

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 160th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.30.

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

Apologies:- Adrian Pike.

Matters arising:-

1. PC Website, RC advised that he had uploaded the minutes and Notice of conclusion of Audit, BC advised that due to the delays in having her eye operation she had not been able to do any work on the website. MoP Ian Binnie complained that the website is still not available to view, BC answered that there is no specified deadline for the site to go live. There were 3 offers from MoP's to assist with the website
2. Emergency Plan, DG has completed the first draft of the plan and passed it to David Coeshall for his appraisal (see minutes 18/3/16).
3. Phone Box, the renovations have now been completed, councillors thanked Ian Binnie for his help in progressing the work.
4. Christmas tree, DG advised that the Rectory owners had very kindly agreed to provide the electricity supply, he would source the tree and stand, David Coeshall would provide the lights.
5. BT Broadband, MoP Anthony Odhams outlined a number of options that had been considered, none of which is deemed either beneficial or suitable. However he advised that he had met and subsequently corresponded with a BT regional Director who has promised to install a fibre optic junction box in the village before the end of the year. Also agreed to rewire the whole village with copper cable. This will provide all homes with better Broadband speeds but the further away from the box the lower the increase. Councillors all thanked Anthony for his excellent work with a round of applause.

Finance Report:-

1. The bank balance stands at £1,349-54, no expenditure since the last meeting.
2. 2017/18 Precept, BC asked that the precept remained at £600, RC suggested that the precept be set at £800 which had been the 2014/15 figure. DG told the meeting that St Bartholomew's Church was likely to need extra support this year because they have to have a survey completed at a cost of £600, for which they do not have any surplus funds. After much discussion it was agreed that the council would make a contribution and invite Arthur and Victoria Littlewood to attend the next meeting. It was agreed to set the Precept at £800.

New business.

Defibrillator for the village. This topic was originally raised by MoP Gordon Haigh, who had then advised that at present there appear to be too many obstacles for it to proceed. However MoP Ian Binnie has also been investigating the matter in some depth, he said that any scheme will depend on considerable village support. He suggested writing a leaflet with the information about the requirements needed for purchase and use of it in the village, for distribution to each

household. He added that he would arrange for a meeting to take place sometime soon in the village hall, attended by a relevant speaker. After said meeting, he would report the findings to the council at the next meeting in March. DG asked him to liaise with Gordon Haigh.

Any other business.

RC reported receiving a letter from Angela Kirkham about broken gates on the public footpath to Coldridge, the matter has been reported to Devon CC who will attend to it.

MoP Jacky Quella raised the problem of cars speeding through the village, particularly near to Lapford where children play in the road, DG pointed out that this is outside the village boundary so not under our jurisdiction. He asked anyone noticing regular offenders speeding in the village, to note the registration numbers to see if a pattern emerges.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

The meeting closed at 9-05 pm.

After the meeting closed the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING took place.

David Coeshall asked if there is a village development plan, BC answered no there is not. Roland Smith said that there is no development shown for Nymet Rowland on the Mid Devon Council development plan.

No further matters were raised but it was suggested that the Defibrillator and Speeding matters should perhaps have been covered in this part of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9-15pm.