**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NETTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD IN WEST KINGTON BAPTIST CHAPEL ON THURSDAY 11th October 2018**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Kerr, Minney, Bush, Futrell, Beare, Wright, Meier, and Newman.

Members of the public: Mr Millican, Tina James, and Mr Barry Meade.

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** | |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence: Cllr. O’Shea and WC Cllr. Jane Scott** |  | |
| 2. | **Declaration of councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item**. None |  | |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements. None** |  | |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th August.** Proposed by Cllr. Minney seconded by Cllr. Bush approved by those who were present at meeting. Signed by Cllr. Minney. |  | |
| 5. | **Update on items not on the agenda**.  Affordable housing survey: Cllr Meier will let us know when the survey will be done, he will be asking for help to deliver it. |  | |
| 6. | **Public Participation.**  See items 7 & 10. |  | |
| 7. | **Upkeep of St Mary’s churchyard, Burton**  The treasurer for St. Mary’s Church in Burton, Mr Millican, told the councillors the cost of the upkeep to the churchyard is increasing. The church does raise some funds towards this cost but have a gap of £460. He wondered if the PC would consider giving a grant. Cllr Beare has researched how other churches fund their grass cutting. If volunteers cut it and they cut it less it may reduce the costs. Cllr Meier suggested asking Duke of Edinburgh awards candidates to see if they would help, or community service. Mr Millican will take these suggestions to PCC.  The NPC budget includes £1000 for churches. Cllr Kerr proposed a grant of £400, but hoped that the church will get further funding elsewhere for the future. Seconded by Cllr. Beare. All approved.  Clerk to contact the other churches asking if they would like a grant.  The state of the dry stone walls around the churchyard was raised. Cllr. Kerr offered to contact Cotswold Wardens who have a walling group to see if they can help repairing the stone walls. | Clerk  Cllr Kerr | |
| 8. | **Planning Applications.**  **18/08353/LBC.** Elm Tree Farm Nettleton SN14 7NS. Erection of a new single  storey oak frame lean to instead of garden room originally granted permission  under 14/04392/FUL & 17/04899/LBC  **18/08459/VAR.** Elm Tree farm, Variation of Condition 2 to erect oak framed  lean to and lpg gas tank. After discussion Cllr Meier proposed No Objection, seconded by Cllr. Minney. All agreed.  **18/08622/LBC** Latimers Yard Holloway Hull West Kington SN14 7JJ.  Replacement of inner leaf external door to match the front door to the left  of the courtyard. After discussion Cllr Bush proposed No Objection,  seconded by Cllr. Futrell. All agreed. |  | |
| 9. | **Finance.**  Approval for the payment of £126.00 for Cllrs WALC training day, Cllr. Kerr proposed approval once the invoice has been received, seconded by Cllr Bush, all approved. |  | |
| 10. | **Highways.**  CPRE best kept village. Cllr Beare explained the competition. The main criterion is best cared for village, not necessarily the prettiest village. Evidence includes lack of rubbish, state of ponds, styles, streams. Cllr Newman asked  should NPC be doing this, or should it be the village groups. Agreed that it is up to each village to decide whether to enter.  Cllr. Meier suggested we put it on the PC website. All Agreed to do this. Cllr Beare will send the information to Cllr Futrell.  Pot holes: WC are putting scanners onto refuse lorries to locate pot holes.  Grit & sand supplies for the winter: Due to be collected from WC depot shortly. Grit will be stored at Cllr Beare’s shed. 50 bags of sand going to be stored in Burton; Cllr Newman will arrange location. He has 30 sand bags.  Parish Steward: Cllr. Beare said It has become apparent that some residents of Burton are approaching the Parish Steward directly asking him to carry out works. NPC asks that all requests for work are either referred to a parish councillor or to Cllr Beare (Lead Cllr Highways 07503192035) who prioritises jobs on behalf of NPC.  Drainage adjacent to Brook Farm, West Kington: work is starting on Monday.  Plans to Tarmac road through Burton next year to be discussed at next  month’s meeting. Cllr. Wright said if the existing surfacing is not planned off the resurfacing could cause flooding.  Accident on Fosse Way. This recent accident resulted in both cars involved being written off. One of the drivers involved in the accident was Barry Meade and he explained what happened. His car had stopped and the other was being driven so fast that it skidded into his stationary car. The skid marks were 15 metres long. He said the existing sign as well as the high hedge blocks drivers view. He said that in his experience of driving on rural roads this location is the most dangerous he has come across. He suggested a speed limit of 20 mph. Drivers are going far too fast on these narrow roads to stop in time. He believes that the volume of traffic on this road has increased and includes commuters who do not realise how dangerous this location is.  Cllr Kerr reminded the meeting that new very large signs were installed about 2 years ago by WC following an NPC submission to CATG. There was a long discussion on what additional measures can be done. These included asking the land owner to cut the hedge or replacing it with a fence. The option of rumble strips was discussed, and where they should go - WC will be able to advise the PC on this. Cllr Futrell suggested asking about a survey such as a Metro count on the road to see how many cars are now using it. Also residents can write to their MP to see if he can help.  It was agreed that the PC will apply to the CATG (through the WC Issue system) for additional measures to slow down the traffic and to improve visibility. Cllr Kerr to prepare the application. Cllr Kerr suggested that Barry Meade attends the next CATG meeting.  As this stretch of road is on the border with North Wraxall Parish, Cllr Kerr will contact the chairman of North Wraxall PC.  Fatal accident at Tormarton road / Tolldown road cross roads: It was agreed that the PC will meet with Tormarton parish council to discuss what can be done to improve this accident black spot. Speed of traffic on the Tormarton to Marshfield road and a hedge obstructing the view are believed to be the main issues.  Cllrs Kerr and Beare will go to the next meeting at Tormarton Parish Council to hear their actions/comments and present NPC suggestions.  Other items Cllr. Futrell raised the problem of fading white lines at junctions. These can be reported to WC via the MYWilts app., unfortunately not everyone has it. Cllr. Beare offered to take this up with WC. | Cllr Beare  Cllr Beare  Cllr Kerr  Cllr Kerr  Cllrs Kerr & Beare  Cllr Beare | |
| 11. | **WALC Employment Consultation.**  Cllr Kerr explained that WALC would like comments from Parish Councils regarding the use of a separate firm to provide employment advice. This will mean an extra cost of approx 4% to the membership fee. All agreed that this is not relevant to NPC. Cllr Meier proposed that we say we are not interested, seconded Cllr Kerr, all agreed. | Clerk | |
| 12. | **Defibrillator for West Kington.**  Cllr Futrell reported that residents in West Kington are getting funding for a  defibrillator and they wondered if the PC would like to be involved. They  have received a grant from The British Heart Foundation, and looking into  getting further funding.  Cllrs Minney/Newman said Burton has one, and the PC did not contribute towards it. Nettleton village has looked at this in the past and decided not to proceed with one because of the dispersed nature of the village.  It was agreed that the parish council would not be involved with this project. Cllr. Kerr wished them luck with the project and he hopes they would keep the parish council informed on progress. |  | |
| 13 | **AOB**  Cllr. Wright said the Tolldown road hedge on the North side still needs cutting, Cllr Beare explained WC and the land owner did not support the PC when this issue was raised last year. Cllr Beare will write to WC again. If the hedge is not a metre off the road, WC should ensure it is cut back. | Cllr. Beare |
| 14. | **Date and time of next meet 8th November** 7.30p.m. West Kington Baptist Chapel. |  | |

Meeting closed 9.10 pm.