

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd MARCH 2022

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard King, Cllr Kevin Goodfellow, Cllr Mark Rogers and Cllr Yvonne Dyke. This was approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Bowditch reported that he would not vote on anything under item 7 as a neighbour to Parnham Estate.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several members of the public attended the meeting.

Item 7 was discussed under item 3. Cllr Bowditch reported that Cllr King has attended a number of Zoom meetings, along with Cllr Knox and Alford, with representatives from Beaminster Town Council and Parnham Estate. The Clerk read a statement from Cllr King. Through input from Cllr Knox and Alford, the planning department are now communicating with Parnham Estate. A letter from Parnham has been drafted and is due to be delivered to residents in Netherbury and Beaminster, outlining the current position at Parnham Estate. Mr Grant, site agent, stressed how Parnham wants to work with the community. Cllr King is happy to ask specific questions from councillors and parishioners at future Parnham Estate meetings.

A member of the Parnham Planning Response Group raised how he would like to see a change in the planning process. On a large development, like Parnham, rather than single planning applications being received, he believes there should be a 'master plan'. Cllr Alford reported that the planning process considers each application that it receives on its own merits. Parnham Estate is now using Dorset Council Pre-Application Advisory Service for planning applications. A meeting between the estate and Historic England is due to take place.

A Netherbury resident raised concerns that the 30mph signs in the village are hidden by vegetation. The speed of some vehicles driving through the village is a concern.

Action: The Clerk to report the need for clearing of vegetation around 30mph signs to Dorset Council.

A parishioner raised concerns about the increase in vehicles using his drive as drivers are wishing to find Seaview Farm on Ash Lane and there is no signage.

Action: Cllr Bailey to speak to the owners to request that a sign for Seaview Farm is installed.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 25th January 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 Item 8a. The Clerk has been in touch with Highways and is due to have a meeting to look at what options may be available to slow traffic approaching Salway Ash from the Bridport end of the village.

All other actions arising from the meeting on the 25th January had been carried out.

To promote planting of trees within the parish, the trees purchased through Beaminster Eco Group had been advertised to the local community for planting in gardens. There had been good uptake across the Parish. Cllr Rogers had sourced stakes and guards for the trees and had healed the trees in on his land ready for collection. Cllr Bailey gave his thanks to Cllr Rogers for his work on this.

Cllr David reported that he had not been able to speak to the resident in Melplash regarding the location of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) at the Bridport end of the village. It was agreed by councillors to proceed with installing the poles and SID.

Action: The Clerk to obtain an updated quote, to include the additional SID which will be funded through a village donation. The Clerk to arrange for Dorset installation through Dorset Council.

6. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Following the information that the parish council submitted to Dorset Council, Full Council have made a recommendation to change the existing parish boundary between the parish and Symondsburry Parish, which will affect 2 properties. The recommendations are now under consultation until the 23rd May. Final recommendations will go to Full Council on the 14th July. Any adopted changes will take affect from 2024.

7. UPDATE ON PARNHAM PLANNING

This item was discussed at item 3.

8. TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY RISK ASSESSMENTS

Cllr Pearce spoke to councillors about producing a risk assessment that brings together information from across the community on who to contact in the event of an emergency. Examples included flooding, power cuts, animal health outbreaks and support for vulnerable groups. It was agreed to discuss the risk assessment at the next meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS

a) To receive the finance report for 2021/22

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a finance report for the council. The current balance stands at £19,550.

b) To note approval of £31.20 CB Reid (Payroll Services).

c) To note approval of £38.40 to S Lee (Lengthsman)

d) To note approval of £160 to Beaminster Eco Group (Trees)

e) To note approval of £324 to Green-tech (Tree guards and stakes)

Items 9b to 9e were noted by the council.

f) To note NALC Salary Award for 2021/22 and consider increment increase for Clerk/Responsibly Finance Officer

Cllr Bowditch and King have discussed awarding the Clerk back dated pay from April 2021 following the salary award for 2021/22 and a pay increment from February 2022. Cllr Bowditch proposed payment, seconded by Cllr Bailey. Agreed by a show of hands.

g) To approve clerk's expenses of £6.30 (Mileage)

Cllr Bowditch proposed payment, seconded by Cllr Hawkins. Agreed by a show of hands.

h) To consider donation towards Finger Post Project

Cllr Bailey reported that a number of the Finger Post Signs needed cleaning and painting. Councillors were happy to fund materials needed to carry out the work needed. Cllr Bailey would submit expenses incurred.

i) To consider donation towards CB3 volunteer bus service

The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Turner from Beaminster Town Council regarding passenger numbers. There has been a decline in passenger numbers in Netherbury following the

pandemic. Councillors recognised that the volunteer run service offers a valuable service for those wishing to catch the bus from Netherbury and hoped over time that numbers would increase.

A member of the public asked if consideration be taken to those wishing to travel on from Bridport, for example to Dorchester, when setting the bus timetable.

Action: The Clerk to raise this with Cllr Turner.

Cllr David proposed a donation of £300, seconded by Cllr Bailey. Agreed by a show of hands.

10.

- a) P/HOU/2022/00781, St James Cottage St James Road Netherbury Bridport DT6 5LW (Comments before 8/03/22)
- b) P/FUL/2022/00963, Paverlands Farm Dottery Road Salwayash Dorset DT6 5HT (Comments before 9/03/22)
- c) P/HOU/2022/01011, Hollytree Cottage Access Road To Perhay Farm Waytown Dorset DT6 5LG (Comments before 9/03/22)
- d) P/LBC/2022/00914, Highfield Farm Bridge Street Netherbury Dorset DT6 5LS (Comments before 09/03/22)
- e) P/COU/2021/03034, Outbuildings at Red Roofs Slape Hill Waytown Bridport Dorset DT6 5LQ (Comments before 10/02/22)
- f) P/HOU/2021/05052, Killick Cottage Dottery Road Salwayash DT6 5HU (Comments before 10/03/22)
- g) P/HOU/2022/00407, Liesborn B3162 From Junction Whithay Lane To Junction Pineapple Lane Salwayash DT6 5JB (Comments before 15/02/22)
- h) P/VOC/2022/01267, Crook Hill Cottage Crook Hill Netherbury Dorset DT6 5LY (Comments before 21/03/22)

The Clerk reported that support for all applications had been submitted to Dorset Planning, except for item 10d where concerns raised by some residents in the village had been submitted to planning.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting is on 24th May 7.30pm (Annual General Council Meeting)