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

**held at 7.00 pm at The Farm Shop in Burton on 20th Thursday November 2023**

**PRESENT: - Cllrs**. Minney, Kurle, Clark, Crosse, Stevens, Graves, Lamb, Windell, and While. Cllr. Botterill. Clerk

**Members of the Public.**

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| **AP** |  | **ACTION** |
| 1. | **Apologies for Absence**. None |  |
| 2. | **Declarations of Councillor’s personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item.** None |  |
| 3. | **Chairman’s Announcements.** Welcomed Nicole Crosse to the parish council everyone is looking forward to working with her. |  |
| 4. | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 16th October 2023**  The minutes for the meeting were approved. |  |
| 5. | **Update on actions from the previous meeting where not the subject of a specific agenda items.** Cllr. Minney and the clerk meet with Glenys Gill to discuss her taking on the Internal Audit for us, she will charge £120.00. Cllr. Minney proposed she is appointed, and she charges of £120.00 for the internal audit. Seconded by Cllr. Kurle. All approved. |  |
| 6. | **Public Participation.** None. |  |
| 7. | **Planning Applications Received.**  **PL/2023/07656 LBC and PL/2023/07676**  Olde Plume Feather Erection of rear extension. After discussion councillors agreed No Objection to both applications.  **PL/2023/08927:** Oakleigh, West Kington Road, Nettleton. Single storey extension with roof alterations and render to existing dwelling, new walling to front boundary and driveway. After discussion councillors agreed No Objection. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Application Determined. None** |  |
| 9. | Finance Matters. a). Internal Auditor. See item 5.  b) . Draft Budget for 2024 – 2025, discuss the budget and agreed to add £400 to Grants, £120 for internal auditor, £180 for Councillors training, £200 for elections, the clerk will send draft budget with the above additions to councillors. To be approved in January. It was agreed to increase the precept by 5%, final amount to be confirmed and sent to WC in January.  3) Verbal feedback on quarterly check of NPC accounts. Cllr. Beetle reported that she checked the accounts and it balances with the bank statements.  4) Approve payment to Idverde for bin contract. All approved  5.) Discuss and approve Walc salaries for clerk 2023. All agreed to the new rates  6) Idverde Notice regarding the cancellation of their Bin Contract. Cllr. Botterill gave an update on why the contract has been cancelled, WC are looking at the contract they have with Idverde, and this contract ends on Dec 1st. Clerk to email Idverde for a new price for the contract. |  |
| 10. | **Highways.**  Cllr. Minney met the new Parish Steward Lee Escott and asked him to check the gullies and clear them if they are blocked. She also asked him to keep the culvert near the NPC land clear.  Rat Holes have all been cleared, if we cannot contact Lee we can contact WC officer David Arnup. Cllr. Graves has also meet with Lee and showed him around West Kington. Cllr. While said Wood Lane is like a river the clerk will contact David Arnup as the drains are all blocked. She will also ask when the Ash trees in West Kington will be removed.  Cllr Stevens agreed to put a list of issues on the roads for councillors to approve at the next meeting. Action for all councillors to send Cllr. Stevens any issues in their area. Once agreed it will be sent to the Parish Steward and WC to action. |  |
| 11 | **NPC Land**. Cllr. Stevens explained to Cllr. Crosse that the Council are maintaining a patch of land in Nettleton and their intention to apply for ownership in 2025. He said there are 3 issues/questions with the land.  1. Water running of the road and down green-lane, it is not a public right of way but is used by walkers. At the moment it is flooded and impassable.  2. NPC have received and gets wayleave for many years, and they have also maintained the ash trees on the land.  3. Should the NPC take action to put a claim in for ownership of the land and do more maintenance on the land.  Cllr. Minney said that is a good summary but there is a lot of evidence that the PC has taken more income from the land when it was rented out for allotments.  Cllrs discussed putting in a fence but green lane is not part of the NPC land, and should they allow the water flow to go onto it or put in a ditch to keep the water off. Cllrs. discussed the options and agreed to get a quotes for a fence and check with the insurance company to see if there is a liability on the parish council at the moment.  Cllr. Minney asked councillors do they support the parish council applying for Adverse Possession, all said yes.  They then discussed the water flow problem and agreed to get three quotes for a simple post and wire fence. Clerk to check with the insurance company to see if the fence will mitigate them from liability. Cllr. Minney asked if they should dig a channel down the path and put a soak away at the bottom. Cllrs discussed the pros and cons of this against putting a drain all the way down. They agreed to go for the ditch, and Cllr. Windell and Clark will get quotes. To be discussed in January. |  |
| 12 | **Reports on Meetings & Events. None.** |  |
| 13 | **Items of Report and future agenda items.** Cllr. Stevens has heard back from the British Heart Foundation re the defibrillator, and said they do free training on how to use it, and that it needs a constant electricity supply. He will fill in the application form for a grant.  Clerk said the notice board in West Kington post needs replacing, it is rotten and very loose. |  |
| 14 | **Date of next meetings:** - **It was agreed to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting is 15th January 2024 7.00 pm at The Farm Shop, Burton.** |  |

Meeting closed 8.45 pm