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

**HELD IN WEST KINGTON BAPTIST CHAPEL ON 10th JANUARY 2019**

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

Members of the public: Mr Chris Bennett, Missy Sell, and Mr Darren Luton

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence:** WC Cllr. Jane Scott and Cllrs. O’Shea, and Bush |  |
| 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 Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November.** Cllr. Kerr proposed the minutes are approved, seconded by Cllr. Meier. Agreed by all who were present.  |  |
| 5. | **Update on items not on the agenda**. 5. Quiet Lanes. Cllr Meier asked for this to be on the next meeting agenda. Hedge on Tolldown Road. See AOB item.9. Clerk has informed WC of the precept request. She confirmed we have a gateway number for reclaiming VAT. Cllr O’Shea has checked the accounts She has a few minor improvements, which she will discuss with the clerk. |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation. None** |  |
| 7.. | **Planning Applications Received.****18/11444/REM**. Construction of an agricultural workers dwelling (Reserved matters application pursuant of Outline Permission 17/01511/OUT in relation to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - Resubmission of 17/06521/REM)Theapplicant spoke on the application. he informed us that the size has been reduced to 150m2 as specified in the outline application approval, and Wiltshire Council seem happy with it so far. There is no provision for downstairs toilet or office. Councillors asked about the external facing. The applicant said that he hopes it will be faced in natural stone. If this is not acceptable to WC, he will use a tasteful render. Cllr Kerr proposed Support for the application, seconded by Cllr. Minney. All agreed.**18/11785/TCA.** Chestnut Cottage, Smith Street, West Kington, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 7JGProposal: Fell 1 Horse Chestnut Tree. Cllr Kerr proposed No Objection, seconded Cllr Newman all agreed. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  None. |  |
| 9, | **Finance Matters.** None |  |
| 10. | **Highways.** To consider road safety at the junction of Nettleton Road with The Street in Burton - raised by BCA, reference Wiltshire council issue 6846 – and to decide if NPC wish to support this request. Chris Bennett spoke on behalf of BCA regarding the safety at the junction between Nettleton Road, Church Hill and The Street. The school buses stop here and parents had raised concerns about safety for children who wait here in the mornings and are dropped off in the afternoon. The accident in September when a vehicle crashed over the grass triangle demolishing the road sign and bench. BCA are asking for the PC’s support on taking this issue forward. Cllr Kerr said this will be raised at the Chippenham Area Transport Group committee. The highway engineer to the committee will consider options is Cllr Minney said that one of the problems is that at school drop off pick up times, the parent’s park around the junction. This makes it very difficult for people to get around their cars. Other drivers also park on this road reducing visibility. She said that the key issue is speed of traffic and this was agreed by all. Another key issue is poor visibility of the right turn for traffic approaching the junction from Nettleton Road.There was then a discussion on how safety at the junction could be improved. Ideas considered included:* A speed limit of 20mph, if WC would consider this. Also, Cllr Kerr noted that the existing 30mph sign is closer to houses than is usual, as a result of the new houses.
* Flashing lights at school bus times, if WC would consider this.
* New signage to warn drivers of the school buses and the blind right turn.
* Remarking the white lines.

Other ideas discussed - but rejected - included:* Rumble strips – Cllr Kerr said that WC will not consider this close to houses because of noise disturbance to residents.
* Remodelling the junction layout to make the junction wider.
* Moving the pickup/drop off site to somewhere else, but all agreed there was nowhere safer for the children to wait and not have to cross the main road in the dark.

Cllr Kerr reminded councillors that the parish council is liable to pay 25% towards the cost of anything done to solve this problem. Thus major works such as re-modelling the whole road layout is not realistic.Cllr Kerr proposed Support for this issue, seconded by Cllr Beare. All in favour. He will check if it is on the Chippenham Area Transport Group’s agenda for next week and let Chris Bennett know, so he can attend. **Grit bins and waste bins**. To consider if sponsorship by local business should be investigated. Cllr Beare suggested asking local, business to sponsor new grit and waste bins. He has suggested this to WC and still waiting for a response. Cllr Kerr asked if anyone supported Cllr Beare’s idea but no one did. Cllr Beare will discuss a replacement bin for Burton with the Parish Steward. If he cannot help he would like it on next month’s agenda.Cllr Beare said Wiltshire Council are expected back in West Kington next week to finish the drainage work near Brook Farm. Cllr Beare asked about the progress on improving the Gypsy Crossroads. Although the trees on the NW corner may have been cut back, the branches are still obscuring obscuring the view for drivers. He suggested we write to Tormarton Parish Council to ask them to them to action this. Cllr Kerr said he will email them. | Cllr KerrCllr Kerr |
| 11. | **Website** – To discuss the possibility of upgrading the website package, currently the Basic package, to increase storage space. Also, Cllr Futrell reported that we have had a few problems with the site, as all the images have disappeared, also the contact form. Cllr Newman asked how this effected the storage limit. Cllr Futrell said it is saving a little bit of space. She went on to say that the standard package is the most suitable for us, and it will give us more space and resource. Cllr Kerr said we need to look at archiving items, so we do not lose any important documents. Cllr Futrell proposed we pay extra £100 to give us an extra 30% of space. Seconded by Cllr Meier all approved. Netwise to be notified.Cllr Kerr asked for an itemised report on storage space used to show how much space photos etc. take up.  | ClerkCllr Futrell & ClerkCllr Futrell |
| 12. | **Reports on Meetings and Events**. None.  |  |
| 13 | **AOB.**Cllr Wright asked about the hedge on the North side of Tolldown Road that overhangs the road verge. Cllr Beare explained that the land is tenanted to estate. Other councillors believe that the tenant is responsible. Cllr Beare said he will contact WC highways again to see if they will agree this is a problem, last time he asked they didn’t think it was. Cllr Minney. Reported a sunken drain cover in Nettleton road, it needs repairing. Cllr Kerr will report it on Mywilts App.Cllr Beare, would like the following on next month’s agenda. 1. Annual Parish meeting, he is proposing that it is held in Burton and invite people to come along.2. Baptist Chapel in Nettleton. It is understood that the Chapel is likely to be sold. He would like to discuss whether the community might wish to purchase it as a community asset. It was agreed a paper will be prepared for the next meeting. | Cllr BeareCllr Kerr |

Meeting closed.8.50