

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 196th Parish Council Meeting Held in Village Hall on Wednesday, 13th November at 7:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Anthony Odhams (AO), David Gruncell (DG), Babs Channing (BC), Jan Coeshall (JC), Elaine Little (EL) - Clerk

Guest: Cllr Margaret Squires (MS), Cllr Steve Keable (SK)

Apologies: Viv O'Dell (VO), Police Sergeant Simon Andrews 17494

10 MOPs

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2024 & 5th September 24 were approved and signed.

2. Questions from Members of the Public

No questions were asked.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Potholes

- AO advised all that anyone can report a pothole via the Devon County Website

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

AO advised that including a photo is not recommended so that the site is visited for review rather than through an image.

3.2. Mud & Filth on Village Roads

- AO acknowledged the state of the village roads and advised Parish Council & Cllr Keable are in touch with the local Police. Unfortunately, when Police did visit to review the state of the roads the conditions were dry, so the true extent of the issue was not evident to see. SK confirmed that when we have the next wet spell, our local Police Sergeant will be invited to revisit again and see the condition the farmers leave the roads. The police also have spoken to the farmers concerned.

- SK advised that it has been requested via MDCC for the road sweeper to come through the village.

- MOP raised the subject of the farmer behaviour and its impact on village residents. Intimidating use of large tractors & trailers with no respect to villagers, walkers, dog walkers, Use of inappropriate language & intimidation of residents.

- The village acknowledges the necessity of farming activities but wishes to emphasize the need for mutual respect and understanding. AO highlighted the importance of the farmers returning the roads to normal condition after farming activities and stressed the need for farmers to be mindful of their impact on the village environment and community.

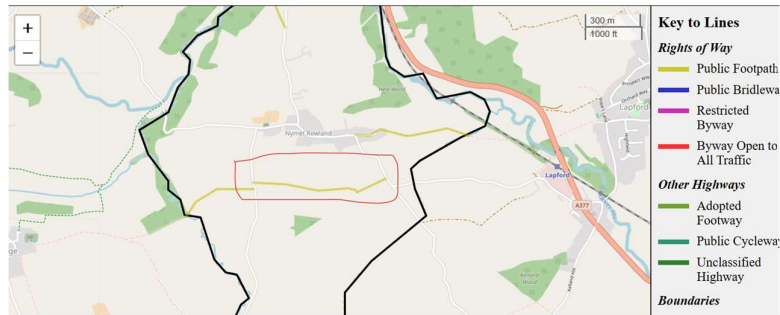
SK advised in any situation with Farmers showing intimidation or aggressive nature to call the police on 101 and report immediately.

- SK requested the MOPs names so that he can also address concerns.

- MOP raised the matter of public footpath access known as public footpath 2 highlighted on map (shown below) is no longer accessible by the public due to the conditions of the field caused by the farmer. AO advised that this should be reported to the DCC on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/>. DG requested that MS raise this issue with DCC. MS requested this in writing from the PC. Clerk will email and also report the current condition of the public footpath.

Rights of Way in Nymet Rowland Parish (Mid Devon, Devon)

This page shows a map and table of the Public Rights of Way (Public Footpaths, Bridleways, Restricted Byways, and Byways Open to All Traffic) in the district of Mid Devon, in the county of Devon. Data from the Surveying Authority (Devon) is compared with the data in OpenStreetMap. ([more](#))



3.3. Street Lighting

- AO updated that all reported lights had been fixed.

4.0 Financial Report

- EL reported
- Current Account balance: £711.95
- Deposit Account balance: £1,442.60

Budget & Precept review discussion took place and agreements to

- Increase the annual cemetery grant payment by £50 per year to £550 for 2025 with an annual review & future forecasting. This was proposed by JC and agree by all councillors
- Increase of Village Precept from £800 to £1200 for 2025/26 agreed by all councillors
- Notification of increase in Parish Council Charges for a Band D would increase from current £16.11 to £24.51 equivalent of £0.47p per week (or a £0.16p increase)

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

5.1 Clerk Update

- EL updated that all 3 Clerk training courses are complete with further financial courses to be attended during 2025 with costs aligned to budget.

5.2. Parish - gov.uk Email Domain Completed

- EL confirmed that the setup of the Parish Council Domain and Clerk new.gov.uk email address has been completed.
- New Clerk email contact is Clerk@nymetrowland-pc.gov.uk
- EL confirmed the acceptance of the government incentive one off payment as contribution to the setup of £100 +VAT
- Future annual costs of domain and email will be included within the Parish Council Budget.

5.3 Fibre Broadband

- AO provided a further update on and that it is anticipated the village should be ready by the end of January 25.

5.4 Village Christmas Tree

- It was agreed the Village will have a Christmas Tree again this year and the PC approved an increase to tree budget from £50 - £60

5.5 Thank You

- To Dave & Jan Coeshall for their hard work and effort to repair and bring back to life the village noticeboard. We hope to see the return of the Village noticeboard in its rightful place by the beginning of December.

5.6 – Nymet Mill Update

- AO gave an update to the current stage of the application and also the latest response by the Parish Council to the planning office.
- Application is now in for final review by the Planning Officer
- JC thanked AO for his hard work and commitment to the Parish with this matter.

5.7 - Cllr Keable gave an update on Devon/Torbay transport plans and wishes for the Parish to be involved with the upgrading of the Tarka Line and for this to be a topic of discussion at the next Parish Council meeting – Tarka Line Transport Plan

- Cllr Keable also gave update on Eggersford Forest and Aggressive Dogs and Dog Owners – Resulting in Dog & Horse attacks with sad consequences to animals resulting in meetings between police & Forestry of England. Further request for this to be added to future meeting agenda.

5.8 - It was suggested that a future Parish Council Meeting be held during the day to ensure we can have attendance by the Police. This was agreed and date to be decided.

6. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 12th February 2025 with proposal for the following dates for 2025 Parish Council Meetings

- 12 February 2025
- 14 May 2025
- 13 August 2025
- 12 November 2025

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.