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

**held at 7pm via Zoom on Thursday 8th October 2020**

**PRESENT:-** Cllrs Kerr, Beare, Futrell, O’Shea, Bush, Wright and Meier. WC Cllr. Philip Whitehead

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

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllrs. Newman, |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.**  None |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2020.**  Cllr. Meier proposed the minutes are approved. Seconded by Cllr. Bush, all Approved. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.**  None |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation. None** |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received. 20/07213/FUL.** Darryl Leaze, West Kington Road, Nettleton, SN14 7NW. Two storey rear extension.Cllrs. discussed this application and had several concerns:-   * Parking implications - the parking space does not allow for off road turning. * Light pollution – the large windows in the extension may cause Light pollution. There is now a Dark Skies policy to reduce night time light within the AONB. * A detailed site management planfor constructionisneeded, as the road where the property is located is a narrow single track road and is the main link from Nettleton to West Kington and Marshfield.   Cllr. Kerr proposed they Object to this application for the reasons outlined above, seconded by Cllr. Meier, All agreed. It was agreed that the detailed objections for submission would be agreed by e-mail.  **20/08276/TPO.** Cllr. Beare wondered why they were applying for planning permission as there are no TPO trees on the WC map for this area. Cllr. Whitehead said he would look into it.  Cllr. Bush proposed No Objection, seconded by Cllr. Beare. All agreed. | All Cllrs  Cllr Whitehead |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  20/05832/FUL. Red Roof, Nettleton, SN14 7NT. Oak framed garage with storage above. Approved with conditions. |  |
| 9. | Finance Matters.a) Cllr. Kerr explained that after the approval to increase the clerk’s wages the backpay would be paid by cheques: £57.60 for the clerk and £14.40 to HMRC. Cllr. Kerr proposed they approve both payments, seconded by Cllr. Futrell. All approved. |  |
| 10. | **Government Consultations.**  To consider Government consultation on Planning for the Future:  Cllr Kerr had circulated a first draft response for councillors to discuss. He proposes that they only respond to the questions that could be relevant to the parish. As our parish falls into the Protected category, at first sight it seems that we should not be affected. However, it is proposed that NPC do respond to try to ensure that our concerns with the current policies are understood and addressed  Cllr. Meier broadly agrees with the draft but asked about the criteria defining the three types of areas.   * Growth areas – suitable for substantial development * Renewal areas – suitable for some development * Protected Areas – restricted development.   Cllr Kerr said that the detailed criteria are in the consultation paper.  Cllr. Whitehead said that it is a White paper and is likely to change as time goes on.  Cllr. Futrell commented on CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) that the parish has not benefited from this as even people having large £1M+ houses built for themselves are not charged CIL as they are classed as a self-build if they subsequently occupy them.  Cllr. Beare thanked Cllr. Kerr for preparing the draft. He commented that question 4) Homes for young people, we should not forget the older people wanting to downsize. Cllr. O’Shea said she would sent her comments in by e-mail.  Cllr. Kerr asked for any further comments by e-mail. He will then prepare a second draft. He asked if everyone agrees he will share the comments with the other rural parishes in the Chippenham Area. | All Cllrs |
| 11 | **Position of Parish Councillor Matt Newman.**  Section 85 of the 1972 Local Government Act, which was read out by Cllr. Beare, states that if a Councillor is absent for a period of 6 consecutive months, without a reason approved by the Council, he will be cease to be a member.  Cllrs. Whitehead said he will confirm if this has been suspended due to COVID 19.  Cllr. Kerr said he had spoken to Cllr. Newman and he does not believe Social media is safe and secure and due to this could not attend any meetings until they go back to face to face.  Cllr. Futrell said we should be more understanding and relaxed in this period of Covid-19, which is stressful for so many, and when raising Cllr. Newman’s absence with him, we should be encouraging him to contribute again because we miss him and value the perspective and knowledge he brings to meetings.  Cllr. Kerr said we should formally record our disquiet and disappointment that he is not able to dial or phone in to the meetings. We will wait for confirmation on the Legislation from Cllr. Whitehead | Cllr. Whitehead  Clerk |
| 12 | **Cotswold Conservation Board.**  Cllr. Kerr reported that the AONB has a new name and new logo; it is now called the Cotswold National Landscape. This follows the proposal in the Glover report to unify National Parks and AONB’s under this one broad title. |  |
| 13 | **Highways**   1. To approve the Snow Plan for Winter 2020-2021. Cllr. Beare proposed it is approved, seconded by Cllr. Kerr. All approved. 2. The 6 ash trees with ash dieback are to be felled and Cllr’s discussed the offer from local residents to provide 6 new native species trees as environmental mitigation for the loss of the Ash trees. Local residents are prepared to do this at no cost to the Parish Council. Cllr. Meier proposed the offer is accepted, Seconded by Cllr. Kerr; all approved. 3. Cllr. Beare has given the parish steward a list of work and he is working his way through it. He asked Cllr’s. to let him know if there was anything else that needs doing. | Cllr Meier  All Cllrs |
| 14 | **Reports on meetings & Events.** None. |  |
| 15 | **AOB.**  Cllr. Bush reported the damage to the verges caused by a combine harvester, which is too wide for the narrow lanes.  Cllr. Whitehead said the COVID infection rate has gone up in Wiltshire but it is still low. |  |
| 16 | **Date of next meeting. 12th November, 7pm via Zoom.** |  |

Meeting closed pm 7.59 pm