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

**held at 7pm via Zoom on Thursday 14th January 2021**

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

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

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllr. O’Shea |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.**  Cllr. Kerr welcomed Cllr. Webb to his first meeting as a parish councillor. He also welcomed Mr Copcutt and Mr Botterill to the meeting. He reminded Cllrs to allow the person to finish speaking, before responding. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 10th December 2020.**  Cllr. Kerr proposed the minutes are approved. Seconded by Cllr. Bush, all agreed. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.**  Item 5. Map of TPO of trees. The trees in Church Rise are now on the TPO map and WC still are updating their map, but it will take time to complete.  Ongoing Action. Trees on highway with no known owner that may have Ash Dieback - please contact either WC or Cllr. Beare. |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** Both Mr Botterill and Mr Copcutt said they were there to listen. |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received.**  **20/10429/LBC** Green Cottage, Nettleton, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 7NS. Repair and replacement chimney. Everyone said they had looked at it and had no concerns. Cllr. Kerr proposed No Objection. Seconded by Cllr. Bush All agreed.  **20/10457/FUL** Oaktree House. The Street, Burton, Chippenham, SN14 7LP. Conversion of garage into granny annex. Cllr. Wright said he had spoken to several residents and they have no concerns with it. Cllr. Minney said there were no concerns from the residents she spoke to. Cllr. Beare proposed No Objection, but with the condition that it remains ancillary to the main property and is not used or sold as a separate dwelling. Seconded by Cllr. Bush. All agreed. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined.**  None |  |
| 9. | Finance Matters.Upgrade of Wordpress Software. Cllr. Kerr said that this upgrade is a recommendation from Netwise because the software is now old. Also, it should resolve the issues we have had recently. Cllr. Futrell said it is a one off payment of £199. Cllr. Futrell said that the website will look different and that she had seen a sample of the new look and it is very good, and thinks we should be able to influence the look of our website. Cllr. Kerr asked her to liase with Netwise whilst it is being changed over. Cllr. Futrell will speak to them about it and she proposed we approved the payment for the upgrade, seconded by Cllr Kerr. All Agreed. |  |
| 10. | **Highways.**  a) Water currently draining onto NPC land.  Cllr. Kerr has received an update from WC officer Richard Williams who has contacted the owner of the property. He states that there is no right of discharge onto the land as it is diverted from the natural flow path. If it is to be changed permission from the landowner should be granted. Water should flow downhill under gravity and landowners have a duty to accept the flow onto their land.  Cllr. Meier said he represents Nettleton parishioner’s and struggles with it being so definitive that we can say we cannot support and help the residents. The PC has to finalise ownership of the land and that we should be supporting them to allow the water to go onto the land. He understands the ruling that water should be allowed to flow under gravity and unhindered, which is very clear in the information provided. We have a piece of derelict land and if it can help a parishioner he would be supportive if it could be used if it can remove risk and damage to their land.  Cllr. Beare said the PC has no legal right to grant drainage rights to a third party.  Cllr. Minney said we could be more opened minded and see what we can do to help them with this problem.  Cllr. Kerr reminded Cllrs about the discussion on ownership of the land next month, and said it should wait until next month before making a decision.  Cllrs asked for a site visit to see the land, for more understanding on the run of the water. Cllr. Beare asked if this is allowed under lockdown rules. It was felt this would be classed as work, and they will keep socially well distanced. Mr. Copcutt asked to attend the site visit and invited Cllrs to visit his land as well. Cllr. Kerr will arrange a site visit. | Cllr. Kerr. |
| 11 | **NPC Land in Nettleton Shrub.**  Cllr. Kerr said he has assembled most of the paper work relating to the PC’s decision to apply for ownership, once he has them all he will do a briefing on the papers and forward to Cllrs.  Cllr. Meier said we should ask two questions when looking at the information.  1. What is the purpose of pursuit of the legal ownership and control of this land and how does it pertain to the interests to the parish in its entirety.  2. If the answer to that question is yes, is it in the interests of the parish, is it worth the money that has been spent so far and the monies that will continue to have to be spent on this land if the pursuit of ownership is continued. | Cllr. Kerr. |
| 12 | **WC Consultation – Local Plan Review.**  Cllr. Kerr said the response is due on 9th March, prior to the March meeting. Cllr. Meier has looked at the Plan and said we should put a response in as there is detailed information about sites earmarked for development and for travellers. It should be looked at in more detail.  Mr Botterill, said there are two on-line events relevant to villages on the 1st and 2nd Feb at 7-8 pm. It would be worth Cllrs attending it. Cllr. Webb said he has registered. Cllr Meier will also attend, Cllr. Kerr asked them to do a report on the webinar and circulate it to Cllrs so they can prepare a response. |  |
| 13 | **Reports on Meeting & Events.**  None. |  |
| 14 | **AOB.** Cllr. Futrell reported that the BT pipeline near Latimer Manor is still visible and the owners are having trouble contacting BT to have it covered up.  There is a significant piece of stone wall collapsed adjacent to Wood Lane. The property owners are waiting for a surveyors report. WC have been notified about it.  Cllr. Minney said the dog poo bins in Burton are effective and in use and she will empty them**.**  Mr Copcutt reported that he is still clearing the wood that had fallen onto his land when the Ash trees were cut. He will let us know if his fence was damaged in the process.  Mr Copcutt was caught up on the Fosse Way by a hunt with 50 horses and hounds which he felt were out of control. eHe asked who he needs to report it to as he does not want them going past his gate. Cllrs. Minney said she was part of that event, and the hounds were not out of control and everyone enjoyed seeing them going by. It is an old tradition and continues to bring some entertainment to people over Christmas period. She also confirmed that they hunt within the law doing trail hunting. Cllr. Wright agreed that this is an old tradition. Cllr. Beare said this is an emotive subject and not a matter for the PC. Cllr. Kerr agreed it is not for the PC and is a matter for the police if appropriate. |  |
| 15 | **Date of next meeting**. 11th February 2021 7.00 via Zoom. |  |

Meeting closed 7.45 pm