

## NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Robert Bowditch; Cllr. Richard King; Cllr. Graham Hawkins; Cllr. Chris David; Cllr. Caroline Pearce; Cllr. Peter Bailey; Cllr. Yvonne Dyke; Cllr. Clare Handford; Cllr. Mark Rogers and Cllr Antony Alford.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

#### **1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bob Huxter and Cllr Kevin Goodfellow. This was approved by the Council.

#### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

#### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of the public present.

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS PUBLIC**

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed as a true and accurate record and would be signed by the Clerk.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS UPDATE (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)**

Cllr Bailey had carried out a survey of the condition of roads within the parish. The survey would be provided to the clerk to forward on to Highways.

Two quotes had been received for the painting of railings in Netherbury. Councillors requested that a third quote be obtained. Cllr Bailey reported that a quote was due from the lengthsman. Once received councillors would consider the quotes.

The two speed surveys in Melplash will be carried out by Dorset Council and reported back to the council.

#### **6. CORRESPONDANCE AND NOTICES**

##### **a) Request for signage in Melplash to Hincknowle**

A letter from a local resident requesting signage in Melplash to Hincknowle had been received by the council. The signs would encourage vehicles to access Hincknowle from the West Milton Lane, reducing traffic in Melplash. Councillors voted in favour of general signage, subject to approval from Dorset Council Highways.

**Action:** The clerk to liaise with Highways and the local resident.

##### **b) Planning enquiry letter Melplash**

A letter had been received from a local resident indicating their wish to submit a planning application to build properties within Melplash and to gauge the view of the parish council. Councillors recognise the need for affordable housing but are unable to comment until a formal application has been submitted.

##### **c) Request/update on tree planting within the parish**

At a previous meeting councillors had discussed a tree planting initiative, together with Netherbury Church, to encourage people to plant trees with the wish to raise awareness of the climate change agenda. A newsletter from Beaminster Area ECO Group had been shared with councillors. Groves Nursery are currently offering trees for parish council public spaces. Councillors discussed the importance of planting the right trees in the right places.

**Action:** Cllr Bailey and Cllr Rogers to liaise with the local resident on this initiative.

**d) Request for dog waste bin in Salway Ash**

A request had been received for a dog waste bin in Salway Ash along the footpath that runs from the village to the primary school. Councillors discussed that a bin would incur a cost to be installed and emptied and agreed that it is the responsibility of all dog owners to take their dog waste home to dispose of.

**7. ACCOUNTS**

**a) To receive the finance report for 2020/21**

The Clerk had prepared a finance report for the council. Currently the balance stands at £17,000.

**b) To consider and approve draft budget 2021/22**

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had produced a draft budget for consideration. Councillors had also discussed the draft budget at their meeting in November. A budget of £10,781 was proposed by Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by a show of hands.

**c) To consider and approve the draft Precept for 2021/22**

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a precept of £10,715 for 2021/22. Cllr Bowditch proposed the approval of the precept, seconded by Cllr King. Agreed by a show of hands.

**d) To note and discuss Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income of £1,557**

Councillors noted the CIL income. Councillors were asked to give consideration to any future projects that the income could be used for and this would be discussed at a future meeting.

**e) To approve Clerks expenses of £6.30 (Mileage).**

Cllr. Bowditch proposed payment, seconded Cllr. Handford, approved by a show of hands.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- a) WD/D/20/002567, East Cottage, Filford Lane, Bowood, DT6 5JN (Consultation ended 21/12/2020) – Council supported application
- b) WD/D/20/002628, Land and buildings known as Slapelands Farm, Slape Hill, Waytown (Consultation ended 21/12/2020) – Council supported application
- c) WD/D/20/002714, Elwell Lodge, Pineapple Lane, Waytown, DT6 5LF (Consultation ended 27/12/2020) – Council supported application
- d) WD/D/20/002804, Strong Orchards, Pineapple Lane, Waytown, DT6 5HZ (Consultation ends 29/01/21)

The applicant attended the meeting and answered questions from councillors on behalf of local parishioners. On balance, and taking all views in to consideration, councillors voted in favour of supporting the application.

- e) WD/D/20/002921, Kingsland House, Salway Ash, DT6 5JF (Consultations ends 02/02/21) – Council supports application
- f) WD/D/20/002965, St Marys Church, Tower Hill, Netherbury (Consultation ends 09/02/21) – Council supports application

**9. Licence Application – 054638, Strong Orchard**

Some local residents had requested to meet with the parish council to discuss concerns regarding the application of the variation to the Premises Licence held by Strong Orchard. A meeting took place via Zoom on 11<sup>th</sup> January which was attended by members of the Parish Council, some local residents, and the applicants to talk through the applicants' intentions and the concerns of the local residents. A statement from the parish council was submitted to the Licensing Sub-Committee which took place on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Cllr Alford reported that he had listened to proceedings and felt that the process had been well managed. The sub-committee granted the variation.

## **10. AOB**

A local resident had contacted Cllr Bailey regarding ongoing concerns about the erection of a building in a field south east of Homelands Salway Ash. Dorset Council has written to the owner regarding the need for a planning application. A reminder letter from Planning Enforcement will be sent out to the developer within the next couple of weeks. Cllr Alford agreed to pay another visit to the site.

Cllr Rogers discussed ash die back with councillors. An inspection of the ash tree at Netherbury Playing Fields is carried out annually.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm