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| NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL |

**Minutes of the 192nd meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7-30pm.**

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams, David Gruncell, Babs Channing, Viv O'Dell, Roger Cooper ( clerk),

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st November 2023 were approved and signed.

**Questions from members of the public**. There was a short discussion about the still unclear situation regarding the mobile Library service. District Councillor Steve Keable explained that if a home for a small library within the village could be found, a modest grant for the purchase of book shelving is available from DCC.

**Matters arising-**

1) Pothole/road maintenance. The most dangerous pothole at Clevanger has now been repaired, but the majority have either not been repaired or at best temporarily patched again.

2) Street lighting RC. RC apologised that he has not had time to follow up either this matter.

3) The Bench repairs, RC will follow this up to get a firm date for completion as it had been promised for Christmas.

4) Neighbourhood Plan. The merits or otherwise of a neighbourhood plan were discussed by councillors. The purpose being to both identify and prevent undesirable building sites for potential future development. DC Steve Keable explained that Lapford PC is investigating the suitability of producing such a plan but remains undecided. It is a lengthy and expensive process, that would certainly exceed the current resources of Nymet Rowland both in terms of budget and manpower to prepare. The PC was unconvinced of its applicability and viability for Nymet Roland but agreed to continue to monitor the situation

5) Christmas Tree. Expenditure of £45 was confirmed as a retrospective payment for the tree. An expression of thanks to Mr & Mrs Adams was made for their continued support in the form of provision of power for the tree lights.

**Finance report**.

Deposit *NC* balance is £1,421.86, Current *NC,* £889.95, Deposit *NC.*

**AOB:**

AO explained that he had received a suggestion from an MOP for the PC to subscribe to CPRE at a cost of £60 per annum. CPRE membership can be helpful in advising and support of planning matters. A decision regarding membership to be decided at the next meeting

Following the decision made at the PC meeting in November ’22 regarding ongoing future support. It was agreed that upon receipt of an invoice from the Church warden, to continue to pay a contribution towards upkeep of the parish cemetery. This to be in line with previous payments.

RC explained he had made an enquiry with BT asking if the village phone box might be made available to house the village defibrillator. However, the reply appeared to contradict well publicised policies to support such schemes by BT. AO stated that he doubted if the BT member of staff was aware of the BT Adopt a Kiosk scheme.

AO had received a request from an MOP, AO to inspect the very poor condition of the village car park. The problem is exacerbated by large farm machinery using it to access to the adjacent field. As it is owned by MDDC, DC Steve Keable agreed to investigate the situation.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm