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

**held at 7pm via Zoom on Thursday 10th September 2020**

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

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

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllrs. Beare, Newman, Wright |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.**  Cllr. Kerr welcomed Nick Botterill to the meeting. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 13th August 2020.**  Cllr. Kerr proposed the minutes are approved. Seconded by Cllr. Meier, all those present at the meeting agreed. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.**  None |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** See items 10 and 11b. |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received.**  20/06686/FUL Dove Cottage, The Street, Burton, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 7LP. Demolish and replace front porch and include new w.c.  Cllrs agreed on No Objection. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  None. |  |
| 9. | Finance Matters  1. Invoice for £380.00 from Netwise for annual cost of website. It was noted that this includes for the increased website storage agreed last year. Approved to pay by all. 2. Invoice for £266.20 from Wiltshire Council for contributions to CATG for three highways improvements (Hillside “Pedestrians in road” signs; SLOW sign on Nettleton Road in Burton; SLOW signs on Fosse Way). Approved to pay by all. 3. To approve a proposal from the Chairman, Cllr Kerr, to increase the Clerk’s Salary to £3,744 per year (from the current figure of £3,600 per year), back-dated to April 2020, in line with the revised salary scale issued by NALC. This was seconded by Cllr Bush and approved unanimously. The Chairman was asked to pass on to the Clerk the thanks of Cllrs for all her excellent work. |  |
| 10. | **Government Consultations.**  To consider Government consultations on Planning:  a) Consultation on changes to the current planning system. Closes on October 1st. Cllr Cllr Kerr suggested that the NPC does not respond, as the changes are mostly minor.  b) Consultation on “Planning for the Future” White Paper. Proposals to reform the planning system in England. Closes on 31st October. Cllr Kerr recommended that Cllrs study this as it proposes radical changes to the planning system, with a view to agreeing a response at the October meeting. A few matters were raised:   * Nick Botterill noted that Local plans will be important if they exist. * Definition of “brownfield sites”: Can sites in “small villages” be classed as brownfield? This could be critical for rural parishes, as brown field sites may have automatic planning consent in principle. Needs to be understood.   Cllr Kerr will prepare a first draft response for discussion at the October meeting. | All Cllrs  Cllr Kerr |
| 11 | **Highways.**   1. To consider an order for 2 new litter bins to be located in Burton:  * Cost from Idverde for supply and installation on existing metal posts: £296.70 plus VAT. It was noted that WC no longer supply new bins and the PC have to pay for them. Approved by all that 2 bins are to be ordered. * Cost from Idverde for emptying 2 bins once every fortnight:  £7.00. This would be an annual cost to the PC of £182. After discussion, it was agreed that we will wait to see how much usage is made before deciding on arrangements for emptying.  1. Felling of Ash Trees on Tolldown Road: As agreed, the chairman had written to Wiltshire Council asking them to advise on their plans regarding reinstating of passing places, removal of fly tipping which has been exposed, marking the boundary of highway land and repairs to gouges in the road surface which could be a hazard to cyclists. Post Meeting note: the reply from WC to NPC queries was received after the meeting and is attached for information.   In addition, Nick Botterill said that he has spoken to Cllr Bridget Wayman (WC cabinet member for highways) about this and she had agreed to investigate.   1. Proposal for Planting of trees on NPC land as environmental mitigation for the Ash trees which are to be felled.  Cllr Meier explained a proposal from local residents to provide 6 new native species trees to compensate for the loss of Ash trees. Local residents are prepared to do this at no cost to the Parish Council. Details to be provided for agreement at the next PC meeting. 2. Parish Maintenance Report: Cllr Kerr advised that the Parish Steward has been in the parish attending to issues identified by Cllr Beare and others. | Cllr Kerr, Clerk  Cllr Meier |
| 12 | **Reports on meetings & Events.**  CATG Meeting held virtually on 1st September, attended by Cllr Kerr:   * Hillside, Burton**:** The submission to consider a reduction in speed limit and other traffic calming measures was considered and a site visit will be arranged by the highways officer to discuss it. * Reduction of speed Limit on Nettleton Road approaching the grass triangle / The Street: This request is pending awaiting an assessment by the highways officer. |  |
| 13 | **AOB.**  Residents of West Kington are concerned that the combine harvester that traversed the roads recently seemed to be wider than in previous years. The verges show indentation from the wheels of 0.5m height or more up the sides of verges on the narrowest roads. In addition the wheels have been very close to the walls of some properties. |  |
| 14 | **Date of next meeting. 8th October, 7pm via Zoom.** |  |

Meeting closed 8.10 pm

## Copy of e-mail dated 14/09/20 from Chris Clark, Wiltshire Council highways officer, regarding Tolldown Road

Apologies for not getting back to you on time.

Looking at the points that you have raised:

**Passing bays Reinstatement**

We can look at tidying them but we are limited as far as the extent of work that we can carry out, if you were looking for an improvement it may be something that the Cat G could be approached for.

**Fly Tipping & Fencing**

We will check for any waste that is within the Highway and arrange for its removal, if the waste is on Badminton Estate land then they would be responsible for its removal. Fencing would also fall under the remit of the estate rather than ourselves as the Highway Authority. We will liaise with the estate and get back to you.

**Damage to road surface**

Will be inspected and assessed for repair in line with intervention levels in the Inspection Manual. I appreciate that it is well used by cyclists and will take this into account when deciding on any action to be taken.

Regards

Chris