

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 157th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wed. 18th March 2016 at 7.30.

Present:- Councillors Babs Channing (Chair), David Gruncell (vice Chair), Viv O'Dell, Winnie Rooks, Clerk Roger Cooper. John Daw Chairman MDDC. Apologies Adrian Pike.

The minutes of the meeting on 18th November 2015 were approved and signed.

Matters arising:-

Tap Fund. We received a total of £464.50, £143 more than expected, thanks to Margaret Squires and Zoe Lentell for organising this.

PC Website/Training. BC received her training in January and thanked MoP Roland Smith for his help in putting initial information on the website. RC has a training session booked for 6th April.

Flower Beds/WAGG. It is not possible to plant at the village sign near the Church because it is on private land. It was agreed to pay £52.59 for new bulbs & plants for the existing sites.

Emergency Plan. RC reported that he had not been successful in getting any information about Coldridge or Lapford's plans. JD advised that Coldridge has discussed a plan but has not put one in place yet. DG agreed that we should have a plan, MoP David Coeshall said that he has considerable experience of such matters and volunteered to help establish the plan.

Finance Report:-

Expenditure. RC reported a surplus for the year to date of £40.99 before any additional expenditure agreed at the meeting. Councillors asked RC if he had any expenses to claim, DG suggested an annual honorarium of £25 which was agreed.

Bank Balance. The balance after all cheques are presented will be £1,056.56.

New Business:-

BC has countersigned a TAP fund application for Coldridge for funds to buy "20 is Plenty" road signs. After discussions it was decided that Nymet Rowland would not benefit from a similar application.

HM Queens's 90th Birthday. It was decided that it was too late to organise anything for 21st April, however JD advised that Coldridge had already made plans and suggested RC contact Coldridge PC to join in with their arrangements.

A.O.B.:-

Litter pick. BC suggested that we ask Oliver Williams if he will kindly organise another litter pick and if so arrange a date.

Dog waste. DG reported that the existing signs were in poor condition. BC suggested contacting the dog warden at MDDC, JD mentioned Highways as a possibility, RC to investigate.

Phone Box. DG noted that the phone box was looking dirty and shabby, V.O'D offered to clean it. RS reminded the council that it is a listed building and BT are responsible for the maintenance of it. V.O'D has the missing sign but the door is in need of major work. The phone is in working order.

Christmas Tree. DC asked if it would be possible for the PC to fund a tree in future years V.O'D and BC mentioned that there could be problems about where to site it, as the Village Hall car park has to allow for access. JD said that it has been popular in Coldridge since they funded a tree. It was agreed to investigate further.

Planning Application 15/01689/FULL and 1501690/LBC received 23/3/16 for installation of solar panels on the roof of former dairy building at Yeo Valley View Farm, approved with a majority of 3 for, 1 against.

Dates of next meetings:- 11th May 2017, 17th August 2016, 16th November 2016, 22nd March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8-50pm.