**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NETTLETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**held at 7pm at The Farm Shop in Burton on Thursday 20th May 2024 2023**

**PRESENT :-** Cllrs, Minney, B. Kurle, B. Graves, N. Crosse, N. Stevens. WC Cllr. N. Botterill. Clerk

**Members of the Public. David Kerr and Andrew Carrington**

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| **AP** | Clark, Lamb, Windell, While |
|  | **Apologies for Absence**. Cllr. Kurle, Stephens and Botterill |
|  | **Approval of the Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2023.** It was agreed to approve the minutes at the next PC meeting. |
|  | **Any Questions and comments from residents.** None |
|  | **To receive the Parish Council Chairman’s Report for the years 2023-2024.**  Welcome to everyone here tonight.  I would also like to welcome Nicola Crosse to the PC following Lisa Dafforn’s resignation.  With the endless rain we have had over the last 7 – 8 months it is a relief to all for dry weather and some sunshine. Fortunately through this deluge of persistent rain we have not been flooded.  The speed limit change on Nettleton Road to Burton Triangle has been accepted and paid for and we were told that it would be done in the spring but no sign of them yet.  Dead Man’s Hill is still on going and I feel that this is something we need to focus on.  Ash Die Back in West Kington is on the list for WC the clerk will email Gemma Winslow at Wiltshire Councul.  Damage to the road at the bottom of Burton Hill and junction on to Toll Down Road. WC officer David Arnup has informed us that this is also on the agenda to be sorted as it has gone way past pot holes. Still waiting for the work to be done.  The Parish Steward has changed to Lee.  The land at Nettleton, is ongoing. At the moment we are going forward with gaining ownership of the land and have continued with getting the water of the road as efficiently as possible with a bung to keep the water flowing without water logging the path. We have decided to replace the fencing to make a secure area. |
|  | Report from WC Cllr. Nick Botterill.  Wiltshire Council has a balanced budget for 2024 – 2025, they are investing an additional £10million on highways including flood prevention measures.  They are getting the backlog of rural roads repaired and now have 3 vactor machines to clear our gullies/drains to reduce flooding.  There is a fund for safety on problem junctions.  The planning department is being restructured more enforcement officers.  **Solar Farms**.  The latest enormous application Lime Down is for solar panels and a battery facility covering about 3 sq miles around the Fosse Way with an alternative battery facility potentially in Melksham, which will mean miles of road works to lay the cables. This scheme is so large that it will be considered by the government rather than WC. As a separate matter WC is considering policy around solar farm applications and recently the relevant minister issued revised guidance in respect of the cumulative impact.  Wiltshire already has a high density of solar farms when compared with other parts of southern England. |
|  | **Report from Cotswold Warden David Kerr and Andrew Carrington.** The Cotswold Wardens will be replacing the old styles and replacing them with kissing gates, this will make access to the walks easier for disabled people, and parents with push chairs. They will be applying to the Area Board for a grant, but it will need to have match funding from the PC. They are preserving the stone styles as much as possible. They thanked landowners wo help look after the Footpaths. The full report is on the website. |
|  | **Any Questions from Residents.** Cllr N S asked about the track by the side of his house, it is not a public right of way but a lot of people use it**.** He said it is impassable at the moment due to the rain and water forming a pool at the bottom of the path**.** It has got worse since the PC have dug the trench on their land. Cllr. NC asked if footpaths could be closed, David suggested writing to the new WC Footpath wardens Re the path by Cllr. NS house he suggested doing a poll to see how many people actually use it. He agreed the footpath steps need improving and will add it to the Cotswold Wardens list. |
|  | Issues Going Forward. None |
|  | Any other Matters which residents wish to raise. None |
|  | **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting:** To be confirmed. |

Meeting closed 8.00pm