

# NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of meeting of the 193rd Parish Council in Village Hall on 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams, David Gruncell, Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Jan Coeshall, Roger Cooper(Clerk), 2 MOP.

Minutes of meeting 7 February 2024 were approved and signed.

**Questions from member of the public.** Concerns were raised regarding the submitted Planning Application for change of use at Nymet Barton Farm, in regards of increased traffic on already bad potholed roads, lack of detail in application, and the fact that the Parish Council had not been notified of the application. Discussion took place and it was evident there was a lack of clarity pertaining to the regulations regarding this Class Q application, AO to contact Head of Planning at MDDC to clarify.

### **Matters arising**

1. Potholes. AO updated the council on the situation and the lack of progress with the DCC Highways management, we are no further forward, the roads are getting worse. The dialogue is ongoing.
2. Street lighting. There has been some progress. Lights are slowly being replaced. One more light needs to be reported.
3. Repairs to bench at Junction. The bench has now been repaired and is back in place. It looks really good but it now needs securing. AO and DG to undertake.

Finance report - Current Account, £1565.95 Deposit Account £889.95  
£300 to be paid for repair to bench.

**Cemetery Grant** - a discussion took place to increase the amount to be paid annually for the maintenance of the Churchyard. Some strong views were expressed, last year when the PC paid £450. Some felt as the costs had further increased, we should update it to £500. It was put to a vote and was carried 3 to 2 to increase the amount to £500 for this year.

**Broadband** – AO explained that the upgrade of the Lapford Exchange was looking very positive. 81.7% of households had now committed their funding vouchers to support the introduction of a full Gigabit 'fibre to the property' service.

**Snow Warden** - our Snow Warden will be leaving shortly, we need to find someone else to undertake this roll.

**Nymet Rowland Car Park** – Cllr Steve Keeble asked MDDC about the condition of the car park and it was suggested that if the PC wanted to manage it on a lease basis that would be possible. MDDC are not interested in taking further responsibility for maintenance. The PC concurred that if a lease was signed, the resulting maintenance costs would have to be reflected in an increase in precept charges. There was no willingness to incur such costs.

The meeting closed at 20:50 hrs approx.

Next Meeting 14 August 2024