

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 174th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 18th November 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams (Chair), Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Winnie Rookes, Clerk Roger Cooper. Mid Devon Councillor Margaret Squire

Apologies for absence, David Gruncell.

Questions from Members of Public. No questions.

The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18th September 2019 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance. MS explained that Stephen Tucker of Devon Highways, is awaiting confirmation that the blocked gulley has been cleared in the field adjacent to Barton Hill identified at their site meeting on 30th August, ST can't proceed with the repairs until this has been done. RC to write to John Daw to remind him about his agreement to undertake this work, that it is holding up the repairs and we must insist that it is done immediately. He has previously agreed to ask Adrian Pike to do this work. MS advised that ST has an additional source of funding for minor road repairs which may help us in the future.
2. Snow warden scheme. RC to speak to Oliver Williams to clarify matters regarding the grit bins and the Snow warden scheme before contacting DCC roads again.
3. Parish donations. The Church has received the donation of £250 towards Cemetery upkeep. RC read out a letter from the Village Hall committee about the urgent repairs needed to the concrete in the parking area, estimated to be costing at least £600. It was agreed to contribute £250 towards this expense. MS suggested that they might be able to get a grant from the Locality Budget. Defibrillator expenses, AO & RC have suggested that if Ian Binnie provides the Council with the details of any replacement items needed, we will order and pay for them. This can simplify the process will save IB from having to use his own money and reclaim it from the council. The new deposit account now has £150 in it.
4. Change of priority of road junction at Eggesford Cross. MS asked RC to write again about this request.
5. Mid road build up of soil, grit and growth clearance down lane from Hele Cross to Nymet Bridge. MS advised that there aren't any funds in the road budgets for this type of work, and the PC would have to make it's own arrangements. AO is not satisfied with this answer, given the condition of the road. The hedges have now been cut.
6. CPRE/MDDC meeting in Crediton. Roland Smith kindly attended the meeting on behalf of NRPC and produced a useful report on it. The main summary concludes that the government's requirements for New House Building are based on their own national figures and not on the actual needs of our local area. The report is available on the PC website.

Finance Report.

RC reported the bank balance at £1,494.68, with 1 outstanding invoice just received for £107.25, local election fees. Deposit A/C £150.

New Business.

1. 2020 Precept. It was agreed to maintain the precept at the same rate.
2. AO reported that he'd received complaints about a number of large clumps of dung that had recently been dropped on the lane through the village by a local farm. A road accident was very narrowly avoided. Not only was this careless and anti-social, there is a legal obligation for those responsible to clear it up, if it happens again.
3. Councillors code of conduct and register of interests. RC has just received this request to review this matter and asked councillors to do this before the next meeting.
4. It was agreed to purchase a Christmas tree again.
5. John Daw to be reminded again about the new hedge planting which was stipulated as part of the planning permission granted for the new entrance. RC to write.
6. The "road unsuitable for HGV's" signs are now missing from the road junction at lapford.

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 18th March 2020.

The meeting closed at 8-51pm.