

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 179th meeting of the Parish Council, held via remote VTC Zoom link on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 2.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams (Chair), David Gruncell (vice Chair). Viv O'Dell, Clerk Roger Cooper, MOP Roland Smith.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 were approved and signed.

It is noted that the meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30pm the previous evening, but the Zoom link failed which prevented the meeting from having a quorum. Present at this meeting A.O., D.G., R.C., MOP's Roland Smith, Mark Wooding, Richard Daw, Peter Heale.

Matters Arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance. No progress has been made on this matter, there still has not been any communication from Steven Tucker, despite requests from Margaret Squires.
2. Village Hall car park repair. Marion Bourne has told RC that Adrian Pike has made a firm promise that the work will be completed by the end of March.
3. Change of Priority at Eggesford Cross Junction. No progress on this matter. See item 1.
4. Hawridge/Clotworthy Bridge repairs. The road is scheduled to be closed w/c 25/1/21 for this work to be done. Although this is supposed to include resurfacing the bridge, we have not had confirmation of this.
5. Mud on road/farmers obligations. Richard Daw stated that some of the problems related to a neighbour using a trailer incorrectly, and he would do his best to clear up asap after cropping work in future.
6. New tree planting and hedge at Barton Farm. AO said that new tree planting would mainly take place on farm land but larger gardens would be considered as well. RD said that it would not be practical to plant until the precise details for the new ELM – Environmental Land Management payment scheme is clarified. It was agreed to postpone a health inspection of the beech hedge whips at the Barton Farm entrance until March.

Finance Report. RC advised that the current A/C balance is £853.16, Deposit £700.31

New Business.

1. Requests for financial support from Citizens Advice and Mid Devon Mobility. V O'D said re C.A. she would only support a donation if it goes to our local branch in CREDITON, AO and DG agreed it is a worthwhile cause to support; as MDM are already helping 2 Nymet residents, it was agreed to send £50 to each charity.
2. Road flooding near Cleavanger. DG is aware of this and said it is yet another example of a problem arising because the position of Parish Lengthsman has been abolished. Currently there is nowhere for the water to go. He believes the best course of action is for Mid Devon to consult with the owners of Coldridge Barton, requesting that the road water be allowed into the wood and subsequently the stream close by. Currently, Water will pond there after each and every heavy rain downfall.
3. Litter Pick. AO told the Wednesday meeting that he had collected a lot of beer cans and other litter from one area. RD said he is aware of this problem and has previously spoken

to a known offender. VO'D and DG said they would also like to help with litter collection, so will be provided with picking tools.

4. RC read out an e-mail from Sue Boothroyd suggesting we organise a village social gathering when Covid restrictions are fully lifted, all in favour when applicable.
5. VO'D Raised the matter of the replacement street light fitting that has been installed next to Nymet Barton. This is a very bright LED and she has received several complaints about it. RC said he saw it being installed as he was working in the garden at the time, it is very dazzling for Orchardlea and doesn't seem to have a shade on it. RS said he does not like light pollution and will put an article in the next PUMP about it.

Next Meetings. DG and AO have suggested that we only need to have meetings once every 3 months, and important matters can be dealt with by e-mails which are legal documents. In special circumstances we can call an emergency meeting. All agreed. Meetings as follows:-
Wed 21st April, Thurs 15th July, Tues October 12th , Tues 18th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 8-42pm.