

## NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**PRESENT:** Cllr Richard King (Chair); Cllr Robert Bowditch; Cllr Mark Rogers; Cllr Chris David; Cllr Clare Handford; Cllr Luke Larder; Cllr Kevin Goodfellow and Cllr Neil Eysenck.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

#### 1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Peter Bailey and Cllr Yvonne Dyke and were approved by the council.

#### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present.

#### 4. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record by the Council and were signed by the Chair.

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

Item 12. Cllr Eysenck reported that maintenance of verges are the responsibility of Dorset Council and that hedges are the responsibility of landowners. Cllr Eysenck has spoken to the Dorset Council Ranger regarding the two footpaths in the parish that need repair. An extension to the bridge is planned (DC reference number 62343).

**Action:** Cllr Eysenck to arrange a site meeting with the Ranger and Cllr Bowditch to discuss the right of way by the weir in Netherbury (DC reference number 62857).

The Clerk reported that no date has been given for repair work to the road from Dottery to Broadoak.

**Action:** The Clerk to request a timeframe for the work to be carried out. The Clerk to also request if there are plans to resurface the section of St James Road, Netherbury from Howards Wood Car Park to the Square.

**Action ongoing:** Cllr Bailey raised concerns about the allocation of Hastoe Housing within Salway Ash and that priority should be to persons who are currently residing in the Parish of Netherbury. Cllrs King and Bailey to consider the position and liaise with Hastoe Housing and Dorset Home Choice.

All other actions had been completed.

#### 6. WARD COUNCILLOR NEIL EYSENCK REPORT

Cllr Eysenck informed councillors that he has been approved as Vice Chair of the South and West Planning Committee. Full Council have declared a Nature Emergency.

The Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be considering a review of Planning Enforcement and Parking Charges. A draft Planning Enforcement Plan is currently being drafted.

Cllr Eysenck discussed the challenges created by the planning changes required by central government following the consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Cllr Eysenck questioned if the targets will meet the need for affordable housing.

Cllr Eysenck updated councillors on the central governments plans for devolution deals involving neighbouring local authorities. This is at an early stage with options being explored.

Dorset Council currently have a projected overspend of £10m. The council are looking at efficiency savings.

#### **7. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT**

The PSCO report had provided information on damage to a mailbox, thefts of quad bikes and trailers and a theft from a caravan.

#### **8. TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR AND TO CO-OPT CANDIDATES TO FILL THE VACANCIES FOR NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

There had been three applications for the two vacancies on the council. Applicants had the opportunity to introduce themselves, give information on their background and experience and explain why they wanted to become a member of Netherbury Parish Council. There was the opportunity for councillors to ask the applicants questions.

Voting took place for the two vacancies, each vacancy in turn. The Chair announced that Ryan Strong and Mark Roberts had been duly co-opted to the council.

#### **9. TO DISCUSS NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE USE**

Councillors discussed ways to communicate and share information with parishioners. The parish council will continue to use its Facebook page to share and promote information with its parishioners and will continue to provide information on its dedicated website.

#### **10. TO DISCUSS RIVER BRIT NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Councillors discussed the project with investment being spent over two years. The project's objective to slow down the rivers, reducing flood risk downstream and improve water quality. Water quality is being measured in Netherbury (River Brit) by a local resident. A similar initiative is in place in Symondsbury (River Simene). Symondsbury Parish Council have contacted the parish council to see if the two parishes can work together to understand how the project is progressing.  
**Action:** Cllr Eysenck to establish the status of the project and any implications for the parish and report back to councillors.

**Action:** The Clerk to liaise with the Symondsbury Parish Clerk about water testing.

#### **11. CORRESPONDANCE AND NOTICES**

##### **a) Request to replace notice board – Brandon Plot Netherbury**

A resident has requested financial support with the funding of a new notice board in the Brandon Plot, Netherbury. Councillors requested that further information on the size and cost of a board be provided by the parishioner and submitted to the council for consideration.

**Action:** The Clerk to follow up the requested information with the Netherbury resident.

##### **b) Request from Netherbury Village Hall for financial support towards roof repair**

Councillors discussed the funding request towards the recently completed work to repair the village hall roof. Cllr King proposed a payment of £3,160, seconded by Cllr Handford. Agreed by a show of hands.

##### **c) To discuss Reading Room steps and request for handrail (Netherbury)**

Cllr Handford reported that the steps to the Reading Room are uneven and that access via the steps to the Reading Room would benefit a handrail. It was noted that access to the Reading Room can also be made via the level path from the village hall car park.

**Action:** The Clerk to establish if Community Infrastructure Levy funds could be used to pay for a rail.

#### **12. ACCOUNTS**

##### **a) To receive the finance report for 2024/25**

Councillors noted the finance report. Income is due from Wessex Water and Dorset Council for the second instalment of the Precept.

- b) note payment of £31.20 to CB Reid (Payroll Services)
- c) note payment of £19.50 to Netherbury Village Hall (July Meeting)
- d) To note payment of £40.00 to Information Commissioner's Office (Annual Data Protection Fee)
- e) To note payment of £40.00 to DAPTC (New councillor training)

Item 11b to e were noted by the council.

- f) To note pending income of £500 from Wessex Water (Donation resulting from damage to fingerpost sign and bench, Netherbury)

A good will donation from Wessex Water towards the repair of the fingerpost sign and replacement bench is pending.

**Action:** Cllr Roberts to cost a new bench and provide to the Clerk.

**Action:** Cllr Bailey to cost the repair of the fingerpost sign in Netherbury and provide to the Clerk.

### 13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) P/HOU/2024/03848, The Old Cottage St James Road Netherbury DT6 5LW, Installation of 2 air source heat pumps (Comments ended 07/08/24)
- b) P/VOC/2024/03830, Waycroft Nurseries Slape Hill Waytown DT6 5LQ, Erect replacement dwelling and demolition of horticultural buildings (with variation of condition 1 of planning (Comments ended 02/09/24)
- c) P/CLE/2024/04635, Ash Lane Yard Ash Lane Salwayash, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (CLUED) for the change of use of former livestock rearing shed and part of existing workshop building to 2 no. dwellings at Ash Lane (Comments ended 13/09/2024)
- d) P/FUL/2024/04308, Pineapple Farm Pineapple Lane Salwayash DT6 5HZ, Erect Community Laboratory (Comments ended 20/09/2024)
- e) P/FUL/2024/04609, Myrtle Farm Slape Hill Waytown DT6 5LG, Proposed Agricultural Storage Shed (Comments ended 20/09/2024)

The council had submitted their support for applications 13a, b, d and e. Comments had been submitted for item 13c.

The next meeting will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm