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

**held at 7pm via Zoom on Thursday 9th July 2020**

**PRESENT:-** Cllrs Kerr, Beare, Minney, Futrell, Wright and Meier. WC Leader Cllr. Philip Whitehead.

**Members of the Public.** Mr. & Mrs Lewis.

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllr. Newman. O’Shea and Bush |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.** Cllr. Kerr welcomed the leader of WC, Cllr. Philip Whitehead to the meeting, and asked him to say a few words.  Cllr. Whitehead introduced himself and said he is standing in as the Unitary Cllr for the Bybrook Ward until the Election in 2021. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 11th June 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.**  All actions have been completed apart from the new waste bins in Burton. Cllr. Kerr and Cllr. Minney will order the new bins. It was confirmed by email that West Kington did not require any bins, and a bin in Nettleton will be moved to Burton. | Cllrs Kerr & Minnie |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** See item 7. |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received. 20/04110/FUL.** The Old Granary, Priory Farm, Nettleton. The owners, Mr and Mrs Lewis, spoke about their application saying that they had taken pre-application advice and have made small amendments after the pre-app consultation. They are happy to answer any questions Cllrs may have.  Cllrs noted the concerns of the two neighbours at the front regarding deliveries of materials. The applicants said they had spoken to the owners of the field and stables at the back of their property who have said that can use their field for access for large loads, such as removal of excavation and deliveries of concrete and stone. Also, the builder has said that they will be able to use smaller vehicles for access at the front.  Cllr. Kerr asked where the builders will park their vans, as this has caused problems during other developments in the village. The owners replied that have an agreement to park their cars at The Priory, leaving space for the builders vans and cars.  Cllr. Beare proposed No Objection, with a caveat to have a site management plan for deliveries taking into account the concerns of the residents. Seconded by Cllr. Meier. All Agreed. The PC comments were summarised as follows for the PC response to Wiltshire Council:   * Adjacent residents who share the same access driveway have expressed concerns regarding deliveries of materials. The Parish Council also noted that parking of contractors vans and cars has often been an issue in the village when building works are undertaken. * The applicants said that they have arranged to use an alternative access route, through land owned by another resident at the rear of their property, for large loads. Also that they have been offered use of another resident’s parking area for vans and cars. * The Parish Council encouraged the applicants to make maximum use of these alternatives. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  None. |  |
| 9. | **Finance.**  The clerk presented the audited accounts and reported that the internal auditor found no errors in the accounts. Cllr. Kerr will sign the Exempt form and return it to the clerk so it can be e-mailed to the External Auditors. Clerk will put the accounts on the web site and 30 days’ notice inviting residents to examine the accounts if they wish.  Approval of payment to Cllr. Kerr’s claim for £396.72, for payment of NPC invoices via transfer from his personal Bank account during lockdown. Cllr. Beare proposed approval to repay him, seconded by Cllr. Futrell. All approved, Cllr. Kerr did not vote. | Cllr. Kerr/Clerk |
| 10. | **Highways.**  **a. Maintenance Report.**  Cllr Beare said the Parish Steward is operating in the Parish repairing pot holes.  **b. To review options for a footpath on Hillside, Burton.**  Cllr. Kerr reminded Cllrs that they had previously they looked at 2 options for a footpath on Hillside.   * Option 1; a path in the field on the West side for the lower part of Hillside which the farmer provisionally agreed to. But access across the transport yard and the adjacent property was not possible. This is still the case. * Option 2: Around the perimeter of the field on the West side of Hillside. This was also rejected due to the ground getting very wet in the winter and the route would overlook a property.   The reason for looking at the matter again is a request from residents, the increase of walkers and the Government / WC incentive to improve roads for walkers/cyclists. The PC have applied for the speed limit to be reduced from 40 to 30 mph on Hillside and are waiting for response from WC / CATG.  If the speed is reduced, Cllr. Kerr asked Cllrs to consider a route starting with option 1 footpath , then crossing the road onto the existing roadside footpath, then crossing back again at the top of the hill. Cllrs. discussed this option. Cllr. Minney said the footpath is too narrow and it is not safe to cross the road. Cllr. Wright thought walkers would find it safer to stay on the left going up the hill. Councillors discussed different types of traffic calming including making it one way, but it was agreed that getting the speed limit reduced was a priority.  Cllr. Whitehead explained that having a one way system would increase the speed of traffic, keep it two way. Speed limits are set by the ambiance of the road, it is very difficult to drive at the correct speed if there is not ambiance to make you aware of the surroundings, i.e. houses. He recommended speaking to Martin Rose. He offered to help if it was needed.  Cllr. Kerr will arrange a meeting to discuss the issues with highways officer Martin Rose saying that the PC would like a footpath but cannot find a safe solution. | Cllr Kerr |
| 11 | **Cotswold Champions & Caring for the Cotswold** have a scheme for funding for improving the environment and or footpaths etc. They have received a large grant from Network Rail to mitigate the installation of the electric rail. Cllr. Kerr asked councillors to let him know if they have any suggestions for Rights of Way that can be improved. | All Cllrs |
| 12 | **WC Consultation on re-opening of libraries.** As the parish only have a mobile library it was agreed not to publish the survey on the website. |  |
| 13 | **Reports on meetings & Events.**  All external meetings cancelled / postponed. |  |
| 14 | **AOB.** Cllr. Beare reported that the trees on NPC land have Ash Dieback, and he will get three quotes to fell them for discussion at the next meeting.  Cllrs. discussed future meetings and felt that the Zoom meetings worked very well and did not put anyone at risk and wished them to continue. Cllr. Futrell said they do miss Cllr. Newman, Cllr. Wright said he will invite him to join him when he phones into the meetings.  Cllr. Whitehead gave his apologies for the next meeting. |  |
|  | **Date of next meeting. 13th August via Zoom.** |  |

Meeting closed 8.04 pm