

## NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

**PRESENT::** Cllr Richard King (in the Chair); Cllr Graham Hawkins; Cllr Chris David; Cllr Caroline Pearce; Cllr Peter Bailey; Cllr Kevin Goodfellow; 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 Robert Bowditch and Cllr Yvonne Dyke. This was approved by the Council.

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

Cllr King disclosed a register of interest for himself and Cllr Bowditch in item 13b and had not engaged in the consultation process on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Alford disclosed a register of interest in item 6 in relation to a previous planning application at Crook Hill Cottage, Netherbury.

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

One member of the public attended to discuss item 4.

#### **4. TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)**

Cllr Colfox, as representative for Symondsburry Parish Council, attended the meeting to discuss a section of the boundary at Lower Atrim which sits within Netherbury Parish Council and borders Symondsburry Parish Council. Cllr Bailey has spoken to residents to ask if they felt they would be better served by being within the boundary of Symondsburry. Those he has spoken to did not have any strong views either way. Cllr Colfox reported that under CGR proposals from Bridport Town Council, Symondsburry would lose some existing areas within its parish. Cllr Colfox reported that he would support the minor boundary change.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to residents with the proposal.

Cllr King thanked Cllr Colfox for attending the meeting.

Councillors also discussed the possible boundary change in Mangerton. Bradpole Parish Council are keen to engage but a representative was not able to be present at the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would write to residents to ask if they felt they would be better served under Bradpole Council. Both letters would note the current precept for each relevant parish.

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Vice Chair.

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

Actions arising from the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July had been actioned. Cllr Bailey reported that he had contacted Highways regarding the resurfacing of St James Road to Ebenezer Corner (C96). The road is not scheduled to be resurfaced. Councillors voiced their concern as the road has been in a bad condition for some time.

**Action:** Cllr Alford agreed to take this up with Dorset Council on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr Bailey reported that he had also spoken to Highways regarding a water leak near the school in Salway Ash. The leak is caused by a collapsed drain which Dorset Council are aware of.

## **7. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR TONY ALFORD**

Cllr Alford had provided a report to councillors. Cllr Bailey asked if there was anything further to report regarding the land south east of Homelands in Salway Ash. A planning contravention notice has been completed and sent recorded delivery to the owners.

Cllr Alford reported that there continues to be a delay to both land searches and planning applications, with land searches taking an average of 60 days. Dorset Council have an action plan to address both of these areas.

## **8. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT (PSCO)**

Councillors noted the report that had been provided by the PSCO.

## **9. TO DISCUSS SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID), MELPLASH**

The Clerk had contacted the Clerk for Mosterton Parish Council and spoken to a member of Mosterton Community Speed Watch Team. The council had purchased one of the SID's through council reserves and one through a rise in precept. On the whole, the SID's have made a positive impact to the speed of drivers through the village. Councillors discussed that a member of Melplash has indicated that a local contribution could be made to purchase a SID. The resident would be invited to the next meeting. Councillors recognised the gain from having two SIDs at either end of the village. It was proposed by Cllr King to purchase a SID and two poles based on the quote from Dorset Council, which had previously been shared and discussed with councillors, at a cost of approximately £3,700 (excluding VAT). Seconded by Cllr Rogers. Agreed by a show of hands.

**Action:** Cllr David to speak to the neighbours where the SIDs will be located. The Clerk will then liaise with Dorset Council accordingly.

## **10. TO NOTE TREE INSPECTION REPORT, NETHERBURY**

A tree inspection had been carried out on behalf of the Parish Council on four trees within Netherbury and would be carried out again in two years' time. Two recommendations were made to remove the ivy band around the circumference of the tree base every six months on two of the trees.

**Action:** The Clerk to arrange for the lengthsman to carry out this work.

## **11. TO DISCUSS APPLICATION FOR A DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER**

The parish council has been notified that Dorset Council have received an application to modify the definitive map and statement of rights of way by adding a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) from the end of the public road near Patley Wood Farm to the public road near Purcombe Farm House. Currently this section is not correctly identified as a BOAT. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a provision for a cut-off date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 for the recording of historic public rights of way. Dorset Council will notify the Clerk once a formal consultation has begun.

Councillors discussed that they do not currently have a Rights of Way Liaison Officer (RoWLO) for the parish council and that this is something that needs to be considered.

**Action:** The Clerk to liaise with Maiden Newton Parish Council Clerk regarding the role of their RoWLO.

## **12. ACCOUNTS**

### **a) To receive the finance report for 2021/22**

The Clerk had prepared a finance report for the council. The clerk reported that the September precept instalment of £5,357.50 has been received.

### **b) To note payment of £31.20 to CB Reid (Payroll Services)**

### **c) To note payment of £200 to Derek Brinsley Tree Consultant**

### **d) To note payment of £50 to DAPTC (Training)**

### **e) To note payment of £40 to ICO (Data Protection/GDPR)**

Councillors noted and approved the payments above.

**13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- a. P/HOU/2021/02459, Perhay Farm Waytown Bridport DT6 5LG (consultation ended 26/08/21)
- b. P/HOU/2021/02110, Yew Tree Cottage Bowood Bridport DT6 5JQ (consultation ended 24/09/21)
- c. P/HOU/2021/03184, Myrtle Cottage Bridge Street Netherbury Dorset DT6 5LS (Consultation ends 12/10/21)
- d. P/LBC/2021/03185, Myrtle Cottage Bridge Street Netherbury Dorset DT6 5LS 5LS (Consultation ends 12/10/21)

Councillors had viewed the applications. Comments for item 13a and b have been submitted to planning. Item 13c and d is still open for consultation.

**14. TO NOTE PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION APPROVAL, PARNHAM HOUSE**

The Clerk had attended the premises sub-committee hearing on behalf of the parish council. The application was granted by Dorset Council within the area of a revised application plan.

**AOB**

Cllr Pearce reported that Salway Ash PCC are proposing to produce a quarterly newsletter for the village. Cllr Pearce will use the newsletter to invite ideas from residents on the use of the phone box.

Cllr Rogers reported that he has been in touch with the ECO group in Beaminster regarding tree planting within the parish. It is intended that planting trees within the parish will raise awareness of the climate change agenda and provide a habitat for insects and animals. However, it is important that the right trees are planted in the right places. Cllr Rogers will obtain prices and liaise with councillors on how to promote the initiative.

Cllr David reported that the Melplash road sign on the Bridport end of the village had disappeared.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Dorset Council to request a replacement sign.

The Clerk advised councillors that the digital roll out of Register of Interest forms was imminent. The timescale for completion is the end of October 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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