

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 202nd Parish Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall on
Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 7:30 pm

Present:

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

Guest: Cllr. Steve Keable (SK)

Apologies: Viv O'Dell (VO),

4 MOPs

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 were approved and signed.

2. Questions from Members of the Public

- An MOP raised a concern regarding state of the roads into and out of the village AO advised it was a Matter Arising on the PC Agenda for the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Road Maintenance /Repairs

- AO gave an update on his correspondence to DCC & Mel Stride MP (MS) office. A reply received from MS office, stated that the work was planned. AO responded by asking why the work was not included in a DCC road works schedule listed on the Internet and had MS been mis-led? A subsequent email from MS stated that the work was actually no longer scheduled owing to lack of funds. AO then wrote to the head of highways, copied to the head of DCC and others, demanding a resolution following the promise & guarantees that funding had been provisioned in the FY '25 budgets. Consequently, an on site meeting was held on 5th Nov with AO & DG with highways engineers Steve Tucker, Tom Vaughan & Steve Short – Meeting was positive, and the engineers then fully understood the poor condition of the road and committed to do a full review and schedule repair work. A full technical assessment of the road and its drainage requirements will now take place. AO & DG asked for detailed written confirmation of what was agreed at the meeting. (Subsequently received)
- AO reiterated the priority of the repairs with 1st Barton Hill Road to Allerbridge 2nd Road down to Lapford and also the Nymet Bridge road.
During the PC meeting, SK explained that due to AO's persistence and letters, a very unusual step was taken to transfer £70k of funds from another budget and set aside for the repairs.

3.2. Defribulator/Planning

- AO provided an update of the phone box. The Council is now the owner of the Phone kiosk and has now commenced work to relocate the defibrillator from the wall of No 1 Pitt Court, into the kiosk. The latter will be cleaned, but weather conditions are like to delay repainting work.
- Electrician has reviewed what's needed and quoted for the required work. PC agreed on the costing of the work.
- Clerk to instruct the electrician and to confirm a date

Defibrillator & CPR Training

- **Saturday 12 December** DEFIB & CPR training will be held in the Village Hall
- As the Clerk will be away beforehand, please contact Anthony Odhams to book a place

3.3 Planning Control & Enforcement

- AO advised the latest on Nymet Mill Field and the need for the Planning Enforcement Officer to inspect and ensure that all non permitted buildings and items are demolished and removed.
- SK advised that enforcement is agreed & noted and he will speak with the Enforcement Office on the matter.

3.4 Christmas Tree

- Clerk requested budget for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the Village. This was agreed unanimously.
- Clerk was invited to explain her fund-raising idea. Namely, to benefit both the Village Hall and the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, she suggested using the Christmas Tree as a Tree of Dedication. Villagers can purchase a bauble to inscribe their dedication to a loved one or a cause. By taking part, they can honour the memory of someone special, and these will be lit up on the tree throughout the Christmas festival.
- It was also explained that this will also help to ensure the Christmas Tree is an active feature of the community
 - o Baubles will be on sale from December from either Penny Odhams @ Upcott House or Elaine Little @ Enfield House for a minimum donation of £3.00 per bauble.

3.5 Schedule of 2026 Parish Council Meetings discussed and agreed.

- Q1 - Wednesday 11 February 2026
- Q2 - Tuesday 12 May 2026
- Q3 - Wednesday 12 August 2026
- Q4 - Tuesday 10 November 2026

4.0 Financial Report

- Clerk reported
 - Current Account balance: as of 01 Nov 25 £1395.51
 - Deposit Account balance as of 01 Nov 25 £855.45
- Expenditure between Aug-Nov 25 = £18.00

4.1 Nymet Rowland Precept

- Budget & Precept review discussion took place and agreements made to increase the precept for 2026 from £1200 – £1500
- Notification of increase in Parish Council Charges for a Band D would increase from current £24.51 to £29.09 equivalent of £0.09p per week (or a £0.35p per month increase)

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

- DG discussed the potential danger of an accident at the Eggesford Cross T junction. It was agreed to report the problem via the Devon Highways website as hidden and dangerous.
- To request the renew the road markings with the option of a stop sign.
- DG requested from SK that the road sweeper is to come through the village and clean the roads which are very dirty, primarily from farm machinery traffic.
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6. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 11 February26
The meeting closed at 8.45pm