

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 191th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7-30.

Present :- Councillors Anthony Odhams, David Gruncell, Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Jan Coeshall, Roger Cooper (clerk),
MOP's Roland Smith (The Pump) Dave Coeshall.
Councillor Steven Keable, MDDC.

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2023 were approved and signed.

AO welcomed our new, recently elected District Councillor, Steven Keable and thanked him for his representation to the planning office regarding the application at Nymet Mill Field.

A.O. sadly reported the untimely sudden death of the Nymet Rowland Vicar, Rev Robert Gorden. A book of condolence is in the Church for parishioners to sign. AO has signed on behalf of the PC.

Questions from members of the public.

D. Coeshall raised the matter of the closure of the Mobile Library facility and asked about the feasibility of a community library, perhaps in the Village Hall. Cllr Keable commented that there may be limited funds available, if requested promptly. It was agreed to explore ideas on this.

Matters arising:-

1)

Pothole/road Maintenance. The general state of all the village roads continue to be a serious problem. This is most likely due to DCC poor finances. However, it was agreed to continue to keep reminding them of our needs, with a letter to Cllr Meg Booth, especially as Central Government has pledged more funds to councils specifically for road repair and maintenance. The lane past Cleaveanger has had some work done at the upper end; but the worst pothole of all near the farm entrance has not had any repairs done. This is so bad that drivers are having to use the wrong side of the road driving into oncoming traffic on the bend.

2) Street lighting RC. Despite the progress made before the last meeting and subsequent new and additional photos sent; when RC enquired before the meeting, he was told that the file(s) could not be found; and an assessment promised by 5th September has not happened. AO expressed annoyance about this further delay. RC to pursue this for completion.

3) Repairs to bench at junction. The wood and metal work is nearly complete, RC asked if it should be repainted in black, which was agreed.

Finance report.

Deposit A/C balance is £1,421.86, Current A/C £934.95

New Business.

Planning Application for Holiday Cabins at Nymet Mill Farm, Ref NGR 271 submitted 25th October 2023 . This application raised great concern within the community resulting in a number of well stated letters of objection to the planning Office. The PC has submitted it's clear objections. The Planning Office advised the applicant it was minded to refuse the application on the grounds of serious concerns with the applicant on the grounds of 1) Principal of development sustainability. 2) Visual landscape issues. 3) Highways issues. 4) Climate impact.

(We have subsequently been informed that the application has been withdrawn.)

Planning application for Listed Building consent At Parsonage Farm Nymet Rowland, Ref 271684/108134. The planning Officer for this application is in favour of the works required. Those Councillors who know the property agreed that the improvements are needed; so the application was passed unanimously.

Defibrillator. AO explained that he is in contact with the relevant volunteers in Lapford to arrange a refresher course for the use of the defibrillator and CPR in early January. The matter of re-locating the defibrillator was brought up. Two potential sites exist, to either repurpose the telephone box ; or outside the village hall. However the later would mean that the defibrillator would continue to be exposed to adverse weather conditions.

RC phoned BT before the meeting, to enquire if the box is still being used, but has not had a return call, and will ring BT again. SK advised that there is a limited fund available for Parishes that want to continue with a volunteer system.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Dates of next meetings Wed 7th Feb.2024.

Wed 15th May 2024. Wed 14th August 2024, Wed 13th November 2024, Wed 12th February 2025.