

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th JANUARY 2022

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting to discuss item 10. This item was discussed at item 3.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 23rd November 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)

The Clerk updated councillors on the position with the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Melplash. Dorset Council (DC) had carried out a site visit and advised that to ensure minimal risk to volunteers, they could not agree to utilising the existing 30 mph roundel whilst there is a safer position nearby. Cllr David is due to speak to the owner of the property adjacent to the area identified ahead of DC installing the post and SID.

All other actions arising from the meeting on the 23rd November had been carried out.

Cllr Bailey gave thanks, on behalf of Salway Ash Village Hall Committee, for the Community Infrastructure Levy donation received from the parish council.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR TONY ALFORD

Cllr Alford had provided a report to councillors. Cllr Alford reported that Dorset Council budget proposal for 2022/23 includes more money for adult social care (10% increase) and children's services (4% increase) as there is increased demand across these areas. Cllr Alford discussed the Local Plan with councillors. Councillors raised the need for more affordable housing for local people. Cllr Alford stated that the need for affordable housing needs to be clearly specified in the Local Plan for the council to have control over the right sort of housing, thus ensuring that the Local Plan addresses local housing needs.

7. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT (PSCO)

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

8. CORRESPONDANCE AND NOTICES

a) To discuss letter from resident regarding speeding / 30 mph sign Salway Ash

Councillors discussed a letter received regarding a 30mph sign in Salway Ash and the speed of cars leading up to the sign. Cllr Bailey had visited the site and discussed the concern raised with the resident and neighbour. The existing 30mph sign and entrance to the village is after the property so the request to move the sign further out of the village would need to be raised with Highways.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with Highways regarding the request.

b) To update councillors on Parnham Planning Response Group (PPRG)

Cllrs Bowditch and King have received communication from the PPRG and a request to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss concerns over planning/noise at Parnham House. Cllr Alford reported that there is sufficient information on the Dorset Council planning portal that clearly outlines plans for applications that have been made to date. Cllr King will be attending the Zoom meeting this week and will report back to the parish council accordingly.

c) To discuss application received for a definitive map modification, Netherbury

Cllr Bailey report that the Ordinance Survey Map does not reflect the current established footpath and that the definitive map modification would address this. Councillors were happy with the application and noted that the investigation into the application had not yet begun.

d) To discuss Broadband within the parish

A parishioner had raised an issue with broadband in Waytown. Individual properties need to request to be connected to Superfast Broadband through Openreach. There is currently no plan for the area to have Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband.

Action: The Clerk to provide parish council contact details to Openreach in order to be updated if the plan to install Ultrafast Broadband changes.

9. TO CONSIDER TREE OFFER FROM BEAMINSTER ECO GROUP AND IDENTIFY SUITABLE AREAS FOR TREE PLANTING WITHIN THE PARISH:

Councillors discussed the list of trees that had been provided from Beaminster Eco Group. Netherbury PCC has kindly donated £20 towards purchasing trees for the village and will plant 2 / 3 trees in the church yard. Councillors discussed purchasing 150 trees (costing £1 each) to be distributed across the parish. All were in favour. Cllrs Bailey and Rogers will liaise with the eco group and identify suitable sites for planting.

10. TO DISCUSS NETHERBURY PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman of the committee updated councillors on the committee membership. Currently there are 3 committee members, 2 of which are from the local football club. The committee needs to recruit more members and carry out fund raising if the committee is to continue. Currently there are sufficient funds to see the committee through a year with existing funds. Councillors requested that the Chairman keep them updated and the parish council would review the situation over time.

11. ACCOUNTS

a) To receive the finance report for 2021/22

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a finance report for the council. With committed spends the balance stands at £16,360. It was noted that this includes the cost for the SID, which includes the poles and installation at approximately £3,700. Election reserve costs stand at £1,440.

b) To consider and approve the draft budget for 2022/23

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had produced a draft budget for consideration. Councillors discussed the draft budget against last year's budget and projected spends for

2021/22. A budget of £10,481 was proposed by Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by a show of hands.

c) To consider and approve the draft Precept for 2022/23

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a precept of £10,715 for 2022/23, with no proposed increase from the last two years. Cllr Bowditch proposed the approval of the precept, seconded by Cllr King. Agreed by a show of hands.

d) To consider donation towards CB3 volunteer bus service

Councillors discussed the volunteer bus service that is run by Beaminster Town Council. Councillors would like to have an idea of passenger numbers for the parish ahead of making a donation.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with Beaminster Town Council.

AOB

A damaged section of the bridge at the weir in Netherbury had been reported to the council.

Action: The Clerk to report to Dorset Council.

Councillors were pleased with the work that had been done to repaint the railings at the bridge in Netherbury and were grateful for the village contribution to the cost.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting is on 22nd March at 7.30pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting)