

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

September 2023

What's on...

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit, 12th September, 12.20 - 12.40 by the car park.

Still no news about the future of our Mobile Library.

W.I.

All sessions will be held in Coldridge Village Hall at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated.

13th September: Women of RNLI - Wendy Richards Wood

11th October: 'My Life on the Fairground' - Kay Townsend

8th November: Soap Making Demo - Tracy Johnson

13th December: Christmas Celebration

For more information and future dates please contact Liz Smith, 83515

DEVON'S ANCIENT BENCH ENDS

Dr. Todd Gray will present an evening talk in the Victory Hall at Lapford on Friday 3rd November 2023 to raise funds for Lapford Village Archive.

Tickets £5.00 available from The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays between 10:00am and 12:30pm, The Ark on Tuesdays and Fridays or email archive@lapford2022@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone who came, donated Draw prizes or Goods for the Stalls and helped at the recent Coffee Morning. An enjoyable time was had by all and £271.77 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Marion Born

Friday 22nd September at 6:00pm



Parish Harvest Celebration

Short Service of Harvest Thanksgiving with topical readings and some cheery harvest singing.

Followed by

Harvest Supper Barbecue in Barton House Garden. Come and enjoy one of Peter Heal's delicious barbecues or some home-made cake or cream tea. All profits on sales towards church maintenance. There will also be musical entertainment by John Richards and family so don't miss it. Come and enjoy a real Country Harvest.

A REMINDER!

The 'Pump Year' is from July to June. If you would like to continue receiving a copy, please put £3 in an envelope with your name and address, and post through the letterbox of 4, Pitt Court.

STOP PRESS

Another loss!

Lapford Outreach Post Office will now only come two mornings a week, from 4th September.

Monday 9:30 - 12:00

Friday 9:30 - 12:00

This coincides with the announcement that the last bank in Crediton is to close its doors on 4th July next year.

According to recent press reports, banks will be forced to provide customers with free access to cash within three miles of customers who live in rural areas, and just one mile for those in towns and cities. Why the discrimination against those of us in rural communities?

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 190th meeting of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 7-30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Anthony Odhams - Chairman, David Gruncell – Vice Chairman, Babs Channing, Jan Coeshall,, Roger Cooper (clerk), and 2 MOPs.

Apologies: Viv O'Dell..

Minutes of the meeting on 17th May were approved and signed.

The PC wished to record the sad death of our friend, Councillor Winnie Rookes. Winnie had a remarkable career on the council with 18 years in service as clerk, followed by 20 as a councillor. Her knowledge and cheerful disposition will be much missed. A possible site for a golden rose that was given upon her retirement as a councillor, is on the bank at the Village Hall. The family's wishes will be respected accordingly.

There were no questions from members of the public.

Matters arising:-

1. Pothole/road Maintenance. The general state of all the village roads was again discussed. We are waiting to hear from our new councillor Steve Keable on how he believes and will ensure this situation is resolved. A visit and

meeting to be arranged.

2. Street lighting RC. Despite apparent progress made before the last PC meeting and subsequent new information plus additional photos being submitted, we are now advised that the records file(s) could not be found. An assessment is now promised by 5th September. AO expressed the council's dissatisfaction regarding this further delay.
3. Memorial Bench and Tree. In view of the decision to proceed with the repairs in (4) it was decided to postpone this project on grounds of costs and available funds. DG expressed concerns about clarification of the ownership of the actual site proposed. The current prices for a new bench are £350 for the 3 seater and £275 for the 2 seater, both plus VAT.
4. Repairs to bench at junction. The quote for the work is £300 for the metal repairs and repainting. A Nymet resident has agreed to fund the replacement of the wooden slats at £150. Most members thought £300 was expensive, but agreed to proceed in view of the donation. The bench was originally a gift to the village by Miss Bird from Nymet House.

Finance report.

Deposit A/C balance is £1,416.73, Current A/C £1,1042.30

New Business.

Lapford Parish Council has produced a Neighbourhood Plan. There was discussion as to the merits of the N.R. PC initiating such a plan. The main benefit of these schemes is intended to ensure parish councils have real input to any proposed development plans. There should also be closer control of these plans, whether welcomed or otherwise. However, production of such a plan is a very time consuming and expensive procedure. DALC have advised RC that the starting costs are around £1,000 from the PC, with grants available of £10,000, and to reach the next level £2,000 and £20,000, but it is difficult to obtain exact figures. RS pointed out that developments currently taking place in

Winkleigh have happened because no plan was in place.

There followed discussion, about sites that might potentially be proposed for development within the parish. AO said he would talk to Lapford PC regarding the preparation process and the content of their neighbourhood plan.

There is a new wooden structure generating comments by observers, that has being erected in the field marked by the owner, as Carter's retreat. This backs onto the lane from Nymet Cottage to Nymet Bridge and the A377. The owner has stated the structure is to house new borehole and water treatment equipment. He claimed the Environment Agency state that this does not need planning permission unless a permanent base is installed. However, it should be noted that regulations stipulate that a water extraction license must be applied for and granted by the EA.

AO raised the issue of the care of and a suitable alternative locations for the defibrillator. These are being investigated.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Dates of next meetings: Wed 15th November, Wed 7th Feb.2024

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

I wanted to give a brief update on the village defibrillator.

Purely by chance, after a number of years on standby, within the last few weeks, both ours and the Lapford defibrillators were taken to incidents. Thankfully their use was avoided in the end. But it's good to know our unit is available if needed.

Depending on equipment and the trainer's availability, I hope to arrange a refresher course on CPR and using the defibrillator in the Village Hall during October. Announcement to follow. It will also be time to enrol a few more volunteers, who are willing to help in the event of a call out.

As you will be aware, the defibrillator is currently located on the wall of No 1 Pitt Court.

This is thanks to the generosity of the Binnie family, who have also covered the cost of the electrical supply that cools and warms the unit as needed. However, at the last parish council meeting, it was decided to review and re-consider where it is kept. The current outside location and proximity to the road, means the unit is overly exposed to the elements and dirt. One potential alternative home could be to repurpose the public telephone kiosk under a well established adoption scheme run by BT. The attached photographs herewith, show an example of an adopted kiosk on the green at Iddesleigh.

Once again we are checking the call records of the Nymet public phone with BT. Previously these have been minimal and a check of the phoneline quality, shows it to be barely usable. Furthermore, the forthcoming planned changeover from analogue to digital phone lines will render the existing phone equipment therein, useless.

The kiosk structure is grade 2 listed, so by repurposing it to being an important community facility, would ensure its continued value and care whilst ensuring the condition of the defibrillator.

This matter will be further considered at the next PC meeting.

Anthony Odhams



RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 4th September
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 11th September
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 18th September
Blue Food Caddyæ
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste
Black Wheelie Bin: Non - Recyclable Waste

Monday 25th September
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 2nd October
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

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Parish Harvest Celebration – Short Service
of Harvest Thanksgiving with topical readings
and some cheery harvest singing.

Followed by:

Harvest Supper Barbecue in Barton House
Garden.

See page 1 for more information.

Any offerings of flowers or produce to
decorate the church would be every welcome
and if you would like to help with decorating
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Arthur

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