noted that permission had been refused for the change of use from holiday let and alteration to roof, Upcott Cottage (ref. 26/08/009).
- (iv) TDBC planning training would take place on 25 November. Details would be available nearer the time.
- (v) An appeal had been lodged against the Local Planning Authority's refusal of outline planning permission for 20 affordable houses and the provision of a recreation field and playground area on land opposite the Memorial Hall (ref. 26/08/0010). At its meeting on 2 February 2009 the Council had resolved to object to the application (min. 09/019(i)).

The Chairman invited comments from members of the public. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Briginshaw, seconded by Mr. Howe and agreed that the Council reiterate its objections to the proposal, support the Local Planning Authority's reasons for refusal and ask the Inspector to consider in particular the following points

- a. The proposal is out of scale and incompatible with the village.
- b. It would generate unacceptable additional traffic along narrow country lanes, in particular the Hollow, which have no footpaths.
- c. Sufficient affordable housing is being provided on the edge of Wellington at Cades Farm.
- d. Since the application was made the County Council has reiterated its decision to close the village school and in consequence this element of the applicant's original case is no longer valid.

The Clerk would draft a letter to the Planning Inspectorate based on these points, consulting the Chairman before submitting it. Members asked that the date of the site inspection be ascertained.

09/097 Registration of the Jubilee Playing Field

The Clerk reported that following further discussions with the Deane Council solicitor the registration documents had been sent to the Land Registry. In the process the Playing Field Committee had considered the situation regarding the boundary between the playing field and South View on which building was taking place, where the position of a new fence and the felling of trees had been a cause for concern. The Committee had written setting out its conclusion that having looked at the evidence 'We don't know where the boundary of the field and South View was but we accept the position of the new fence as the boundary'. The Council's comments were requested. The letter had been copied to members and was read to the meeting.

The Clerk advised the Council that although it was the custodian trustee the boundary issue was a matter for the Playing Field Committee and not the Council. The Chairman invited comments from the members of the public present, many of whom considered that the evidence did not support the Committee's conclusions.

After a long discussion it was agreed to advise the Committee that it was a matter for the Committee in which the Council's position as custodian trustees gave it no role. In addition the Council had no access to evidence on which it could take a view on the issue. However in the light of the comments made by members of the public the Committee was asked to review its conclusions taking into account the information available from those who had made representations to the Council, and to hold a meeting to this end.

09/098 Awards schemes and competitions

- (i) The Chairman reported that Nynehead had won the Community award in the 2009 Village of the Year competition in Somerset. The awards ceremony would take place on 24 September.
- (ii) It was agreed to take no action on the County Council's Sustainable Communities Competition, Nominations for the County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community and the NALC Local Council Awards 2009.

09/099 Parish Council administration

- (i) No one was available to attend the SALC AGM on 26 September.
- (ii) It was agreed that the Clerk could attend a SALC workshop for clerks on 15 October at a cost of £15 (plus travel if necessary).
- (iii) A communication about the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill would be referred to SALC.

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09/100 Payments and receipts

The issue of cheques was authorised for:

- (i) The Clerk's salary (£378.64) and expenses (£20.61) for July and August - £399.25
(prop. Mr. Sparks, sec. Mr. Briginshaw) (cheque no. 000525).
- (ii) Nynehead Memorial Hall – hall hire April-July - £40.00 (prop. Mr Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no.000526).
- (iii) Moore Stephens – audit fee - £138.00 (prop. Mr. Briginshaw, sec. Mr. Sparks) (cheque no.000527).

09/101 Correspondence

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

- (i) SCC – request to include item on new Heritage Map and Guidebook in parish newsletter.
- (ii) NALC – invitation to subscribe to Direct Information Service.
- (iii) NALC – Leadership Academy, 15-18 September, Warwick University.
- (iv) Somerset Waste Partnership – Compost Champions Scheme.
- (v) Community Council for Somerset – notice of AGM. 4.00 p.m., 15 September, Burtle Village Hall.
- (vi) Taunton and District CAB – notice of AGM, 15 September.
- (vii) SCC – information re county council members.
- (viii) SCC – Cultural Heritage Group's 'Quest' newsletter.
- (ix) Jeremy Browne MP – village advice surgery dates.
- (x) TDBC – weekly lists of planning applications and decisions.
- (xi) TDBC – Heart of Somerset Events – July and August; September.
- (xii) TDBC – Deane Dispatch.
- (xiii) Somerset Rural Youth Project - newsletter.
- (xiv) Community Council for Somerset – 'Thatch'.
- (xv) St John Ambulance – letter/poster re recruitment of volunteers.
- (xvi) Avon and Somerset Police – change of Neighbourhood Policing Inspector at Taunton.
- (xvii) Glasdons – Local councils' product information.
- (xviii) LexisNexis – autumn publications catalogue.
- (xix) 'Clerks and Councils Direct'.

09/102 No items were requested by members for the next meeting (5 October).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: