

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 159th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 7.30.

Present:- Councillors David Gruncell (vice Chair), Viv O'Dell, Winnie Rooks, Clerk Roger Cooper.

Apologies:- Babs Channing, Adrian Pike.

DG welcomed Angela Kirkham to the meeting representing the Village Hall, who advised us about the Christmas Tree suggestion (see below) and about the progress of the Hall painting, for which the council has advanced funds. She also reported on the long standing water leak that has been running from the VH car park, work has taken place but it is not clear who is paying for it yet.

Matters arising:-

1. PC Website, RC reported that he has made some progress in understanding how it works, RC & BC had arranged to do some further work, on the day of the meeting BT cut-off RC's internet, due to BC's ill health a further meeting has not yet happened.
2. Emergency Plan, DG reported that he has made good progress on a plan format and expects to be able to present a plan to the next meeting.
3. Phone Box, VO'D brought a letter sent to Ian at No1 Pitt Court (on whose land the box stands) outlining the timetable for repairs, this timetable has already fallen behind, RC to liaise with Ian & chase BT.
4. BT Broadband, MOP Roland Smith advised that BT have now been able to offer a small increase in broadband speeds linked to the fibre optic system installed at the Lapford Exchange, but the increase is insignificant as it still has to travel down the copper cable and nowhere near that offered by fibre optics. MOP Anthony Odhams reported on a number of possible options for the village but these will all have an additional cost involved. However it is hoped that there will be sufficient users working from home in the village to make such options viable.
5. Christmas Tree, the VH committee is in agreement in principle about allowing the tree to be sited near the bench in the car park but does not want cable running through a window in the hall. DG to ask the Old Rectory owners for their views on the matter. Battery operated lights were considered but not thought to be a good alternative.

Finance Report:-

1. RC advised that there had been no expenditure since the last meeting, the bank balance standing at £1394.54. RC thanked Roland Smith for performing the Internal Audit.
2. The Grant Thornton Audit has been completed, there are no outstanding issues.
3. Bank account, discussion postponed as this was an item raised by BC.

New business and Any other business:- no matters were raised.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 16th November 2016.

The meeting closed at 8-29pm.