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

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

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

**Members of the Public.** None

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. WC Cllr. Phillip Whitehead and Mr. Botterill |  |
| 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 12th November 2020.**  Cllr. Kerr proposed the minutes are approved. Seconded by Cllr. Futrell. Approved |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.**  Cllr Minney said the new litter bins have been installed in Burton and are in use. Arrangements for emptying to be decided when usage is known.  Item 7. Clerk reported that the planning officer will send us the Construction Method statement for Dayrl Leaze once it has been produced. Item 5. Map of TPO trees in Burton. The clerk received a copy of the TPO’s in Church Rise but will ask WC to include all TPO trees in Burton on their web site map. | Clerk |
| 6. | **Public Participation. None** |  |
| 7. | **Co-option for vacancy on Parish Council.**  Cllr. Kerr explained that the Clerk had to put the formal notice from WC regarding the vacancy on all the village notice boards. It did not have a date on it and the parish council could decide if they wanted to co-opt a new member or wait until the elections in May. A notice from the Parish Council advertising the vacancy had been issued through the village e-mail systems and it had been intended that this notice was also put on village notice boards. Cllr. Minney said she is not happy how the PC have dealt with the way the councillor left and now the co-option notices. She was not informed that the WC notice was up and that she could put the PC co-option notice up as well. The clerk and chairman apologised for not informing her and Cllr. O’Shea. The clerk wrote to the election team explaining what had happened with the notices and they replied that there is no set procedure for co-opting. Cllr Kerr suggested that, as 5 applications had been received, the PC proceed with co-option. After discussion this was agreed by all.  Cllr. Meier suggested they should set the criteria they are looking for from the candidates, before going to the vote. Cllrs discussed the different attributes they thought is needed on the PC, and agreed it would be good to have someone who was younger and had a family and cared about the parish.  Cllr. Kerr asked for councillors to vote on each candidate and Tom Webb was selected. The clerk will email him and send him the relevant documents he needs to sign before attending the meeting in January. Cllr. Kerr said he will inform the others that they were not successful. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Received.** None**.** |  |
| 9. | Planning Application Determined. 20/ 08276/PTO Church Rise, work to trees. Approved with conditions |  |
| 10. | Finance Matters. Cllrs Kerr proposed the draft budget and the precept of £6000 is approved, seconded by Cllr. Bush. All cllrs approved it. |  |
| 11 | **Highways.**  To note the following issues that have been referred to the Parish Council and to Wiltshire Council:   * Discharge of water in Nettleton Shrub from the road drainage system which had been diverted onto private land. Cllrs Kerr & Beare had met with the landowners and Wiltshire Council to understand the issues. WC have now confirmed that it is the land owner’s responsibility to allow the water to follow it’s natural route along a valley on their land and they will write to the landowners.   + - * Safety of road users and damage to the road verge on the narrow lane known as Stile Lane in Nettleton, as a result of building works deliveries to Red Roof. The wrote to the owner who has replied and acknowledged the Parish Council’s concerns. His contractor has agreed to provide an escort to any HGV reversing on the narrow lane. Also, he will ensure damage to the road verge is made good. Cllr. Kerr will prepare a reply to the owners in response to their questions. * Armco barrier posts on the B4039 at the M4 motorway bridge require replacement. Cllr Beare had met with Wiltshire Council. Cllr. Minney thought this is in South Gloucestershire and not Wiltshire. It was agreed that WC will know which county is responsible. * Identification of trees with unknown owners. Parish Councils have been asked to notify Wiltshire Council of any Ash trees that they think may have dieback and are on highways land, or on remainder land, so they can be assessed by Wessex Tree Care on behalf of WC. It was agreed that Cllrs Beare & Kerr will check Nettleton. Cllrs in Burton and West Kington were asked to check their villages.   Cllr. Beare reported that the Parish Steward will be asked to cut addition grips on the road near Westfields to take water overflowing from the ditch.  WC will contact Wessex Water re the damaged fire hydrant and water pipe markers near the motorway bridge. | Cllr. Kerr, Beare, Minney & Wright. Bush and O’Shea. |
| 12 | **NPC land:**  **a)** To consider offers received for timber stacked on the land. One offer for the wood has been received. Cllr. Meier asked if we should be selling the wood. He said that there is no proof that NPC own the land. He said the PC has spent over £1000 on this land, believing we own it and wonders if we should continue to sell the wood. Some councillors believed it should be sold, to re-coup some of the money that has been spent on the removal of the trees. Cllr. Beare said just because the land is not registered does not mean the PC do not own it. Cllr. O’Shea agreed with Cllr. Meier and feels that the sale of the wood should be deferred for a month.  Cllr. Kerr asked who was in favour of selling the wood now or to wait. The vote was 4 Cllr to wait and 3 Cllrs to sell it now. The bids for the wood will be discussed at the January meeting.  Cllr. Beare asked about the chipping of the smaller wood and it was agreed to defer that until January also.  Cllr. Meier said he would like to see documents showing the rationale of the council in 2013 on taking on the ownership of this land, as it has not been a benefit to the parish but has caused a lot of cost. Cllr. Kerr said he will provide the relevant documents.  b) To decide if the land should be allowed to re-wild or be maintained. Deferred until January. |  |
| 13 | **Reports on Meeting & Events.**  Cllr. Kerr reported that WC highways engineer, Martin Rose, who advised the CATG meetings on highways design issues is moving on to another department. He was always helpful in providing solutions to NPC issues and will be very much missed. |  |
| 14 | **AOB.** None |  |
| 15 | **Date of next meeting**. 14th January 7.00 via Zoom. |  |

Meeting closed 8.30pm