

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th JULY 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 Bob Huxter; Cllr Mark Rogers and Cllr Antony Alford.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present. One member of the public spoke to councillors about his planning application at Camesford Cottage, Oxbridge. Concerns had been raised with the council about the scale of the property. The applicant felt that the scale was modest. The applicant had worked with Dorset Council pre-planners prior to submitting the application. Cllr Alford reported that no-one had made a representation to him about the application. The applicant reported that hedging and trees would be planted and maintained around the property.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS PUBLIC

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th May were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

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

There were no matters arising or actions to update the council on.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT – COUNCILLOR TONY ALFORD

Cllr Alford reported that there had been an exceptional increase in planning applications. This had been difficult to manage alongside the work that Dorset Council are doing to bring multiple planning platforms in to a single system for Dorset Council. From the 1st July, a change in procedure means that neighbourhood notices will now be displayed by the applicant, as opposed to this being the responsibility of Dorset Council. Applicants need to take a photo of the notice in situ and send to planning.

A resident of Oxbridge has raised concerns with Cllr Alford about the size of lorries delivering to Strongs Orchard and damage from some of the vehicles. Cllr Alford is due to speak to Strongs Orchard to see what can be done to minimise this. Cllr Bowditch reported that the parish council has previously raised this as a concern to highways.

The proposed Dorset National Park did not make the shortlist. However, it is possible that it may come back on the agenda.

As reported in the report from the Police Community Support Officer, officers from Dorset Police Rural Crime Team, Planning Enforcement, Environmental Health and Trading Standards had visited a site in Salway Ash. A stolen Land Rover and a suspected stolen trailer were found. There was no issue regarding animal welfare. A letter had previously been sent from Dorset Council regarding the large fires at the site. However, this has been disregarded by the resident. Concerns were raised by members of the council about the close proximity to the school. At this stage, Cllr Alford does not know if there will be any charges made. Councillors voiced their frustrations as raised concerns do not seem to be followed through by Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Alford reported that the Community Governance Review had been approved by Full Council so would be going ahead.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 7.50pm.

7. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT

A report had been provided to councillors, the contents of which were discussed as part of item 6.

8. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillors discussed a small number of properties in Mangerton that may be better served by Bradpole Council. Councillors also discussed a number of properties in Atrim which may be better served by Symondsburry Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Dyke to speak to the residents in Mangerton and Cllr Bailey to speak to the residents in Atrim to ask if they feel that they are getting good representation from Netherbury Parish Council. This will be reported back to the council at the meeting in September and council representatives from the two councils would be invited to attend. Public Consultation runs for 12 weeks from the 5th August to the 28th October.

9. TO DISCUSS FINDINGS FROM SPEED SURVEY, MELPLASH

Dorset Council have carried out a speed survey on behalf of the parish council. The average speed recorded was 35.4mph. Cllr David reported that the Community Speed Watch Team have resumed operating. A number of councillors raised concerns about the value for money of installing a speed indicator device (SID) in the village. Councillors would like to see evidence of the effectiveness of a SID.

Action: The clerk to speak to Mosterton Parish Council, who have a SID, to see if it has changed the speed of drivers through the village, and how the average speed compares with their speed survey results. The clerk to also ask how their SID was funded.

10. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE NEW MODEL LGA CODE OF CONDUCT

The model Code of Conduct had been shared with councillors. Councillors had read the code and voted in favour of adopting it. The clerk reported that Dorset Council has updated the complaints process and this had been shared with councillors. The parish council are waiting for guidance from Dorset Council in order for councillors to complete their online Register of Interest. The Code of Conduct will be reviewed annually by the Local Government Association.

11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO MOVE PUBLIC FOOTPATH, OXBRIDGE

A member of the public, who owns a field in Oxbridge reported that he has made a request to Dorset Council to move a section of the footpath in the field. Due to the path being on a flood plain it is often impassable. The path has naturally moved upwards and the owner would like this to become the definitive path. Councillors voted in favour of this change.

Action: The clerk to reply to the pre-application consultation from Dorset Council to register support for this change from the parish council.

12. ACCOUNTS

a) To receive the finance report for 2021/22

The Clerk had prepared a finance report for the council. Councillors discussed the Community Infrastructure Levy income of £1,557.

Action: Cllr Bailey to bring a proposal for the play area in Salway Ash to the next meeting

b) To consider approximate cost (excluding VAT) of £3,700 for Speed Indicator Device, Melplash

This had been discussed under item 9.

c) To consider quotes received for painting of railings, Netherbury

Three quotes had been received. Councillors voted in favour of the quote from Peter Gruitt and Son at £1,495. This was on the condition that, as previously agreed, 50% of the cost would be donated by the village. Councillors also discussed the paint to be used and it was agreed the clerk would ask Dorset Council what they use for painting railings and liaise with Peter Gruitt and Son.

d) To note payment of £150 to Visionict (council website host)

Councillors noted and approved the following payments.

e) To note payment of £31.20 to CB Reid (Payroll Services)

f) To note payment of £300 to Dorset Council (Speed Survey)

g) To note payment of £449.40 to Community First (Annual PC Insurance)

h) To note payment of £25 for hire of Melplash Village Hall (NPC Meeting 20/07/21)

i) To approve Clerks expenses of £12.60 (Mileage).

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

J) To approve DAPTC annual membership of £511.12

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

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- a) P/COU/2021/00765, Ashsea Ash Lane Salwayash Bridport DT6 5DB (consultation ended 31/05/21)
- b) P/HOU/2021/00839/40, Kates Cottage Chantry Street Netherbury Dorset DT6 5NB (consultation ended 04/06/21)
- c) P/FUL/2021/00811, Mangerton House Mangerton Lane Mangerton Dorset DT6 3SG (consultation ended 10/06/21)
- d) P/HOU/2021/01165, Hillview Mapperton Lane Melplash Dorset DT6 3UD (Consultation ended 22/06/21)
- e) P/VOC/2021/01163, Marshwood View Dottery Road Salwayash Dorset DT6 5HX (consultation ended 24/06/21)
- f) P/HOU/2021/01708, Old School House St James Road Netherbury DT6 5LP (consultation ended 29/06/21)
- g) P/HOU/2021/01219, 1 Salwayash Drive, Salwayash, Bridport, DT6 5LD (consultation ended 30/06/21)
- h) P/FUL/2021/00763, Pineapple Business Park Pineapple Lane Salwayash Dorset (consultation ended 30/06/21)
- i) P/HOU/2021/01390, Whittle Cottage Whithay Lane Salwayash Bridport DT6 5JE (consultation ended 07/06/21)
- j) P/FUL/2021/01385, Lower Kingsland Farm B3162 From Bowood Cross South Bowood To Furleigh Cross Salwayash DT6 5JF (consultation ended 12/07/21)
- k) P/HOU/2021/01342, Comesford Cottage Comesworth Lane Oxbridge Dorset DT6 3UA (consultation ended 13/07/21)

Councillors had viewed the applications and visited a number of the properties. Councillors support the applications above.

Cllr Bowditch informed councillors that he had been contacted by a resident of Netherbury who had reported that their planning application had been refused by Dorset Council.

Action: The clerk to contact Dorset Council to establish on what grounds the planning was refused. The clerk to liaise with Cllr King and write to planning to ask them to outline their rational and criteria for approving or refusing applications.

14. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION, PARNHAM HOUSE

A number of residents had contacted the council with concerns about possible noise pollution should the premises licence be granted at Parnham House. The council had made a representation

to Dorset Council on their behalf under *the prevention of public nuisance*. Cllr Bowditch informed councillors that prior to the meeting he had received a copy of a representation from a Netherbury resident supporting the application.

AOB

Cllr Pearce requested that the phone box in Salway Ash be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Handford asked if there was any update on the resurfacing of St James Road.

Action: Cllr Bailey agreed to follow this up with Highways

Cllr Bailey spoke to councillors about the wish for the council to be contacted by Hastoe Housing should a tenancy become available in Salway Ash. This would allow the council to make a recommendation to Hastoe Housing to help secure housing for local people. The clerk reported that she has been in touch with Hastoe Housing to request that this takes place.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting is on 28th September at 7.30pm