

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 186th meeting of the Parish Council in Village Hall on 10th August 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams AO (Chair), David Gruncell DG (Vice Chair), Viv O'Dell VOD, Babs Channing BC, Minute Clerk Jan Coeshall, MOP Roland Smith, Dave Coeshall.

Apologies :- Councillor Winnie Rookes, Clerk Roger Cooper.

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 11 May 2022 approved and signed.

Matters Arising.

1. Potholes. Repairs appear to be very adhoc and we are no further forward. DG suggested writing to Mel Stride MP. This was agreed.
2. Change of priority at Eggsford Cross Junction. It was agreed to include this in the letter to Mel StrideMP.
3. Memorial Bench and tree. VOD requested to know the dimension of the bench to take the matter forward. BC suggested DCWPolymers who make benches out of recycled plastic. The hospital have used them successfully. They can be contacted on 01392 361300 or polymers@dcw.co.uk VOD to look into this and bring information to next meeting. DG suggested asking the Village Hall Committee for a donation towards this as the Parish Council had helped them in the past. BC would ask them.
4. Repairs to bench at junction. RC has a potential contact to repair the bench so this is in hand.
5. DG has received no comments on the distributed Emergency Plan. BC said she didn't receive it so it will be sent again. Feedback to be given in the next week.
6. Streetlights. RC has received a reply from Devon Council. Lights are automatically replaced when not working. They are controlled centrally and this system is in the process of being updated. As this email did not address the actual issues of invasive lighting on to personal property. Any specific complaints can be sent via website - www.lightsonindevon.co.uk
7. Activities at Nymet Mill Field. The application has now been withdrawn. The applicant has removed staging down by the river. Although the item is now closed, it was agreed that it will be necessary to continue to monitor for any further planning related activities.
8. Defibrillator batteries and chest pad. These have now been replaced and the defibrillator is functioning. They cost £176.95. The spare pad has been put with the training items for future training.

Finance Report Current account stands at £2136.92. Expenditure £176.95 so balance now £1961.97.

Annual Donations. The Village Hall Committee did not require any donations this year. Donations to the Church via Mrs Littlewood, the Church warden, towards the maintenance & upkeep of the cemetery and graves is outstanding for last year and the current year. VOD opposed the back payment for the previous year. After discussions it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the Littlewoods for invoices for the maintenance at a value of £250 for each of the two years. These would then be paid.

New Business. Mark Wooding has taken the initiative of producing a paper on What3words Location. This could help residents pinpoint and report their locations in cases of emergency. The paper was circulated, for comments back to AO.

Damaged bridge. The railings and posts at the small parish boundary bridge damaged by a tractor, have now all been replaced.

Litter picking. AO reminded councillors they have litter pickers and suggested that when out and about, we litter pick where possible.

Date of next meeting. 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm

The Parish Council are inviting residents to suggest ideas of anything they thought of that would improve the village.