MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NETTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at The Farm Shop, Burton, on 11th November 2021 at 7pm.

**PRESENT: -** Cllrs Meier, Minney, Clark, Howey, Webb, Dafforn, Webb, Graves. Clerk

**Members of the Public.** Two.

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| **AP** |  |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllrs. Kurle, and WC Cllr. Botterill |  |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillors personal and prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None. |  |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.** Cllr. Meier welcomed the two members of the public who wished to speak on item 7. Cllr. Howey had joined the meeting via zoom and was reminded she could comment on items but not vote on them. |  |  |
| 4. | **Approval of Minutes of the meeting on the 14th October 2021.** Cllr. Webb proposed approval of the minutes. Seconded by Cllr. Minney, all approved them. |  |  |
| 5. | **Update on Actions from the Parish Council meeting minutes where not the subject of a specific agenda item.** Cllr. Meier reminded Cllrs to send a photo to the clerk so they can be added to the website.  Cllr. Meier and the clerk to prepare a list of duties the clerk does, so cllrs. know what to do in her absence. |  | Cllr. Meier/clerk |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** Residents spoke against the planning application PL/2021/09947. The large French doors and window that have been installed were not in the original plans, if they were they would have objected. Their garden is now overlooked and have objected on the grounds of loss of privacy. |  |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications. PL/2021/09947**. Willow Green House, Nettleton, SN14 7NS. Removal/variation of condition 2 to change the internal layout of the first floor extension and windows accordingly. Comments by 25th November 2021. Cllrs discussed the application and are also concerned that the doors and window do cause a loss of privacy and could cause light pollution affecting any bats in the area. It is a significant material change to the original plans. Cllr. Meier proposed they object, seconded by Cllr. Webb, 4 cllrs for and two against.  **PL/2021/09886** - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Address: White House, Nettleton, Chippenham, SN14 7NS Proposal: T1 T2 T3 Ash trees - 30% crown reduction. Comments by 09-11-2021. Cllrs felt that they are not in the conservation area and have NO Objection |  |  |
| 8. | **Planning Applications Determined. 21/02161/LBC** - Works to a Listed Building Address: Old Post Office, Wood Lane, West Kington, SN14 7JE Proposal: Re-thatch with combed wheat reed (currently thatched in water reed). Approved with conditions. |  |  |
| 9. | **Finance Matters.**  **Discussion on budget.** Cllr. Meier had sent around the year to date figures and proposal on what they should look at for 2022/2023. He asked everyone to come back to the meeting in December with ideas as the budget needs to be approved at that meeting.  b)Approve payment of £456.00 to Netwise for licence for the website. Proposed by Cllr. Dafforn, seconded by Cllr. Graves. All agreed.  c) Approve payment of £50.00 to Burton Farm Shop for October and November venue hire for NPC meetings. Proposed by Cllr. Meier, seconded by Cllr. Webb al approved. |  |  |
| 10.  a)  b) | Highway Report.Cllr. Dafforn reported that she has a list of blocked gullies in Burton which will be cleared in the coming months. She had a meeting with David Arnup to discuss:-  1. The 2 Ash trees at the bottom of the hill on the Fosse Way, he agreed that WC will remove them.  2. The ditch by the triangle in Nettleton has been dug out to Longleaze. She said Cllr. Kurle had informed her that the land drain that goes under the road to the ditch, has not been dug out. WC have agreed to do this. The layby opposite is embedded with gravel, Cllr. Dafforn had asked Chris Windall to help clear it as the Parish Steward would struggle with it.  3. Ditch by verge marked for wild flowers near Nettleton Green, Cllr. Graves will send the clerk the owners email (Mr Olver) so we can ask him to clear it out.  4. The PO sign in Burton cannot be removed as it is part of another sign, but the PO part will be covered over.  5. Drain near Wood Lane, which should run into road drain , but it is running through “Streams” outbuildings, it has now been blocked off by WC so the water is running down the road. It will need major engineering to solve the problem, Cllr. Dafforn said the owner is happy with the solution at the moment but needs to check to see if it works in the long term.  6. Deadman’s Hill the water drains off fields onto 2 bridleways then stream. The drains down the road have been cleared plus one they found.  7. Deadman’s Hill the water drains off fields onto 2 bridleways then stream.  The drains down the road have been cleared plus one they found. - This isn't correct, the chamber is located on the hill leading down to Deadman's hill/the bridge, water drains off the field and is meant to drain into a chamber here which then connects under the road across to drain out onto the bridal way opposite and then the stream. We found the chamber was blocked and have found new land drains on the road before the chamber whilst rodding and clearing everything out. We have since added a grille to the inlet of the chamber to try and stop debris entering the pipes and blocking again.  Cllr. Minney expressed concern that the land will not take all of the water. WC are not responsible for alleviating water on landowners land. The natural flow is through both properties and down to the brook.  Cllr. Meier proposed asking WC to dig out both ditches, seconded by Cllr. Lamb all agreed.  **Cllrs to report on any "at risk trees in dangerous locations and known clear owners”** Cllr. Minney reported that there are none in Burton, in Nettleton there is a small patch of land with 3 trees on it. Cllr. Meier will pass the owners name onto Cllr. Dafforn.  Cllr. Webb said there are a few in Nettleton.  West Kington, Cllr. Graves and Lamb have walked the area and reported two trees on bank, they have pointed them out to David Arnup as they are near BT telephone cables. Once it is completed the list will go to WC. |  |  |
| 11. | **Environment and Biodiversity Update. Protected Verges.** Cllr. Howey took the lead on climate diversity and getting the pilot protected verges scheme signed off by WC with a section 96 licence. David Arnup is very supportive of the scheme but wants the PC to understand what they can/cannot do. The work will be done by volunteers so nothing for the PC to do after they have agreed to sign the licence. Cllr. Meier proposed they sign the Section 96 agreement, seconded by Cllr. Lamb all agreed.  Cllr. Kurle sent in a question re the posts on one of the verges, Cllr. Meier will get confirmation on the ruling for posts and they will be removed in the meantime. Cllr. Meier will also contact Open Reach as their vans park on the verge when they are doing work to the cables.  **NPC Land.** Cllr. Meier explained the history of the land and cllrs discussed what it can be used, the proposal is for it to be a showcase for biodiversity. There are some bits of Ash tree that Cllr. Meier will remove, and he suggested purchasing 4 native trees for the land, which will be strimmed twice a year and have a wildflower management scheme. The plan would be to plant the trees in 2022. In 2025 the PC will be able to apply to the land registry with enough evidence that they have taken over the ownership of it. Cllr. Webb raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance costs. Cllr. Meier and Cllr Howey will do a wildlife asset review for the next meeting. |  | Cllr.Meier/ Howey |
| 12. | **Reports on Meetings & Events.** Cllr. Howey attended via video the WC Resilience event on what to do if there is a Total Power Loss. They covered what would happen if the national grid went down over Wiltshire, there would be no communication, no internet, petrol pumps, etc., and people need to know who the vulnerable people are in your area. Cllr. Dafforn has started a Resilience Plan for the Parish, and it already has details of people who could help in a emergency. Cllr. Meier says he has a few more names to go on it. Cllr. Dafforn will send it to all cllrs so they can add names of helpers to it. |  | Cllr. Dafforn |
| 13. | **AOB.** A concerned resident has asked if a mirror could be put up at the sharp bend coming into Nettleton. Cllr. Meier said WC do not support mirrors on highways.  Cllr. Dafforn asked cllrs to report any white lines that need remarking ready for WC to do them next April – September |  |  |
|  | **Date and Time of next meetings**. 7th December 7.00 at The Farm Shop, Burton. |  |  |

Meeting closed 20.50