

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd JANUARY 2019 at THE READING ROOM, NETHERBURY

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: District Cllr. Mark Roberts, Cllr. Rebecca Knox, Cllr. Kevin Goodfellow, Cllr. Yvonne Dyke, Cllr. Clare Handford and PSCO Bishop. 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

a) Report from County Councillor

No report received.

b) Report from District Councillor

No report received.

c) Report from Police Community Support Officer (PSCO)

A report had been shared with councillors. There were no questions.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on the 27th November was confirmed as a true and accurate record and was signed by the chairman, Cllr Bowditch.

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

Cllr Bailey updated councillors on the position with the yew tree, Netherbury. An arborist had provided a quote to carry out a survey and full report on the tree. Cllr Bailey would continue to liaise with the arborist. Once the survey had been carried out, its findings would be reported back to the council.

Cllr Bailey informed councillors that he had repaired the fingerpost sign in the square in Netherbury.

The Clerk reported that Dorset Travel no longer operate on the route between Bridport and Beaminster. The service is run by First Bus. The request to reinstate the bus route in to the village and to consider reinstating the request stop on the A3066 is currently with the Operations Team Leader for First Bus. The Team Leader will put the requests to the Scheduling Manager. Once a reply has been received, the Clerk will report back to Councillors.

6. COUNCILLOR PROFILE

Councillors discussed the need to be more visible within the community and to raise awareness of the Parish Council. It was agreed that councillors would provide the Clerk with a few lines about themselves and a photograph. These would be put on the website. A village specific flyer would also be put up on notice boards in Netherbury, Melplash and Salway Ash.

7. UPDATE ON PARKING – NETHERBURY VILLAGE

The Clerk had spoken with Cllr King about the parking concerns on St James Road in Netherbury and the reply that had been received from Magna Housing. As previously reported a site visit had been carried out by Magna. Magna could not guarantee that any additional parking would only be used by Magna residents. It would not be financially viable to provide additional parking. Councillors felt that nothing further could be done.

8. SOCIAL HOUSING POLICY – PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT

The Clerk had provided councillors with *Dorset Home Choice Common Allocations Policy*. The policy covers properties within West Dorset District Council. The policy covers information on the choice based letting scheme, including banding information. The council had recently recommended a tenant for a property in Salway Ash following a request from Hastoe Housing (through Dorset Home Choice). The tenant has secured the property.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a) Beaminster Museum

Beaminster Museum had written to the Parish Council to bring the museum to the attention of the council. The museum is extending and requested if the council would provide the museum with a grant in support of the project. Councillors agreed not to financially support the museum extension project.

Action: The Clerk to inform Beaminster Museum of the decision.

b) Netherbury resident enquiry regarding bridge railings and street light

A Netherbury resident had contacted Cllr King regarding the damage to the bridge railings in Netherbury. A request to Dorset County Council to repair the railings had already been raised by the parish council. Temporary netting has been put on the railings until the work is carried out. The condition of the railings was also raised. Councillors discussed that Netherbury Network had previously approached the council about painting the railings. It had been agreed that the Netherbury Network would paint the railings and the council would fund the materials. The resident also requested if a street light could be installed at the bridge. An old photo had shown a light at the bridge. Councillors agreed that this was not something that the council could fund.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Netherbury resident.

c) Letter regarding boundary – The Mill House and St Mary’s Church Netherbury

A letter had been received from The Mill House regarding the upkeep of the boundary between the house and St Mary’s Church. Cllr Bowditch had spoken to the owner of the house and they agreed that this was a matter that the owner of the house would take up with St Mary’s Church Council.

10. ACCOUNTS

a) Section 106 allocation – remaining allocation

Councillors discussed the remaining Section 106 money of £479.54 for allotments and £1,388.02 for natural green space projects. It was agreed that Cllr Bailey would explore how the funds could be used with West Dorset District Council and report back to the council.

b) Finance Report 2018/19

The finance report had been shared with councillors. Councillors were happy with current spends and the overall balance for the parish.

c) To approve draft budget 2019/20

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2019/20. Councillors discussed the proposed budget against last year’s budget, current spends and forecasts for next year. The budget of £11,936 was proposed by Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed by a show of hands.

d) To approve the precept for 2019/20

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a precept of £10,609 for 2019/20 (a 3% increase on last year). Cllr Bowditch approved the precept, seconded by Cllr Bailey. All were in favour.

e) To approve Clerks expenses of £14.55

Cllr Bowditch proposed payment, seconded by Cllr King, agreed by a show of hands.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following planning applications had been received and reviewed by Councillors:

- a) WD/D/18/002846, Yardley, North Bowood, DT6 5JJ
- b) WD/D/18/002843 & WD/D/18/002844, Dormouse Cottage, Bridge Street, Netherbury, DT6 5LS
- c) WD/D/18/002913, Seaview Farm, Ash Lane, Salway Ash, DT6 5JA

Councillors discussed the applications. Councillors had no objections and this would be submitted to planning by the Clerk. It was noted that the application for Yardley was to knock down the existing property. The new build would not be on the existing footprint.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bowditch requested that the Clerk liaise with Highways to arrange delivery of 9 metal skids to Cllr Bowditch which are required to clear snow on the highway.

Cllr Bailey discussed a possible Neighbourhood Plan. A few years ago a survey with residents took place that had a low return and little interest. Councillors decided to not go ahead with the plan. Councillors recognise the possible benefits for having a plan and would give it further consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.