

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28th JANUARY 2020 at THE READING ROOM, NETHERBURY

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

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Yvonne Dyke, Cllr. Clare Handford and PSCO Alex Bishop. This was approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present. A Netherbury resident had written to Cllr King in advance of the meeting to request that the council consider a tree planting initiative, together with Netherbury Church, to encourage people to plant trees with the wish to raise awareness of the climate change agenda. Councillors were keen to support this initiative and agreed to discuss further under item 6.

a) Report from Ward Councillor Anthony Alford

Cllr Alford had shared a report with councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Alford informed councillors that from the 1st May, First Wessex would no longer be running the number 6 bus service. Dorset Council are currently looking at alternative options.

The planning application at Seaview, Salway Ash, is still pending. There continues to be a backlog of planning applications. Following a recent external peer review it was identified that a single ICT planning system was required to improve the planning system. The council will implement this recommendation.

To date, 550 responses have been received from Dorset residents on suggestions to how they think Dorset Council can reduce carbon emissions and protect the county's plants and wildlife.

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 General Meeting held on the 26th November was confirmed as a true and accurate record and was signed by Cllr Bowditch.

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

All actions had been carried out. The Clerk informed councillors that the broken hand rail in Netherbury, which leads from the church to the weir, has now been replaced. Dorset Council will repair the damage to the bridge in Netherbury. If a scaffold tower needs to be put up in the river in order to carry out the work, a permit may need to be sought from the Environment Agency. There are no concerns from Highways regarding the reintroduction of a gateway in Salway Ash.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

Councillors discussed what, as a council, they could do to raise awareness and inform parishioners about the climate change agenda. It was agreed that the parish website could be used to signpost residents to council initiatives. A climate change awareness exercise was discussed, with support

from Netherbury church. This would involve encouraging parishioners to plant trees within the parish.

Action: Cllr Bailey and Cllr Rogers to cost trees and look at ideas for a climate change awareness exercise (this would be discussed at the next meeting).

7. ACCOUNTS

a) Adoption of telephone box, Salway Ash: to sign contract and approve £1 payment

An agreement from BT for the sale of the telephone box in Salway Ash had been shared with councillors. Councillors voted in favour of paying the £1 fee and the agreement was signed by Cllr Bowditch, as Chair.

b) To receive the finance report 2019/20

The finance report had been shared with councillors. Councillors noted the projected year end spend of approximately £8,097. It was noted that the budget for the lengthsman had not been used. The budget of £1,440 (that had been allocated should there have been a contested election) would be carried forward to the next round of elections.

Action: Cllr Bailey to assess drains and arrange for any work required by the lengthsman to be carried out before the end of the financial year.

c) To consider draft budget for 2020/21

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget for 2020/21. Councillors discussed the proposed budget against last year's budget, current spends and forecasts for next year. Councillors agreed to include a budget of £1,000 to support the climate change agenda within the parish.

d) To approve the budget for 2020/21

A budget of £11,004 was proposed by Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr David, agreed by a show of hands.

e) To approve the precept for 2020/21

The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had prepared a precept of £10,715 for 2012/21 (a 1% increase on last year). Cllr King proposed the approval of the precept, seconded by Cllr Goodfellow. All were in favour.

f) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations for discussion (Income £932.40)

Councillors discussed the CIL income of £932.40. Councillors voted in favour of the money being used as a donation towards the play equipment at Netherbury Playing Fields. The equipment will be used by, and will benefit, those within the parish.

Action: The Clerk to speak to the committee to establish the status of the play equipment order.

g) To approve clerk's expenses of £6.81 (mileage and postage)

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

h) To approve CB Reid invoice of £31.20

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

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

- a) WD/D/19/002601, Fernhill, Dottery Road, Salway Ash, DT6 5JB (consultation ended 27/12/2019)
- b) WD/D/19/002867, Roseneath, Salway Ash, DT6 5JE (consultation ended 18/01/2020)
- c) WD/D/19/002948, 13 Twinways Lane, Melplash, DT6 3UQ (consultation ends 02/02/2020)
- d) WD/D/19/003039, 3 Twinways Lane, Melplash, DT6 3UQ (consultation ends 14/02/2020)

There had been no objections to the planning applications above.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr King asked if the parish required use of the previously purchased noticeboard. It was agreed that it should be used in Salway Ash, to replace the existing board which is in bad repair.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm