

The Village Pump Nymet Rowland

March 2025

What's on...

CUPPA & CHAT with a Book Swap

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 4 March - 2.30pm to 3.30pm



**Come and join us and meet friends
and neighbours for a cup of
tea/coffee and a catch-up**

Everyone welcome

Profits to Nymet Rowland Village Hall

Please contact 01363 83256 with any queries

W.I.

W.I. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30 in Coldridge Village Hall, when we will be having a go at Play Reading.

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

See our programme below for the year. Non members welcome (£3.00)

9 April: AGM & Talk - 'A light- hearted look at Dartmoor' by Tich Scott

14 May: Exeter Redcoats – John Bell

11 June: Beauty, Skincare & Make-up with Abi & Kate

9 July: River Exe Cafe lunch

GET TOGETHER AND ENTERTAINMENTS EVENING

Nymet Rowland Village Hall

Friday 14th March, 7:30-10:30 pm

Everyone is invited to an informal get together in the village hall with some live entertainment provided by local performers.

Bring your own drinks and glasses (the Hall doesn't have a drinks licence). Tea and coffee will be available.

Come and join us for drinks and a chat, with a couple of sessions of entertainment thrown in.

Can anybody interested in performing a couple of five minute or so slots (music, poetry, comedy) who hasn't already done so please let me know ASAP so I can work out some kind of programme.

Tel: 01363 83435.

Mob: 07867 513275.

Email: francis.kirkham@gmail.com.

10 September Devon Air Ambulance; Speaker tbc

8 October: Hearing Dogs for the Deaf – Helen Burridge

12 November Christmas Craft – Andrea Mackown

10 December Festive Food Sue Hosgood.

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 17th March (St Patrick's Day). Meet at 10.30am in the Village Hall carpark. Hope to see you there.

Quiz night

Saturday 29 March 2025
Victory Hall, Lapford

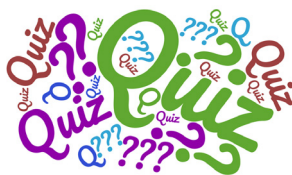
7pm for a 7.30pm start

Teams of 6, £8 a person
Sausage roll, wedges & cakes
Bring your own alcohol, soft drinks to buy

Entries by 24 March to Sue Briant-Evans
susanbriantevans@gmail.com
Tel: 01363 83763



Proceeds to support
the 2025 Lapford Revel



SATURDAY 12 April 2025 AT 7PM
NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

TEAMS OF 5 MAX

£7 PER HEAD INCLUDING PASTY SUPPER
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES

DON'T DELAY - BOOK TODAY
TO BOOK: CONTACT ANGELA ON 01363 83435

ALL PROCEEDS FOR NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 3rd March

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 10th March

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 17th March

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste
Black Wheelie Bin: Non-Recyclable Waste

Monday 24th March

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 31st March

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 7th April

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling
Black Wheelie Bin: Non-Recyclable Waste

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NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 197th Parish Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th February 2025 at 7:30 pm

Present:

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

Guest: Cllr Margaret Squires (MS), Cllr Steve Keable (SK)

Apologies: Babs Channing (BC)

3 MOPs

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2024 were approved and signed.

2. Questions from Members of the Public

An MOP asked a question regarding comments made that a drone has been seen flying around the village particularly over farm buildings. AO advised that this had been brought to his attention and that he called the police as a crime protection precaution. It is understood that a family in Coldridge own and fly a drone locally.

An MOP raised a concern regarding state of the roads into and out of the village and also surrounding main roads with lack of cats eyes. AO advised it was a Matter Arising on the PC Agenda for the meeting.

An MOP asked if Parish Council (PC) had been notified of the recent road closures into the village and the agreed diversions. AO advised the PC had not been informed. MS advised she had not been made aware of situation. MS also advised that notification of road closures/diversions could be found on the one.network website

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Potholes

- It is to be noted 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.

- AO advised that he has chased for a response on the budgetary commitment from the Highways

Dept for full repairs in 2025, but so far, no response. AO has since raised this with Mel Stride MP.

- MS advised that no MDDC budgets had been assigned for major road maintenance and that Devon remains the least funded area. MS also noted that MDDC is the least funded county council anywhere else, she also advised that the rural services grant had also been removed by the new government.

4.0 Financial Report

- EL reported

- Current Account balance: as of 08 Feb 25: £391.79

- Deposit Account balance as of 08 Feb 25: £1,447.49

Expenditure between Nov24 – Feb25 total of £356.16

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

5.1 Emergency Plan (EP)

- DG presented that the PC have now reviewed and updated the latest Emergency Plan for the village. This was agreed by the PC and presented to the clerk to submit to all relevant authorities. DG notified the meeting that as part of the EP, CPR & First Aid training will be being scheduled for the village and to look out for future dates

5.2 Special Thank You

- The PC wished to convey their thanks and gratitude to Vaughan Lovesey for his skilled work in bringing back to life, the sign on the refurbished village noticeboard.

5.3 Village Public Phone box

- AO advised that the PC had received notification from MDDC on the 12th February, of the decision by BT that they will no longer continue to support a public telephone service within Nymet Rowland. BT has concluded that with the good mobile coverage, local social needs criteria and very low call rates, coupled with the withdrawal of copper, replaced by the new fibre network, does not justify continuing a public telephone service. MDDC stipulated a total of 42 days from the date

of notification of the letter, for any objections/ considerations to be submitted.

- AO advised that a Public Notice was posted on 24th January '25 in the phone box, of the forthcoming removal of the public telephone equipment.

- AO advised that BT reported that just 6 calls had been made from the phone box during 2024.

- AO explained that the Parish Council can adopt the phone box from BT for a nominal sum of £1. So far, over 6,600 boxes have been adopted nationally.

- AO suggested that in common with a number of other nearby villages, the village defibrillator be relocated into the phone box. The defibrillator is operational but showing signs of wear and tear from exposure to the weather. It is the PC's understanding that BT would continue to fund and support the electricity supply to the phone box for a period of up to 7 years.

- The PC has the opportunity to partner with the Community Heartbeat Trust, who can assist and advise.

- Councillor DG proposed that the defibrillator to be moved to the phone box. Councillor JC seconded with Chair AO also in agreement. Councillor VO objected.

- Councillors explained that if VO wished to ask village residents for their views regarding retention of the public phone service, this needs to be completed very promptly and their comments submitted to the MDDC planning portal. EL to advise VO date.

5.4 Village Hall Cooker

- AO asked on behalf of BC, that the PC consider a donation to the Village Hall for the new village hall cooker.

- AO said that before making a donation, it was important to understand the funds/balances of the Village Hall.

- MS advised that the Village Hall Committee be requested to present their annual accounts at the next PC annual meeting. AO advised that he would address the matter with the Village Hall committee.

5.5 Rubbish on land opposite Pitt Court

- Councillor JC raised the matter of rubbish on

the land opposite Pitt Court and queried if this was the result of fly tipping. AO advised that apparently it was not and that he had spoken with the land owner who had agreed to remove when the tree work was finished. DG agreed to follow this up.

5.6 Police Liaison/Visit

- AO advised he had invited our local police sergeant to attend the PC meeting. However, the officer has now been promoted and so we are awaiting new contact details

5.7 Planning Enforcement Inspection

AO advised that an enforcement query has been raised with the MDDC enforcement officer regarding the field named as Carters Retreat. Cllr SK was awaiting an update on the situation

5.8 AOB

- Councillor Margaret Squires updated the PC that this would be her last meeting as she was not standing for re-election this year but retiring to spend more time with family. The PC thanks MS on behalf of the whole village for all the support she has given to the community over many years. As a parting gesture, MS then donated the PC the £1.00 to adopt the Village phone box as her leaving legacy for the village. AO thanked her for her service and kindness.

- Councillor SK presented an update from MDDC

- He asked that any incidents regarding aggressive dogs/owners particularly in the Eggesford Woods area, should be reported. He provided the information to be presented in the minutes for public knowledge

- SK also made a request for the PC to consider participation in the funding of the Eggesford station car park

- It was also recommended that the PC consider future PC budget provision for any future election Fees.

6. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 14th May 2025 with the following dates for 2025 Parish Council Meetings

- 13 August 2025

- 12 November 2025

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

In case you have not had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 12th February, I wanted to let you know that the Parish Council recently received a notification from the MDDC Planning Office and BT, regarding the discontinuation of the public call service from the Village Phone Box. Details together with the PC's consultation response letter are at –

25/00182/RPPS | Removal of public payphone service: Telephone Number 01363 83217 | Public Telephone Box Nymet Rowland Devon EX17 6AW

We are advised that BT has taken into account, the 6 calls from the kiosk last year, together with the national removal of the aged copper wire network. Also, that six mobile phone providers now provide coverage here. These will connect emergency calls regardless of subscriber and provider. Consequently, BT intends to discontinue the public calling service from this kiosk and to remove the phone equipment.

The vacant kiosk will provide an opportunity to rehouse the village defibrillator. In there, it will be much less exposed to the weather and

the potential risks from road dirt and physical damage at its current location on the wall of I Pitt Court. It also removes the dependency and recent reliability issues of taking power from the house. The latter has been on the market, which leaves the current arrangement very uncertain. Our grateful thanks to the Binnie family for their past support.

At the last public meeting, the PC voted to contact BT with a view to joining their national Adopt a Kiosk scheme. A number of communities hereabouts have taken advantage of BT's offer to assist such moves and maintain and fund the electricity running costs for up to 7 years. Councillor Margaret Squires has very kindly thought to donate the £1 Adopt a Kiosk charge.

Change can be unsettling for a while. However, I'm sure that overall, this will be recognised as a positive solution and opportunity. By adopting the kiosk, we can also ensure its long term retention and care, as an iconic listed feature of the village.

Anthony Odhams
Nymet Rowland Parish Council

Editorial comment:

Remaining neutral on this issue, the phone in the phone box not been working for some time. It's not surprising that the phone has seen little use. During a conversation with BT reporting that the phone wasn't working it was revealed that the card payment for the phone has been disconnected and that there is, in fact, no charge for making calls from the phone box. This has been the case for some considerable time!

At the time of writing, the planning application submitted by BT to MDDC is showing one letter of support (from the Parish Council) and three letters of objection, two being members of the Parish Council.

I draw the parish's attention to the fact that the phone box is Grade II listed and, should the parish council adopt it, they will have to budget for its maintenance. That's probably why BT want to relieve themselves of it..

RFS

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Service for March
Sunday 15th March
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