

## NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

**PRESENT:** Cllr Robert Bowditch; Cllr Richard King; Cllr Graham Hawkins; Cllr Peter Bailey; Cllr Caroline Pearce; Cllr Clare Handford; Cllr Kevin Goodfellow; Cllr Mark Rogers and Cllr Antony Alford.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

#### 1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Yvonne Dyke, Cllr Chris David and Cllr Bob Huxter. This was approved by the council.

#### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)

Item 5. The Clerk had contacted DAPTC regarding the council no longer receiving the outcome from submitted planning applications. DAPTC have raised this issue with Dorset Council on behalf of local town and parish councils. Cllr Alford reported that the change had come about because there are two pieces of software (old and new) being used by Dorset Council. There are plans to update the old software, but no date has been agreed yet.

Due to various commitments, councillors had not yet secured a date to run a session for local parishioners. Councillors agreed that they would combine the session with an existing village event.

Item 8a. The Clerk had requested that Dorset Council Highways paint the lines at the bottom of Drury Lane, Netherbury. Dorset Council will inspect the lines in March to determine if they need repainting. The Clerk had requested guidance on joining the highway from a private drive. The Highways Officer had directed the Clerk to The Highway Code.

Item 8b. The Clerk had requested a *no footpath* sign in Whitecross. Highways reported that there were no recorded collisions along that stretch of road. As it is in a rural location, people do not always expect to see a footpath. Dorset Council limit the number of warning signs hoping that they have greater impact when used sparingly.

Item 9b. A survey is currently being drafted by the football club and will be shared with the trustees.

#### 6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT – CLLR TONY ALFORD

Cllr Alford had provided a report to councillors. Dorset Council is to receive around £4.5m over the next two years to continue several key programmes, as well as launch some new initiatives. This includes supporting businesses to reduce their carbon footprint. Dorset Council Cabinet have approved the budget for 2023/24 and it will go to Full Council in February for final approval. There will be a council tax increase of just under 2%. This is less than the maximum 5% increase outlined in the Government's Spending Review. Five libraries, including Bridport, are offering the opportunity to borrow an iPad to enable people to search and apply for jobs online.

A councillor asked Cllr Alford if there was a process for reporting any issues with scrap metal activity. Cllr Alford asked that any reports and evidence be sent to him.

Councillors discussed gritting of roads and salt/grit bins. Cllr Alford agreed to liaise with Dorset Council to establish the process for filling bins.

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

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

## **8. ACCOUNTS**

### **a) To receive the finance report for 2022/23**

The Clerk had prepared a finance report for the council. Councillors noted the projected year-end balance of approximately £17,000. This includes the election fund reserves of £1,440. Cllr Pearce requested that an electrician be sought to carry out electrical checks on the parish council owned phone box in Salway Ash. Councillors were asked to support funding for the materials needed to repair the parish council notice board in Salway Ash. All councillors were in favour.

Cllr Bowditch updated councillors on the position with updating the banking mandate for the new trustees on the Netherbury Playing Field TSB bank account. The transfer to the three new signatories was still pending, despite beginning the request in October. Cllr Bowditch requested council approval to settle the outstanding sum of £141 for grass cutting in the playing field that had been carried out in September and October by C Randall. Seconded by Cllr Bailey. Approved by a show of hands.

### **b) To consider and approve the discuss draft budget for 2023/24**

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had produced a draft budget for consideration. Councillors discussed the draft budget against this year's budget and projected spends. A budget of £10,968 was proposed by Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by a show of hands. Councillors agreed to discuss future projects within the parish, for example, enhancement of the playing fields in Salway Ash and Netherbury over the course of the next couple of meetings.

### **c) To consider and approve the precept for 2023/24**

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a precept of £10,715 for 2023/24, with no proposed increase from the last three years. Cllr Bowditch proposed the approval of the precept, seconded by Cllr King. Agreed by a show of hands.

### **d) To consider funding request for £175 from Life Education for provision to SWA Primary School**

Councillors discussed the funding request. Cllr Bowditch proposed a payment of £175, seconded by Cllr Handford. Agreed by a show of hands.

### **e) To note payment of £109.99 to Clerk for Canon Printer**

Councillors noted the payment to the Clerk for a replacement printer/scanner.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- a. P/HOU/2022/0674, 2 Brinsham Cottages Pineapple Lane Salwayash Bridport DT6 5HY (Comments ended 14/12/22)
- b. P/FUL/2022/07517, Strong Orchards Pineapple Lane Waytown Dorset DT6 5HZ (Comments ended 27/12/22)
- c. P/HOU/2022/07301, Hatchlands House Hatchlands Lane Netherbury Bridport DT6 5NA (Comments ended 27/12/22)
- d. P/FUL/2022/07417, Ashfield Farm B3162 From Furleigh Cross To Junction Whithay Lane Salwayash Dorset DT6 5JE (Comments ended 16/01/23)
- e. P/HOU/2022/07577, Charity Farm Loscombe Bridport DT6 3TL (Comments ended 04/01/23)
- f. P/LBC/2022/06700, Hatchlands House Hatchlands Lane Netherbury Bridport DT6 5NA (Comments ended 18/01/23)
- g. P/HOU/2022/07285, St James Cottage St James Road Netherbury Bridport DT6 5LW (Comments by 24/01/23)

- h. P/HOU/2023/00100, Lower Atrim Cottage Broadoak To Atrim Road Broadoak DT6 5PX  
(Comments by 01/02/23)
- i. P/FUL/2022/07837, Mangerton House Mangerton Lane Mangerton Dorset DT6 3SG  
(Comments by 02/02/23)
- j. P/FUL/2022/08005, Brock Barn Annexe 3 Bingham's Farm Cottages Melplash Bridport DT6 3TT  
(Comments by 02/02/23)

Councillors discussed planning applications received. The council supports applications 9a, c, e, f, g, h, i and j. The parish council had submitted comments to Dorset Council on items 9b and d.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting and Annual PC Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023