

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14TH JULY 2020

PRESENT: Cllr. Robert Bowditch; Cllr. Graham Hawkins; Cllr. Chris David; Cllr. Kevin Goodfellow; Cllr. Caroline Pearce; Cllr. Peter Bailey; Cllr. Clare Handford; Cllr. Mark Rogers and Cllr Antony Alford.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Richard King, Cllr. Yvonne Dyke and Cllr Bob Huxter. 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.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

With the correction of including Cllr Goodfellow as present at the meeting on the 2nd June, the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record and would be signed by Cllr Bowditch.

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

The Clerk updated councillors on the funds that are being held by the council for the community support group. There is a set criteria on what the funds can be used for. To date, no funds have been released. The grant period is until the end of August. If the funds are not used or not needed the funds should be returned to Dorset Community Foundation, as per the T&Cs to the grant.

Cllr Alford had visited the location of the large fire that had been reported to the council. A letter to the owners had been sent from Dorset Council Environmental Protection. Councillors had been notified that another fire had been lit of the 2nd July. Cllr Alford would report the latest fire. There were also concerns about breaking cars. Cllr Alford reported that there did not look to be enough vehicles to warrant a licence and that he would monitor the situation.

6. UPDATE ON SPEEDING CONCERNS RAISED IN MEPLASH AND SALWAY ASH

The Clerk informed councillors that Community Speedwatch Groups have recently been written to by Dorset Police. The groups can be up and running by mid-July with changed operational guidance which includes information on social distancing. The Clerk had contacted the Road Safety Team regarding possible speed restriction measures that could be used within the village of Melplash. Road safety measures are for sites where there is an evidenced collision problem. The A3066 at Melplash has a low number of recorded collisions, so measures could not be justified. Some of the 30mph signs in Melplash are faded.

Action: Cllr Alford would report this to highways on behalf of the parish council.

A resident had raised concerns about an area in Salway Ash where children play close to the road. Cllr Pearce spoke to a number of parents, but there were no concerns. Cllr Pearce was informed by a resident that anyone concerned about perceived speeding can report them to Dorset Road Safe.

Cllr Alford shared information with councillors about the possibility of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) that could be moved around the parish where there was the need.

Action: Cllr Alford to provide the SID information to the Clerk.

7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE INSTALLING A MEMORIAL BENCH IN SALWAY ASH

Cllr Goodfellow had previously discussed with councillors about the wish to install a memorial bench in Salway Ash along the footpath towards the primary school. Highways had been contacted and they had advised that the approval would need to come from the parish council. Cllr Bailey proposed agreeing to the proposal, with a show of hands all were in favour.

8. UPDATE FROM SALWAY ASH VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AND NETHERBURY PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE ON RE-OPENING PLAY AREAS

On behalf of the council, Cllr King had drawn up a draft lease between the parish council and Netherbury Playing Field Committee. This had been shared with councillors for consideration. No comments had been received. The lease would now be shared with the committee.

The Clerk has provided guidance (including from the DAPTC and NALC) to Cllr Bailey and Cllr Hanford (in their roles of committee members) on the re-opening of play areas.

Action: Both committees to provide the Clerk with a copy of their risk assessments and play equipment inspection report.

9. ACCOUNTS

a) To receive the finance report for 2020/21

Councillors noted the budget report and had no questions.

b) To approve DAPTC invoice of £496.73 for annual subscription

Cllr Bowditch proposed payment, seconded by Cllr Pearce. With a show of hands all were in favour.

c) To consider and approve quotes for tree work on overhanging tree in Netherbury

A resident in Netherbury had raised concerns to the council about a tree at the edge of the playing fields which is cutting out daylight to their property. Overhanging branches have also been hit by large vehicles. Two quotes had been obtained and shared with councillors. Based on value for money Cllr Bailey proposed quote A, from Bowditch Countryside Management Ltd of £450 + VAT, seconded by Cllr Rogers. With a show of hands all were in favour.

d) To approve quote of £75 + VAT for re-inspection of Ash Tree in Netherbury

Following work to trees within Netherbury last year a re-inspection of an Ash in the playing fields was due to be carried out. Derek Brinsley, Tree Consultant and LOLER Inspector, had provided a quote of £75 + VAT to carry out the inspection. Cllr Bowditch proposed payment, seconded by Cllr Bailey. With a show on hands all were in favour.

10. TO NOTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL SINCE COVID 19 LOCKDOWN

a) The following planning applications had been received by the council and the Clerk had submitted comments to Dorset Council as appropriate.

WD/D/19/002344; WD/D/20/000014; WD/D/20/000259; WD/D/20/000271;

WD/D/20/000937; WD/D/20/000837; WD/D/20/000800; WD/D/20/000579;

WD/D/20/000484; WD/D/20/000307 and WD/D/20/001202

b) WD/D/20/00135, Seaview Farm, Ash Lane, Salway Ash, DT6 5JA (Comments before 18th July)

The council had no objections to the application and the Clerk would submit this to planning.

11. TO AGREE MEETING DATES FOR 2020/21

The following dates were approved by councillors for future meetings: 22/09/20; 24/11/20; 26/01/2021 and 23/03/21

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date of next meeting 22ND September at 7.30pm