

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 177th meeting of the Parish Council, held via remote VTC Zoom link on Wed. 16th September 2020 at 7.30.

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams (Chair), David Gruncell, Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Clerk Roger Cooper, M.O.P. Roland Smith.

Apologies:- Winnie Rookes who could not take part as she does not have a computer. There was discussion about how many meetings a Councillor is allowed to miss, RC to check with DALC, and ask Winnie's daughter if she could help in any way.

The minutes of the meetings held on 15th July & 20th August 2020 were approved and signed.

Matters arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance. AO reported that he had not heard anything from Stephen Tucker or Cllr. Margaret Squires, but had made sure that all the potholes had been registered with the online portal. VO'D said that the road near Rose Removals is in a very bad state outside Lower Nymet Farm entrance, although this is not in our parish we can still report these online. DG emphasised how important it is for the work promised for Barton Hill to be done before winter.
2. Snow warden scheme. RC reported that he now has all the information on the scheme, there is duplication with the grit warden scheme, the main difference being that the snow warden scheme is aimed at gritting lanes not covered by Highways. This will therefore involve purchasing a towable Salt Spreader, the cheapest on the market at present being £301 + VAT, plus a tow hitch adaption, which DG said he could arrange. RC said he could store it and suggested allocating £150 towards the purchase, from this year's budget.
3. Village Hall car park repair donation. RC has spoken to the VH Chair who says they are waiting for Pike Construction to do the work.
4. Change of priority at Eggesford Cross junction. RC says he has not heard anything from Highways or Cllr. Margaret Squires.
5. Missing HGV signs. AO noted it is not certain where all the signs should be. DG said that it would not be worth replacing the one at the Nymet Farm fields T junction because it would again be destroyed by tractors and HGVs, so no further action on this matter.
7. Clotworthy Bridge repairs. (Previously referred to as Hawkridge Bridge) AO and DG both said that the unfinished, temporary state of the bridge with large unprotected gaps between railings and road is potentially dangerous to children and pets. Signage at the site stating the work was completed by 'Spring 2020' is clearly incorrect. AO proposed that we write to Highways, reminding them of the danger and that it is solely their responsibility to ensure the work is completed without further delay. Copy to Cllr. Margaret Squires.

Finance Report:-

Bank balance. The Current A/C balance is £1,470.70 and the Deposit £550.28, there are no outstanding payments due. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 forms were presented to the meeting and signed by AO (Chair), RS (Auditor) and RC (Clerk) based on the accounts agreed at the meeting on 20/05/20.

New Business.

Hele Cross Change of Use Planning Application 20/1170. Following a request from the MDDC Planning Dept, and an extraordinary PC meeting held on 20th August, a consultee document was accordingly submitted on line. A number of further related documents have been submitted by consultees and MOPs, and are viewable on the Planning Portal. The deadline for a Planning approval decision has been postponed until 30th October, awaiting further investigation and information.

Dates of next meeting. Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.