

# NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the 201st Parish Council Meeting Held in Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7:30 pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

S Keable

3 MOPs

### **Parish Council Meeting**

1. AO opened the meeting and welcomed the MOPs
2. Review of minutes of meetings held on 14 May & 5<sup>th</sup> June 25 approved and signed by Chair

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Potholes/Road Maintenance**

- AO gave update that the drainage and resurfacing work on Barton Hill that was advised as budgeted and scheduled for FY '25 by Devon Highways, does not appear to be listed on the Devon County Council Annual Highway Programme website. AO committed to write to Mel Stride again, to ask Highways for clarification and a commitment on the plans & schedule.
- The very poor condition of the lane leading down to A377 and Lapford was commented on. The affected section of the lane is located outside NR Parish boundary and is the responsibility of Lapford Council. This will be raised with S Keable for action.
- It was reminded 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/>
- Advice is that including a photo is not recommended so that the site is visited for review rather than through an image.
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#### **3.2 Planning Applications**

- As of the 13 August there was no updates provided through the MDDC for the Barton Farm development or from the Planning Inspectorate for the Holiday Chalets Carter/Nymet Mill field planning appeal
- Chair & Clerk are monitoring for updates and will advise accordingly

#### **3.3 Village Hall AGM**

- AO thanked JC who attended the AGM on behalf of the PC.
- JC provided an update on the annual financial update
- MOP asked for clarification on what the village hall can be used for. AO said he will ask Angela Kirkham as Chair, for clarification of the constitution and any relevant usage constraints.
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#### **3.4 Church Grant**

- JC gave an update on the finding of grant possibilities. These seem to be extremely limited if anything
- Church Quinquennial inspection is due soon. AO to discuss the needs and dates with Victoria Littlewood – Churchwarden.
- It was again emphasised that our village church is Grade 1 listed, and that its status in the village and nationally, is extremely important historically. As a community we have a duty to our village and national heritage, to assist where possible, in the protection of the future of the Church building.

### 3.4 **Phone Box & BT Phone/Defib**

- The adoption of box by the PC is moving forward. Awaiting NTC notification of phone removal which is imminent.
- EL applied for grant for the paint for restoration of the phone box. This was granted
- EL advised that the defibrillator itself is fully operational and still in date. However, the declining condition of the current cabinet means replacement is necessary. This can coincide with the rehousing of the defibrillator into the phone kiosk. Therefore, an approved safe cabinet needs to be purchased. Overall, the move cost is estimated at approx £600.
- EL asked for a message out to the village for volunteers to help restore the phone box. Please contact EL at the clerk email address if you wish to participate.

### 4. **Financial Report Update**

- Clerk gave an update on spend and balances of PC funds
  - o Current Account balance: as of 13 August 25: £1413.51
  - o Deposit Account balance as of 13 August 25: £853.21
  - o Expenditure between May25-Aug25 total of £60.00 – CPRE membership
- AO & Clerk notified the PC of the precept budget setting plans and review of forecast in preparation for November deadline
- EL to review improved bank accounts for the PC

### 5. **New/AOB**

- Harvest Festival Celebrations will take place in the Church on 29<sup>th</sup> August 25 from 18:30. This will be followed by celebrations at the Village Hall where grilled food – burgers etc can be purchased
- All members of the villagers are encouraged and welcome to join the celebrations

Next Meeting is Scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Meeting closed at 20.35