

# NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of 185th meeting of the Parish Council in Village Hall on 11 May 2022 at 7.30**

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams AO (Chair), David Gruncell DG (Vice Chair), Viv O'Dell VO'D, Babs Channing BC, Winnie Rookes WR, Clerk Roger Cooper RC, Minute Clerk Jan Coeshall. MOP Dave Coeshall, Roland Smith.

Apologies :- County Councillors Margaret Squires, Peter Hearn.

AO introduced Jan Coeshall who was the Minute Clerk who would assist RC.

### **Annual election of Chair and Vice Chair.**

AO and DG stepped down and were re-elected unopposed for the next year.

Minutes of meeting 9 February 2022 were approved and signed.

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **Matters arising.**

1. Pothole/road maintenance. AO updated on the worst potholes. Reported them but they were swiftly rejected. White marks appeared around them the next day. AO also stressed anyone can report potholes. We are no nearer any solution.
2. Change of priority at Eggsford Cross junction. - No change.
3. Memorial bench and tree. VO'D has spoken to Richard Daw who had agreed the siting of a Memorial Bench. VO'D is searching for information on benches and will bring it to the next meeting. DG pointed out we need a plinth first. A tree position siting was discussed, no decision was made.
4. Repairs to bench at junction. RC is no further forward with repair. VO'D agreed to get more information about repairs when researching benches.
5. Updated emergency plan. A draft has been circulated. DG would like comments before it is published. To be reviewed annually. AO thanked DG and Mark Wooding for their work.
6. Streetlight pollution. No movement from the CPRE. DG asked about the timing of lighting. It appears they do not turn off until the early hours of the morning. For the environment, do they need to be on that long? RC to take this forward.
7. Activities at Nymet Mill Field. The PC comments have been submitted. The applicant has asked for several extensions the latest is 18 May 2022. This is to allow his Agent to reply to the Planning Assistant's email of 15 March 2022. BC asked what had been done about the pipe work down by the river. AO has spoken to the Environment Agency and the pipe work has to be removed. There is no more we can do at the moment.

**Finance report** - Current account stands at £2264.34. AO stated the PC need to investigate any forthcoming expenditure. A discussion took place about the church needing funds for upkeep and maintenance of the grounds. DG said we need to help the church or else we would lose it.

The batteries in the defibrillator need changing in August. RC will deal with this. AO thanked Roland Smith for checking the defibrillator regularly.

There was no new business.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

BC asked about the Jubilee Celebrations. Mark Wooding is arranging a quiz night Friday 3 June 2022 in the Village Hall.

**Subsequent addendum.** At 6pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, everyone is invited to join a tribute to Her Majesty The Queen in a '**Journey through 70 years**', reliving highlights and forgotten memories of her reign. This will be held in the Church and participants are then invited to a barbeque in the gardens of Barton House. Leaflets are to be distributed to each household.

Mid Devon District Council Local Plan. It was thought that our boundaries were not changing so we shall not be affected.

Next meetings 10 August and 16 November.

This meeting closed at 20.05hrs.

## **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### **Chair's Annual Report**

1. Potholes and repairs. Unfortunately there has been little or no progress despite repeated reports and requests to the Highways by local councillors.
2. The PC has had two planning applications to comment on. Approval of a garage and other work at the Coach House was granted. The second one relating to plans for Nymet Mill Field is still ongoing.
3. The bench at the junction and the Memorial bench and tree is ongoing and moving forward.
4. Thank you goes to DG who again sourced and organised a Christmas tree for the village.
5. According to BT there is usage of the public telephone box so it would appear to prevent the potential repurposing as a protected home for the defibrillator. The situation will need ongoing assessment.
6. AO reported on the excess litter on the road from Eggesford Cross to Hawkridge Bridge. The individual concerned has been spoken to.
7. The Chair would like to thank our local councillors Margaret Squires and Peter Heal for their continued support at our meetings. Also thanks to my fellow councillors and thanks to Roger for his work as clerk. There is more to his role than is apparent.

There were no matters raised or questions from MOP's. The meeting closed at 20.16 hrs.