

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Nettleton Parish Council held at the West
Kington Baptist Chapel on Thursday 9th March 2017

Present;

Cllrs Kerr (Chair); Flint, Wright, Minney, Beare and Pearce

Members of the Public

Chris Bennett, Tristram Scot, Matt Newman, Darren Luton, Lisa Cotter and Andy Cotter

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Shanahan, Bush and Caie

2. Declarations of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest in any Agenda item

None

3. Chairman's Announcements

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th February 2017

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Kerr and seconded by Cllr Pearce – all in favour

5. Actions from previous Minutes where not subject to an Agenda item

The Chair confirmed that the Clerk had sent a letter to Wiltshire Council seeking consultation on the discharge of planning condition relating to a construction method statement for the development at Dalmahoy, Nettleton (planning reference 16/08595/FUL). The Planning officer had responded to say that although consultation with the Parish Council on the discharge of a planning condition would not take place, the Officer was aware of the Parish Council's views and would take them into account when considering the submission of details to discharge the planning condition.

Information was awaited from Baroness Scott, the Unitary Member, regarding the programme for resurfacing of the section of Tolldown Road between Tolldown Way and Edgecorner Road.

The planning application relating to the Old Post Office, West Kington (reference 17/01013/FUL) remained under consideration by Wiltshire Council

The Community Emergency Plan had been completed and submitted to Wiltshire Council.

A response to the inquiry regarding the repair/replacement of the crash barrier on Tolldown road was awaited

Cllr Caie had produced a copy of the lease held by the Burton Community Association in respect of the land on which play equipment was proposed to be placed and this had been circulated to Members

Cllr Kerr will arrange for Wiltshire Council's report on Fly Tipping to be circulated on the village websites and would raise the issue at the next meeting of the Parish Forum. **Action by Cllr Kerr**

6 Public Participation

Darren Luton made a presentation to the meeting in respect of a proposal to erect an agricultural worker's dwelling on land adjacent to the range of residential and agricultural buildings at Westfield Farm, Nettleton. He confirmed that an application for outline planning permission had been presented to Wiltshire Council and was advised by the Chair that this would be formally considered by the Parish Council at the meeting in April. The Chair also explained that the Parish Council would not make a decision on the proposal until the April meeting but welcomed the background information relating to this proposal. Darren Luton and his Partner Lisa Cotter proceeded to outline their intentions relating to the agricultural livestock enterprise they proposed to establish at Westfield Farm utilising two existing general purpose agricultural buildings and the future intention to erect a new livestock building enabling the existing buildings, located close to dwellings at Westfield Farm, to be used for agricultural storage purposes. The main block of agricultural land that would be used to support the enterprise was located at Doynton. He confirmed that this enterprise was independent of the farming business operated by Mr Holderness-Roddam although may share some land. In answer to a question, Mr Luton confirmed that consultation with some of the residents of the dwellings at Westfield Farm had taken place. He also confirmed that he had sought to acquire the former milking parlour from Badminton Estate with a view to converting this to a dwelling but as this was not successful, was now pursuing an application for a new dwelling. The Chair thanked Mr Luton for his presentation and suggested that he may wish to attend the April meeting of the Parish Council when the Council's formal response to the consultation on the planning application would be discussed.

7 Planning Matters

There were no planning applications to be considered.

The Chair reported that the Planning Appeal in respect of works at the Tithe Barn, Westfield had been allowed overturning the decision of Wiltshire Council who had refused planning permission.

8 Finance Matters

No matters for consideration.

9 Recruitment of New Parish Council Clerk

The Chair reported that an advert had been placed in the Honeycomb and that he would make inquiries to other parish council clerks on the Parish Forum. Notices advising of this vacancy would also be placed in local post offices and shops including Marshfield. **Action by Cllr Kerr**

It was proposed by Cllr Flint that a letter should be sent to Clare Fabray thanking her for the support and assistance she had provided during her terms as Parish Clerk. All in favour. **Action by Cllr Kerr**

The Chair confirmed that to date no applications for the post had been received but that it would be prudent to make arrangements for short listing and interviewing of suitable candidates and proposed that an interviewing panel consisting of himself and Cllrs Shanahan and Pearce. All in favour.

10 Investigation of Footpath at Hillside, Burton.

A report prepared by Cllr Pearce had been circulated to Members. A copy of the Report is appended to the Minutes. A correction to the report was noted: CIL monies have been received by the PC in respect of 1&2 Nettleton Road. Cllrs Wright & Minney reported that they had spoken to relevant landowners to make them aware that the PC were discussing this proposal.

Chris Bennett and Tristram Scot in their capacity as members of the public confirmed their support for this project as it would, in their view, represent a significant improvement in highway safety. The Chair confirmed that he had received an email supporting the project from a resident of Burton. Following discussion, it was agreed that discussions should take place with the Highway Authority and that the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting of the Parish Council. **Action by Cllr Pearce**

11 Highways and Flooding Update

The Chair referred to a meeting he and Cllr Beare had with Tim Holderness-Roddam, notes of which had been circulated to Members. A copy of those notes is appended to these Minutes.

In respect of Note 3 – Damage to verges on the Road to Westfield – Darren Luton, in his capacity as a Member of the Public confirmed that he had discussed the work necessary with Paul Bollen of the Wiltshire Council who had provided a specification of how the repairs should be undertaken. Cllrs noted that the deep ruts on the road edge are a serious hazard to cars because they cannot be seen when full of water. Cllr Beare confirmed that he had requested that bollards should be placed on the roadside to alert drivers to the existence of deep ruts adjoining the road edge.

Action Cllr Kerr to write to Mr Holderness-Roddam.

Discussion on Note 6 – Brook upstream of Burton – took place and Darren Luton confirmed the reasons for the improvements to the watercourse. Cllrs Minney and Wright restated their concerns at the implications in terms of flooding at Burton in storm conditions resulting from increased speed of water in the improved channel. The Chair referred to ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency where this issue and opportunities for alleviation were under consideration.

Cllr Beare gave an update on Highway Matters and referred to ongoing discussions with the Highway Authority in respect of the opportunity to use materials that are currently available in the Parish or which may become available in the future, to improve roadside laybys. He also confirmed the success of the Parish Steward system that he considered was working for the benefit of the Parish

There were no flooding matters other than those discussed above.

12 Any Other Business

Cllr Pearce expressed thanks to Cllr Kerr for the work he had undertaken as Chairman of the Parish Council over the last four years during which there had been periods when he had to operate without the assistance of a Clerk to the Parish Council. All Members agreed.

Cllr Beare referred to contact with a parishioner regarding fencing and access worked taking place within a small area of woodland, known locally as Digby Wood, on the Fosse Way. He understood that the Enforcement Officer from Wiltshire Council was due to visit the site to consider if development requiring planning permission had taken place. It was agreed that this was a matter for Wiltshire Council in their capacity as Local Planning Authority although it was appreciated that local residents may be concerned at the prospect of increased activity taking place on this land.

Cllr Minney referred to the condition of the bridleway crossing part of Manor Farm, Nettleton and asked what action was being taken. The Chair referred to discussions with the landowner in 2016 and would look again at the condition of the bridleway.

Action by Cllr Kerr

13 Date and time of the next meeting : Thursday 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm at West Kington Chapel.