

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25TH MARCH 2025

PRESENT: Cllr Richard King (Chair); Cllr Mark Rogers; Cllr Clare Handford; Cllr Peter Bailey; Cllr Chris David; Cllr Kevin Goodfellow; Cllr Luke Larder; Cllr Ryan Strong and Cllr Mark Roberts.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Robert Bowditch, Cllr Yvonne Dyke and Cllr Neil Eysenck and were approved by the council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

4. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL 28th JANUARY 2025

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)

A meeting with the Highways Officer and Cllrs David and Bailey to discuss the condition of Camesworth Lane has been proposed for early April.

Action: The Clerk to confirm the dates with the Highways Officer. Cllrs to report back at the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Harbour Master's Office to request costings and placing an order for a replacement bench at the bridge in Netherbury.

Cllr Eysenck has been in touch with the landowner, Dorset Council and the Environment Agency regarding the right of way by the weir in Netherbury. Dorset Council has stated that it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the footpath. Dorset Council has agreed to provide some temporary mitigation by placing sleepers over a section of the footpath. The parish council believe that it is a critical water way and as such the Environment Agency should be involved.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Environment Agency to request a meeting.

All other actions had been completed.

6. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE: ASH LANE YARD AND ASHFIELD FARM

Certificates of Lawful Use has been granted for both properties. Councillors noted that the certificate of Lawful Use for Ashfield Farm allowed for one caravan for purposed ancillary to the agricultural use and for the avoidance of doubt, the lawfulness of the caravan's presence on the site does not include permanent residential occupation. Concerns have been raised with councillors over the permanent residential occupation of the mobile home/caravan.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Head of Planning at DC regarding the above.

7. TO DISCUSS SID ROTATION REQUEST FROM MELPLASH COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM

The Community Speed Watch Team have written to the council to ask for financial support to pay for someone to move the Speed Indicator Device on a 4-week rotation. Due to low numbers and ability the team are finding it difficult to carry out the required rotation.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Lengthsman to obtain a quote and availability for carrying out the required rotation.

8. ACCOUNTS

a. To receive the finance report for 2024/25

Councillors noted the finance report. To date, the projected carry forward stands at £13,852.

This does not include the CIL income and Election Reserve.

b. To note payment of £19.50 to Netherbury Village Hall (January Meeting)

c. To note payment of £84.99 to Clerk (Microsoft 365 Subscription)

Items 8b and c were noted by councillors.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. P/LBC/2025/00291 Location: Old Cedars Crooked Oak Hill Melplash DT6 3UH Proposal: Replacement double glazed wooden casement windows. (PC Comments ended 19/02/25)
- b. P/VOC/2025/00200 Location: Waycroft Nurseries Slape Hill Waytown DT6 5LQ Proposal: Erect replacement dwelling and demolition of horticultural buildings (with variation to condition 1 to planning permission P/FUL/2022/05039 to amend the design) (PC Comments ended 20/02/25)
- c. P/HOU/2025/01199, Furleigh Farmhouse Salwayash Dorset DT6 5JF Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension; Two Storey Side Extension; Link and Replacement of the Existing Utility/Garage Range and Associated Works

The council had submitted their support to DC for the applications.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Public engagement initiatives for greater awareness. For example: attending events such as The Big Breakfast to help councillors engage with parishioners.

The next meeting will be held on the 27th May 2025 at 7.30pm (Annual General Meeting).

The meeting closed at 8.40pm