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

**held via Zoom on Thursday 11th June 2020**

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

**Members of the Public.** Mr. Botterill

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllr. Newman. |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.** Cllr. Kerr ran through the protocol for meetings via Zoom. He welcomed Mr. Botterill to the meeting. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 28th May 2020** Cllr. Kerr proposed the minutes are approved. Seconded by Cllr. Meier, all agreed. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.**  None. |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received.** None. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  **20/02085/FUL.** 7 Church Rise, extension to rear elevation with solid roof. Approved with conditions.  **20/03022/FUL.** Plough Cottage. Approved with conditions. Cllr. Kerr summarised the proposed letter to the Planning officer asking him to monitor the use of the annexe. All agreed, and the clerk will send the letter to the planning officer.  *Post Agenda: - 20/03022/FUL Kington Down Farm, erection of Barn. Approved with conditions.* | Clerk |
| 9. | **Finance.**  a)Grants to the three churches in the Parish for maintenance of churchyards.  Cllr. Kerr proposed that the PC give a grant for the maintenance of churchyards to the churches at West Kington and Burton and the Baptist Chapel in West Kington. The chapel in Nettleton is no longer functioning. Cllrs. then discussed the proposal before voting on it.  Cllr Beare reminded cllrs that the Local Gov: Act 1894 expressly prohibits council’s spending money on church property but that the 1972 Local Gov: Act permits spending on churchyards, open or closed.  Cllr Beare questioned whether NPC should contribute. He understands that residents cut the grass FOC in West Kington and West Littleton. He noted that Nettleton PCC are currently carrying out a survey to assess attitudes etc. to the church. He believes there has got to be a radical rethink as to the role of churches in communities. Unless there is sufficient support in both financial and practical terms, churches will close. How could churches be put to more uses? He reminded Cllrs as to the procedure if a church closes. The PCC can serve notice on a PC regarding responsibility to maintain the churchyard but the PC can in turn serve notice on the district council (in our case WC); hence closure does not impact on PC finances.  Cllr. Bush said that West Kington church pay for the grass to be cut at the front of the church and residents cut the grass at the back; they also fund raise to help with the up keep of the church.  Cllr. Meier wondered if the churches were looking at how they could be used in the future, now that the parish shop and post office has closed. He also said that due to Covid 19, WC now has a £50 million deficit, so parish councils may have to pay for more work to be done. Cllr. Beare said that the Parish Steward may be cut so the PC may need to pay someone to do the work he does for us.  Cllr. Kerr reminded everyone that they did not give a grant last year, and that as the churches are in trouble the PC pays them a grant this year and then the matter is reviewed next year.  Cllr Kerr. Proposal is to give £400 each to the Churches in Burton, and West Kington and £200 to the Chapel in WK. Cllr. Beare asked for the vote to be recorded.  Vote for: Cllrs. Kerr, Bush, Minney, Wright, Futrell and O’Shea.  Vote against: Cllrs. Beare and Meier.  Cllr. Kerr will arrange for the cheques to be sent to the churches.  b) Renewal of Insurance Policy from Community First £180.33: Agreed by e-mail and paid online by Cllr Kerr because it was due by 1st June. All councillors Approved the payment.  Cllr O’Shea asked if Cllr. Kerr could provide a list of all of the invoices he and Cllr Minney have paid online during the lockdown. Cllr. Kerr said he will prepare it for the meeting next month so that he can be reimbursed. | Cllr. Kerr.  Cllr. Kerr. |
| 10. | **Highways.**  **a. Maintenance Report.**  Cllr Beare has asked the Parish Steward to remove ragwort in verges and to cut the vegetation around the road signs.  **b. To consider making a submission to Wiltshire Council scheme for making roads more pedestrian and cycle friendly for Hillside, Burton.** Cllr. Kerr said Cllr. Newman had suggested Hillside. Councillors agreed that a reduction in speed limit from 40 to 30mph is first priority. Different types of traffic calming on Hillside were then discussed, from chicanes, as in Biddestone and Sherston, to traffic lights and how this would work on Hillside. Chevrons on the road surface were also suggested. Cllrs: agreed to ask for a reduction in speed limit on Hillside and for chevrons to be marked. Clr. Kerr to respond to WC.  Cllrs O’Shea mentioned the problem of the speed of cyclists on the roads in West Kington, as they are also used by riders and walkers. Cllr Kerr said this has also been a problem in Nettleton, in particular because some cyclists give no audible warning of their approach. | Cllr Kerr |
| 11 | **Dog waste bins**. To discuss whether the PC purchases more bins for Burton and how they will be emptied.  Following complaints from residents in Burton that there is only one bin in Burton while Nettleton has 5 bins, Cllr. Meier suggested that the PC asks WC to provide 1 or 2 extra bins in Burton. Cllrs. discussed whether any dog bins were required in West Kington and it was agreed that Cllr. Futrell would ask the residents if they want any.  Cllr. Beare said that WC will not pay for the bins or empty them, Cllr. Kerr said that maybe they could move one of the bins in Nettleton to Burton.  Cllrs. Agreed to ask WC to provide two bins in Burton, and wait to see how many are needed in West Kington. *(post meeting: the result of survey in W Kington was that they do not want any bins)*  Locations for bins in Burton to be discussed between Cllr Minney and Chris Bennett. | Cllr. Futrell.  Clerk/Cllr. Beare.  Cllr Minney |
| 12 | **Reports on meetings & Events.**  All external meetings cancelled / postponed. |  |
| 13 | **AOB.** Cllr. Bearesaid that if residents are having problems with getting WC to act on issues logged onto web, it is suggested they contact a parish Cllr for assistance/advice.  Cllr. O’Shea reported that a tree has fallen on to the broadband lines, it has been reported to Open-reach but they are not going to move the tree as the line is not broken. Cllr. Beare offered to have a look at it to see what can be done.  Cllrs. discussed the Zoom meetings and felt they worked very well and wished for them to continue.  Mr. Botterill was asked if he wanted to say anything. He said speed limits is an issue for cars and cyclists and he felt there should be a review for all roads and not just one or two. He felt that drivers should drive to the conditions of the road and not the speed limit sign.  He thought our Zoom quality was a lot better than a lot of other meetings he has had on Zoom. |  |
| 14 | **Date of next meeting. July 9th 2020 –** Arrangements to be agreed |  |

Meeting closed 8.04 pm