

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2019 at THE READING ROOM, NETHERBURY

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Richard King, Cllr. Yvonne Dyke, Cllr. Mark Rogers and PSCO Alex Bishop. This was approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of Netherbury Football Club (NFC) and a member from Netherbury Playing Field Committee present at the meeting. NFC presented draft plans for developing the facilities at the playing fields. Phase 1 would be to install a metal shed (8x6) and to increase the main building by a few feet. This would be carried out under permitted development. Phase 2 would increase the size of the main building, which would need full planning. Cllr Alford agreed to speak to planning on behalf of NFC to ensure the plans were within planning regulations.

a) Report from Ward Councillor Anthony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously provided a detailed report updating councillors on the work of Dorset Council. An invitation to a workshop from Dorset Council to town and parish councils is to be sent. The workshop will give town and parish councils the opportunity to discuss and develop how the relationship between Dorset Council and town and parish councils might be constructed. Councillors raised concerns with Cllr Alford about the number of police officers who serve the area. Cllr Alford noted their concerns. Cllr Alford informed councillors that the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner would be taking place in May 2020.

Cllr Alford informed councillors that he had spoken to planning about the application at The Hare and Hounds in Waytown. The planning officer is minded to recommend approval under delegated powers. Cllr Alford has asked that the application be referred to the planning committee.

b) Report from Police Community Support Officer (PSCO)

A report had been received from the PSCO. There were no questions.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A copy of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 23rd September was confirmed as a true and accurate record and was signed by the Cllr Bowditch.

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

All actions had been carried out. (Action 9a) The Clerk had met with a member of the Community Highways Team to discuss the concerns raised by a resident about the junction at Pineapple Lane on to the B3162. White lines would be painted to deter people from parking in the area that can cause a blind spot and 'slow' would be painted on the highway. The Clerk would continue to monitor progress against item 14 (14th May 2019) to ensure that the handrail in Netherbury is repaired. Currently the request is listed as 'priority 7' which states that a first inspection would be carried out when resources permit.

6. UPDATE ON TREE WORK IN NETHERBURY

The Clerk had provided three quotes to councillors for the work needed to four trees within Netherbury. Councillors had voted in favour of the quote provided by Bowditch Countryside Management at £450 plus VAT. This was based on competitive value. Once approval to carry out work within the conservation area has been received from Dorset Council, a date for the work will be set.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a) Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride donation request

Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride had written to the council requesting a donation. There has been an increase in passenger numbers for the parish during the year. Cllr David proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Cllr Hanford. Approved by a show of hands.

b) Letter regarding highways concern (vehicle width) Pineapple Lane

A letter had been received from a resident in Salway Ash regarding damage to her property from a tractor and the wish for there to be a restriction to the width of vehicles using Pineapple Lane. A councillor had contacted local farmers regarding the damage. No one was aware of any damage. Councillors felt that the damage to the property was a matter for the police and not a matter for the council. The council's view was that restriction to vehicle width could not be enforced as farm machinery is required to have access.

Action: The Clerk to write to the resident.

c) Dorset Highways Councillor Survey

A request from Highways had been received to carry out the annual councillor's satisfaction survey for Dorset Highways. Cllr Bowditch agreed to carry out the survey on behalf the parish council.

8. ACCOUNTS

a) To receive the finance report 2019/20

The finance report had been shared with councillors. The balance stood at £14,957.28. The donation of £500 for the play equipment at the playing fields in Netherbury was pending as the council were waiting for bank details from the committee. Cllr Bailey agreed to inspect drains in the parish and report any that were blocked to Dorset Council.

b) To approve annual fee of £40 for Information Commissioner's Officer, data protection fee

Payment of the invoice for £40 was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Huxter. Approved by a show of hands.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

- a) WD/D/19/001907, Snailscroft Cottage, Waytown, DT6 5LF (Consultation ends 27/09/19)
- b) WD/D/19/001796, Bridge Acre, Broadoak to Atrim Road, DT6 5PX (Consultation ends 27/09/19)

A councillor had spoken to the only neighbour to the property in Waytown and they had no objections. The council had no objections to the applications. This would be submitted to planning.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bowditch asked Cllr Alford for the contact information within Dorset Council in order to request replacement skids for snow ploughs.

Morehaze House in Salway Ash has been sold (subject to contract). The planting of a hedge has yet to be carried out per the requirements of condition 6 of the granted planning. This is being followed up by the Clerk through the enforcement officer. The Clerk would provide Cllr Alford with the information.

Cllr Goodfellow informed councillors that he would like to install a memorial bench in memory of his late wife along the footpath to the school in Salway Ash. Councillors supported this. He is aware of the need to clear this with the relevant authority. The bench would be maintained by the family.

Cllr Bailey was thanked for repairing the broken fingerpost sign in the square in Netherbury.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.