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

**held at 7.00 pm at The Farm Shop in Burton on Thursday 16th October 2023**

**PRESENT: - Cllrs**. Minney, Kurle, Lamb, and While. Cllr. Botterill. Clerk

**Members of the Public.** 2

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1.  | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllrs. Graves, Stevens, Windell and Clark.  |  |
| 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 18th September 2023**The minutes for the meeting on were approved. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.** None |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** Mr**.** Chris Meier gave an update on the protected verges that residents have been looking after for the last 3 years. They have been looking after 4 areas and have resurrected a pond. The wildflowers have increased in these areas 81 different types of flowers, 23 different types of grass and 3 new ferns. The old protected verge at West Kington is going to be re-instated by WC and they are in discussion with a volunteer group to look after it. The volunteers were thanked for looking after these areas.Mr. Stephen Beare spoke about the NPC land he said it is unclear from the July minutes exactly what NPC have resolved to do regarding the maintenance and fencing of the land although it is accepted that, in order for an application for adverse possession to have any chance of success, works need to be carried out. He offered to brush cut the land prior to a new fence being erected and to have a meeting on site with councillors to discuss it.As regards fencing off the footpath, I believe NPC should check whether, if the footpath is not fenced off, this raises legal issues with an application to register adverse possession.He raised concerns that if the claim is abandoned it could raise legal ramifications.Deadman’s Hill, he asked if the PC have contacted the new owner to discuss the hedge and ways to improve the safety on the road. Cllr. JM regarding Deadman’s Hill the council agreed to leave it a few months before contacting the new owner. There was a discussion on the NPC land and it was agreed that Cllrs would meet Mr Beare on site to discuss the way forward. |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received. PL/2023/08465.** Following a discussion it was agreed to Object as they have reservations on the plans as they are not clear on the walk way and how close it will be to the boundary. Light pollution from the dormer windows. Clerk will ask for clarification from the officer dealing with it.  |  |
| 8. | **Planning Application Determined. None** |  |
| 9. | Finance Matters.a). Internal Auditor. Councillors discussed the offer from Glenys Gill to take over the role as the internal auditor. It was agreed that Cllr. Minney and the clerk would meet with her, and will report back at the next meeting.b) Approve payment of £492 to Netwise for year’s contract. All Approved.c) Draft budget to be discussed at the November meeting. |  |
| 10.a)b) | **Highways.** Cllr. Minney gave a verbal update, she had meet with Mark the Parish Steward and discussed the problem with the drain on NPC land. He agreed to look into it.The Ash trees with ash-die back in West Kington have not been removed yet.Tree on the triangle at Burton. WC Cllr. Howard Greenman had a meeting with Cllr. Minney about replacing the tree with an American Gumtree. She raised concerns that the roots are invasive and could grow under the road, and the fallen fruit can become slippery. It will be the responsibility of WC and will be planted on the 7th November. |  |
| 11 | **Reports on Meetings & Events. None.** |  |
| 12 | **Items of Report.** Clerk reported that the new cllrs cannot do meetings on a Monday – it was agreed by everyone to keep them as they are as the majority can make Monday evenings. Clerk to let her know.Cllr. Minney would like to put the budget up by 5% to be discussed in November. |  |
| 14 | **Items of Report and future agenda items.**  |  |
| 15 | **Date of next meetings:** - **20th November** **2023 7.00 at The Farm Shop, Burton.** |  |

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Full reports are available on request.