

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 23RD MARCH 2019 at 7.30PM

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk). There were several members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bob Huxter, PSCO Alex Bishop, Mr Brake, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Brown. This was approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Alford gave his thanks and appreciation to all local services and volunteers who had helped the vulnerable over the past year. Dorset Council has undertaken two major consultations over the course of the year, one on the Local Plan and the Climate Change and Ecological Action Plan.

4. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO) REPORT

PSCO Alex Bishop's report included information on suspected poaching in the area, information relating to a possible DVLA scam and a report on the theft of a catalytic converter in Melplash.

5. MELPLASH VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr. Rogers had previously provided a report to Councillors. The hall has remained closed over the past year due to Covid-19 restrictions around social distancing. Members of the committee have used the time to carry out maintenance within the hall.

6. SALWAY ASH SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs Crew, who has served as head teacher at the school for over 20 years, is retiring at the end of the academic year. A new head has been appointed.

Action: The Clerk to write to Mrs Crew on behalf of the council to thank her for her commitment and contribution to the school.

7. SALWAY ASH VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Mrs Brown, Committee Secretary, had previously provided a report. The hall had received financial help this year through a Covid-19 government grant of £10,000. Whilst the hall has been closed maintenance has been carried out and Wi-Fi has been installed.

8. NETHERBURY VILLAGE HALL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Mrs Bishop, Committee Treasurer, had previously provided a report and accounts for the hall. The committee was successful in applying for a Covid-19 grant, meaning a £2,500 deficit has converted to a £7,500 surplus for the year.

9. NETHERBURY PLAYING FIELDS REPORT

Mr Brake had previously provided a report. There has been no fundraising during the past year. Consultation on the changes to the football pavilion has been halted due to Covid-19 restrictions.

10. NETHERBURY CHARITIES AND ACCOUNTS

Mrs Brown, Chair, had previously provided a report. The charity had provided a number of food vouchers to families over the summer of 2020 and Beaminster Charity supported an increase in

hampers that are distributed over Christmas. The charity had received one substantial donation this year.

11. CLOSE

The Chair thanked everyone involved in the running of the committees and councillors voted in favour of accepting the reports. The meeting closed at 7.50pm.