

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 206th Parish Council Meeting

Held in Village Hall on

Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 19.30

Present:

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

Apologies: Babs Channing (BC),

3 MOP, 1 District Councillor – S Keable (SK)

AO opened the meeting and thanked SK and the MOPs for attending. AO asked if the MOPs had any questions they would like to raise. MOP asked if car park is adopted by PC how much will that impact on PC and village for its upkeep. AO advised no in-depth review had yet taken place, but as soon as it does further information will be shared. SK suggested to make an expression of interest anyway as it has a potential of 2yr process before any decisions will be made or transfer of any assets.

1. Review of minutes of meetings held on 18th May 2026 approved and signed by Chair following the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Local Government Reorganisation

- At the request of AO, SK gave the PC an update on the LGR - local government reorganisation. Nymet Rowland will come under the new Devon Council, whilst Crediton will fall under the new Exeter Council. It was recommended to keep abreast of what is happening within the government reorganisation to keep an eye on Future Devon website <https://www.futuredevon.org.uk/>
- The New Devon Council will take over as of 1 April 2028
- Nymet Rowland will actively need to call for a Parish Council election of councillors as of 2027 and the term will run for 5 years in future.

2.2 Revised Planning Process

- AO had also invited SK to update on the revised planning applications process, the changes and new planning structure now in place.
- The new criteria stipulate that applicants will only get one chance when applying, to have all information and documentation correct and complete.
- The same applies to parish councils and residents when reviewing applications.. Responses must be complete and precise. No recall or further resubmissions are permitted, nor are any interventions by district councillors with local knowledge.
- SK advised that with the closure of the MDDC planning office, it may possibly result in further involvement by the village PC.
- MDDC are offering planning training sessions – One to be held in Zeal Monacorum more information to be investigated.

2.3 Nymet Rowland Car Park

- AO advised that the PC had been approached by the MDDC as to whether the PC wished to take ownership of certain of its assets, this may include the Village Car Park.
- Councillors all agreed that given the current limited information, the PC do not currently see benefits of taking possession.

- AO to carry out further investigation into MDDC ownership/agreed legal rights to use of the Car Park and provide a further update at next PC meeting.

2.4 Village Parish Council Government Website

- Due to the planned dissolution of MDDC, the PC have been advised that we should have our own Village PC Website. AO/EL will carry out due diligence investigations as to options available to the PC, costings and any legal obligations.

2.5 Barton Farm now up for Sale

- Councillors all made aware that Barton Farm was now up for sale with planning permission

2.6 Village Defibrillator Kiosk

- Update that the Defibrillator Kiosk has now been painted courtesy of BT and is registered with the Community Heartbeat Trust, as fully operational

2.7 Update on Roads Meeting held on 12 June 26

- DG asked SK for an update following meeting in June. SK advised that he should be getting an update at his next meeting with Steve Tucker of Highways, on 2/9/26 and will provide an update following.

2.8 Financial Report

- Clerk reported
- Current Account balance as of 12 August 26 - £434.12
- Deposit Account balance as of 12th August 26 - £1211.87
- Expenditure for period May-Aug26 - £772.77

3. AOB

- Thanks were given to Paul Stanbury for the cutting of the hedgerow at the junction at Allerbridge.
- DG thanked AO for the work to fix the noticeboard doors and cleanup of the defibrillator kiosk.
- JC asked if the PC would consider planting a memorial tree in memory of Angela Kirkham as a dear & much respected member of the village. PC all agreed this would be a very appropriate gesture and will fund accordingly. AO will reach out to Francis Kirkham to discuss.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2026

The meeting closed at 20.35