DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NETTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

**HELD IN WEST KINGTON BAPTIST CHAPEL ON THURSDAY 9th January 2020**

**PRESENT: -** Cllrs Kerr, Beare, Newman, Wright, Futrell, Bush, O’Shea and Meier

Members of the Public: Christopher Windelland Chris Morris

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllr Minney |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.** Cllr. Kerr congratulated Cllr. Bush for her very well deserved award of a British Empire Medal in the New Year’s Honours list. All Cllrs added their congratulations. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th December. Cllr Meier said it was Chris Bennet who mentioned the dog warden and not him. After making the amendment. Cllr. Kerr proposed they approve the minutes of 9th December 2019, seconded by Cllr. Bush, all Approved. |  |
| 5. | **Update on Actions from previous meeting**  Section 5:  Item 5 - Lorries in West Kington: As there has been no further problem it was agreed to remove it from minutes.  Item 10 – Cllr. Beare asked if CATG meeting has been re-scheduled. Cllr Kerr to find out.  Item 10 - Cllr. Beare reported that the Hedge on Deadman’s hill on Fosse Way has been cut.  Item 11 - Gates on bridleways – ongoing.  Section 10: Parish boundaries in The Gibb, Cllr. Kerr has contacted the other PC’s to set up a meeting. | Cllr Kerr |
| 6. | **Public Participation**. See items 7 and 10 |  |
| 7. | **Presentation by Chris Morris from Gigaclear.**  Mr Morris explained that Gigaclear are a broadband company taking superfast fibre broadband to the door in hard to reach areas. They are funded by BDUK and WC to do this. He explained the benefits of using fibre as it can transmit data over a long distance and is reliable. They are hoping to start work in April-May, at the moment it is at the high level design stage, then the proposed work will be validated by walking the routes. Then the teams will be mobilised to lay the cables and build the cabinets. The work will entail narrow trenches in the verges where possible, or if not then in the road. Closing some of the narrow roads will be necessary whilst the work is being done but access to properties will be maintained. The work will take 3-4 days to complete in each area of the parish. Gigaclear will be contacting everyone in Nettleton/West Kington informing them of the work and how they can register and pay to have the fibre connected to their property. As Burton has a reasonable broadband speed it is not included.  Answers to questions and discussion:   * The cable is laid at a depth of about 18 inches. Cllr Beare asked about the drainage grips as they are almost at this depth. * Cllr Kerr said that where the verge is narrow and the cable has to be lain in the road, there is a good case for the trench to go down the middle of the road because the large farm vehicles are wide and tend to drive on the road edges / verges. Reinstatement of trenches at the road edge could settle because of the heavy loading from HGV’s and farm vehicles. * Cllr. Beare suggested that Cllrs go with Gigaclear on their route validation to point out local issues such as drainage grips and also services, as the locations of some are not recorded. Mr Morris said he would contact Cllr Kerr when they are doing the validation so that Cllrs can go with them. * Gigaclear come back after 6 months to reseed the verges and check to make sure it is reinstated properly. * Cllr Futrell said that as West Kington is a conservation area, some people may want a say in where the boxes go. Mr Morris said people will be able to speak to the gang supervisor if there are any problems once the work has started.   Cllr Kerr will contact Mr Morris in 6 weeks’ time to check how the time table is going and arrange a date for the route walk. | Cllr Kerr |
| 8. | **Planning Application.**  19/10648/FUL Chesnut Cottage, West Kington, Orangery. The Clerk said that she understands that this consists of minor changes to the previous application considered by the PC in December. The PC response to that was “No Objection”. The PC were made aware of this new application that day; so due to the lateness of receiving this amended application and the need for comments to be in by 29th January, it was agreed that cllrs will e-mail the clerk with their comments within one week. | All Cllrs |
| 9 | **Planning Applications Determined.**  19/07297/FUL & 19/09150/LBC, Lean to extension at The Tithe, Westfield Farm. Approved with conditions. |  |
| 10 | **Cars racing on Nettleton Roads**. There had been reports of groups of cars racing around the roads. Chris Windell said he saw cars racing in Nettleton twice in November, and another resident also noticed it. They were using rally type cars, and he thinks they were time trialling. It was suggested that if it might be connected to racing at Castle Combe. Cllr. Beare said he has spoken to PCSO Charlotte Windle who said other villages have experienced this type of activity. She has increased her patrols in the parish and will write an article for Honeycomb detailing what the police are doing to combat this and if it persists they will use CCTV cameras. Car registration numbers should be taken if it is safe to do so. The police have to prove they are committing an offence, difficult to do as it is a 60mph limit. PC Windle would like to come to a future meeting. Cllr Beare will invite her, and will suggest she talks to the race circuit at Castle Combe to see if they can assist. If anyone notices cars racing they should call the police on 101 immediately (not 999), with the registration numbers if possible.  Cllr. Meier suggested that PC Windle’s article should put on the website and send it to the parish newsletters to warn residents about it. | Cllr Beare |
| 11 | **Finance matters.** Approve cheque for £60 to West Kington Chapel for room hire. Proposed by Cllr. Kerr, seconded by Cllr. Bush, all approved. |  |
| 12. | **Highways.**  Cllr. Kerr noted that the work to kerbs and footpaths in Burton that had been agreed by e-mail with WC / Atkins is now in progress.  Cllr Bearesaid that 150 metres of Fosse way near Nettleton Shrub needs resurfacing. Cllr. Kerr said that the procedure is to for it to be added to WC list. Cllr. Beare said he has done that and will chase WC officer David Arnup for an update.  Cllr. Bush said Holloway Hill in West Kington has lots of pot holes. Cllr. Wright asked about Nettleton Road to the north of the old school, as only the part of it near Burton has been resurfaced. It is assumed that no further resurfacing is planned. There is a large pothole on the hill. Cllr Beare will inform the Parish Steward of both locations | Cllr Beare |
| 13. | **Reports on Meetings and Events**  **WC Flood Group**. Cllr. Kerr reported on the meeting held in December. Matters of interest to NPC were:  Property protection: Flood boards for properties that might be affected by flooding are now available. Cllrs Kerr & Wright to contact owners in Burton at risk of flooding. Cllr. Beare suggested we include Marsh Lane properties.  M4 drainage outfalls into Burton Brook, Cllr. Kerr met with Sarah Lewis from Highways England (HE) and is arranging a site visit. HE have a fund for Environmental Improvements which could be used to improve motorway outfalls that contribute to local flooding and also need oil interceptors. The first stage is to get these locations into the HE budget, but it could then take 2 years or more for the work to be designed and implemented. Cllr. Kerr is happy for either Cllr Newman or Wright to go with him on the site visit. He will let them know the date of the walk around.  Burton Brook**.** Danny Everett of WC confirmed that it is the adjacent land owner’s responsibility to clear the vegetation and any blockages. Cllr Kerr said that the Brook is reasonably clear at present. After discussion, it was agreed that if it gets worse a cllr. will ask the land owner to clear it.  Sewage System in Burton**.** Cllr Kerr said there is a new representative from Wessex Water, Charlotte Fry. He has sent her the history of issues including flooding. If she has not contacted him in a couple of months’ time, he will contact her for an update on Wessex water plans for improvement | Cllrs Kerr & Wright  Cllr Kerr |
| 14. | **AOB.** Cllr. Beare asked the clerk about Unitary Cllr. Jane Scott attendance, it would be nice if she could come to a meeting again. Cllr Kerr said that she always responds promptly to NPC requests for assistance.  Cllr. Futrell gave her apologies for February’s meeting. |  |
| 15 | **Date of next meeting**. Thursday 13th February 2020, 7.30pm at West Kington Baptist Chapel. |  |

Meeting closed 9.09