

# NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the 167th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30.**

Present:- Councillors Babs Channing, David Gruncell, Viv O'Dell, Winnie Rookes, Clerk Roger Cooper.

Re-election of Council Officers. BC agreed to continue as Chair, proposed by DG, seconded by VO, DG agreed to continue as Vice Chair, proposed by BC, seconded by VO, all in favour.

Co-option of councillor. RC advised that Anthony Odhams had to step down after the last meeting due to a mistake with his original appointment. After due process the only candidate to apply is Anthony Odhams, all in favour, so AO has been re-appointed

Questions from Members of Public. Ian Binnie raised concerns about the poor diversion routes/signage for the A377 road closure, there was discussion but it is not within the remit of the PC. He asked why the PC had not paid for outstanding expenses for the Defibrillator, RC advised that the Council has not received any Accounts or claim from the fund yet and asked IB to submit them to him. IB also asked why the Emergency Plan Brief had not been displayed on the PC noticeboard, following agreement with the VH committee this could now be done. The situation of the VH key availability is not a matter for the PC.

The minutes of the meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance. BC advised that Stephen Tucker has promised to make permanent repairs later this year after the A377 closure had finished, but did not specify exactly which ones. AO asked why some of the potholes on the road to Cleavanger had not been repaired, RC said that despite the dry weather they were still filling with water. DG said he would contact Peter Heal (MDDC Chair) to try to get the drainage problem fixed to stop the water running in the middle of the road. BC said we should invite Oliver Williams to the next meeting.
2. Emergency Plan. DG advised us that it is now a viable document which will require constant reviewing/updating.
3. Internet telephone banking. RC reported that we had not asked WR to sign one of the forms which related to the users of the service (BC & RC), they will not post that form back, instead we must fill in all the forms again.
4. Foul water. BC will contact John Daw again to find out what progress, if any, has been made.
5. Defibrillator/Emergency First responder list. AO explained this had to be delayed until his re-appointment as a Councillor. A number of volunteers previously approached, will now be confirmed, training arranged and a laminated A5 guideline & contact sheet with explanatory letter, delivered to every household, without further interruption.
6. Website. AO explained that last month the website had 346 hits. There are new pages including a list of nearby events and the start of a collection of photographs of village scenes.

Finance report:-

RC reported that the bank balance stands at £1,935.47 and asked if the Councillors wished to provide his Honorarium of £25 again this year, all agreed. The Annual Accounts had been audited with thanks to Roland Smith, and published on the website. As a small authority we can now claim exemption from submission to the External Auditors.

New Business.

1. Peter Heal (MDDC Chair) has requested the dates of our next meetings and Margaret Squires is hoping to attend the November meeting.

2. BC suggested that we should proceed with the Snow Warden scheme and check what training Oliver Williams can have.

3. BC had expressed concern about Field Silage mounds, DG advised that they are legitimate.

4. A377 closure chaos. All expressed criticism of the diversion signage, it being confusing in places and inadequate in others, BC has tried to have changes/ improvements put in place but with little effect.

5. PC Website update. RC has been advised that we should publish nominated Persons for specific topics e.g. BC Roads, DG agriculture/emergency Plan, AO Website, RC finance.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The meeting closed at 9-0pm.