

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 180th meeting of the Parish Council, held via remote VTC Zoom link on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams (Chair), David Gruncell (vice Chair). Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Clerk Roger Cooper, County Councillor Margaret Squires, Mid Devon Councillor Peter Heal, Mid Devon Election Candidate Mark Wooding. Apologies from Winnie Rookes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2021 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance. A.O. advised he had again submitted a report, including photos of the potholes and severely iced road, to Devon CC Highways Portal. Most of the potholes on Barton Hill have since been filled but neither he nor D.G. have any confidence the repairs will hold. No repairs will be satisfactory until the proper solution, long promised by Stephen Tucker is carried out. M.S. promised to remind him again. A.O. expressed the PC's gratitude to Paul Stanbury at Cleavanger Farm, who unprompted, undertook ditch and clearance work at the flood point on the way to Allerbridge.
2. Village Hall car park repair. Marion Bourne has told RC that Adrian Pike was unable to attend to this by the end of March, M.S. said that she had been able to extend the deadline for the County Council grant, and R.C. said that the P.C. grant is held in the deposit account.
3. Change of Priority at Eggesford Cross Junction. M.S. asked R.C. if he would write a reminder letter to her which she would pass on to S.T.
4. Hawridge/Clotworthy Bridge repairs. The repairs are now completed and all agreed that the work is very satisfactory.
5. Mud on road/ Farmers obligations. The PC will continue to remind our local farmers to clean up as and when tractors have left a lot of mud on the road.
6. New tree planting/hedge at Barton farm. R.C. has looked at these, and although few have started budding, he thinks the majority are still alive.

Finance report.

R.C. Reported that the current A/C stands at £1596.41 including this year's precept, and the deposit account is £700.34 which includes funding for the Village Hall and Defibrillator.

New Business.

- 1) Review of emergency plan. Mark Wooding has agreed to review the plan and produced a questionnaire for distribution to all homes in the village. There was discussion about how this information can be held, and the potential of establishing a contacts list of residents. R.C. to make enquiries with DALC about data compliance regulations regarding paper or computer databases.
- 2) Establish contact with owner of ponies paddock. P.H. said that he is fairly sure who will know about the owner and will get in touch.

- 3) Memorial tree and bench. D.G. said he will ask Richard Daw and Adrian Pike who the little piece of land belongs to, near West Barton farm, which is being suggested as the site. A cherry is being suggested, as it's blossom appears at the right time of year for such a memorial.
- 4) Feedback on street light pollution. A.O. and R.C. expressed opinions that these new much taller lights are very intrusive in their gardens. M. S. said that SSE are the contractors for DCC. M.W. suggested that sensors could be fitted so that the lights are only on when movement is detected, R.C. to enquire.
- 5) Village Party. All remain enthusiastic about this proposal, but it is too early to discuss dates.

A.O.B.

V.O'D raised the matter of a notice that had been placed in the telephone box in response to an earlier notice about dog waste. This led to further discussion about the defibrillator being moved into the box if it ceases to be used by BT. A.O. suggested that it would be helpful to obtain a new usage figure from BT.

Next meeting. B.C. said that the next meeting showing as July could not be correct as the "Parish Meeting" has to be held in May, P.H. confirmed this. R.C. apologised that although he knew that meeting had always been held in May, he didn't realise it had to be in May. So dates for the May meeting are to be considered. R.C. said the Government had instructed that from May PC meetings could no longer be conducted via Zoom, however one County Council has appealed against this and a decision is expected W/C 26/4/21.

The meeting closed at 21:25 hrs.

Subsequent to this meeting, the next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 26th May at 7-30pm in the Village Hall. The above appeal has failed, so Zoom meetings can no longer take place.