

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 194th Parish Council Meeting Held in Village Hall on Wednesday, 14th August at 7:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Anthony Odhams (AO), David Gruncell (DG), Babs Channing (BC), Viv O'Dell (VO), Jan Coeshall (JC), Roger Cooper (RC) - Clerk, Elaine Little (EL) - Assistant Clerk
Guest; Cllr Margaret Squires (MS)

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2024 were approved and signed.

2. Questions from Members of the Public

No questions were asked.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Potholes

- AO updated on the current potholes that have been repaired.
- AO thanked DG for cutting the hedge at Allerbridge junction.
- DG asked MS to chase for a date for the agreed outstanding work as discussed at a recent meeting.

3.2. Street Lighting

- AO updated that all reported lights had been fixed.
- VO advised that a new street light is out, and one other appears to be intermittently on during the day. AO advised that both would be reported.

3.3. Nymet Barton Farm Planning

- The planning decision has been delayed until 28th August.
- MOP Roland Smith commented that the new plans submitted now clearly show parking and boundaries.

4.0 Financial Report

- RC reported
- Current Account balance: £765.95
- Deposit Account balance: £1,565.95
- Cemetery grant payment of £500 was made but paid to the wrong recipient. RC apologized for the error, and corrective action has been taken.
- AO asked for an update on the apparent reduced payment of £700 by MDDC of the Precept. RC confirmed this was a £100 reduction for electoral costs.

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

5.1 Clerk Role

- AO provided an update on the Clerk role and welcomed EL to the council as the new Parish Clerk
- RC has decided that owing to personal commitments, he is to stand down as the clerk, handing over the role to EL
- AO and the Council thanked RC for all his hard work and commitment to the role over the years.
- EL will attend the next available Clerk approved training, and a full handover of responsibilities will take place in the coming weeks.

5.2. Parish Email Domain Move

- AO provided an update on a government initiative, for all local PCs to move to a gov.uk domain, citing the benefits of recognition, security, and governance.
- EL updated on the government incentive one-off payment of £100 + VAT towards the setup and first year of the domain via approved registrars.
- Quotes have been obtained, and the lowest offer is for a domain setup, registration, maintenance, and up to 5 emails for £120 per annum + VAT (breakdown: Domain £60 + VAT / Emails £60 + VAT).
- The council discussed, and the setup of the domain was proposed by AO, agreed by all councillors, and seconded by JC.
- EL was instructed to request the government grant and start the process.
- BC asked if these costs would be added to the next Precept, which is due for submission in November. AO confirmed this would be likely.
- MOP Roland Smith offered his IT company services for the domain, but EL advised that only government-approved registrars were allowed to benefit from the grant.
- DC asked if the VAT could be reclaimed. AO advised that the PC is not VAT registered.

5.3. Fibre Broadband

- AO advised that further activity from BT around the village has taken place, with cabling going up at various points. There is a substantial amount of outstanding work to be completed before connection to properties commences.

5.4

- MS gave a general council update.
- VO asked about the amount of mud on the lane out towards Lapford cross junction caused by the Keaner farm. AO/MS advised that enforcement is the responsibility of the police and not the council. AO advised that he has now located a local police contact.
- AO asked MS to remind the highways engineer of his commitment regarding the ploughing of the lane bank edges by specialist contractor Johnny Batt
- AO asked MOP Dave Coeshall if he and Vaughan Lovesey would be willing to repair/replace the village noticeboard outside Village Hall. DC agreed to take on the task with Vaughan. Costings to be agreed.
- The meeting ended with another 'THANK YOU' to Roger for all his hard work and commitment as clerk through the years.

6. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 13th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.