

Nettleton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at West Kington Baptist Chapel
On 9th May 2013 at 8.00pm.

Parish Councillors present: Mr D Kerr (Chair), Mr S Beare, Mrs D Bell, Mrs J Bush, Mrs A Flint, Mr D Pearce, Mr J Wright

Also Present: Cllr. Scott, Mrs F Shanahan

1. **The minutes of a meeting held on 18th April 2013**, which had been previously circulated to Councillors, were signed as a true record of the meeting.
2. **Matters Arising** from the previous meeting.
Planning application N/13/00580/FUL Stonewell House, Burton, had been discussed at the previous meeting and the Parish Council had objected to the application, by unanimous vote, on the grounds of overdevelopment. In addition two neighbours have raised objections. Councillor Scott was asked, by unanimous vote at the current meeting, to call this application in, if it is not too late to do so. Action Cllr Scott.
3. **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Pearce declared an interest in the planning application for Green Cottage and withdrew from any discussion and vote on the application.
4. **Public Questions:**
None
5. **Finance**
Accounts for payment:
 - a. A cheque for £161.25 was drawn in favour of Community First.
 - b. A cheque for £75.00 was drawn in favour West Kington Baptist Chapel.
6. **Parish Clerk:**
Arrangements to recruit a new Parish Clerk were discussed and agreed as follows:
 - a. Advertisements:
 - o In the Honeycomb (already submitted, to appear in June edition).
 - o On WALC website (already submitted).
 - o Cllr Kerr to investigate the placing of an advertisement in the Wiltshire Gazette. Action Cllr Kerr.
 - o In Di's shop and on parish notice boards.
 - b. Applications to be by e-mail to Cllr Kerr.
 - c. Cllr Kerr will prepare a list of applicants for the next meeting. Action Cllr Kerr
 - d. The process for interviewing applicants will be agreed at the next meeting.
 - e. It was agreed that, until a Clerk is appointed, the duties of the Clerk will be carried out temporarily by the previous Clerk, Mrs Shanahan, in conjunction with Cllrs Kerr and Pearce.
7. **Co-option of new Councillors:**
Following the election, there were 2 vacancies to be filled on the Parish Council to make up the full number of 9 councillors. Cllr Kerr proposed that candidates for co-option should be sought by advertising the vacancies on Parish notice boards. However this proposal was not supported by a majority of those present. After discussion the following decisions were reached:

- a. Mrs F Shanahan was proposed and seconded for co-option. A vote was taken with the result: 3 in favour, 2 abstentions, 1 against and therefore Mrs Shanahan was co-opted onto the Parish Council. However, the legality of this process was queried by some councillors and therefore Cllr Scott agreed to seek legal guidance. Post meeting note: written advice was received from Wiltshire Council that there is no legal requirement to advertise for prospective co-opted members where vacancies remain unfilled following a ordinary election. Therefore the co-option decision stands.
- b. It was agreed, by unanimous vote, that the other vacancy would be advertised, for a minimum of 14 days, on all Parish notice boards and in Di's shop. A candidate for co-option would be selected by voting at the next Parish Council meeting.

8. Planning:

- a. N/13/01193/FUL & N/13/01197/LBC: Green Cottage. No objection by unanimous vote.
- b. N/13/01060/FUL & N/13/01061/LBC: Councillors expressed concerns regarding impact of the proposal on the character of the Listed Building
Objection by unanimous vote on the following grounds:
The Parish Council is aware that this listed building has been the subject of significant alterations and extensions and are concerned that the essential character of this heritage asset will be further eroded should this, albeit limited development, be permitted.
- c. There was discussion as to how Planning applications should be distributed in the future. It was agreed that this topic will be included on the agenda for the next meeting after a new Clerk has been appointed. It was agreed that, until this appointment, Mrs Shanahan will continue to receive Planning applications from Wiltshire Council and, as previously, place them in Di's shop for Councillors to view them. In addition, Cllr Pearce offered to monitor applications on the website.

9. Any Other Business:

- a. Financial interests of Councillors: It was noted that all councillors have to complete the register of financial interests on the Wiltshire Council website. Those councillors who have completed the register previously are required to do so again or update it as appropriate. Action All Councillors
- b. Priorities for the new Council: Cllr Kerr asked for suggestions for the priorities for the new Parish Council. Items raised included:
 - o Setting of the precept.
 - o A need to address problems quickly.
 - o Concerns regarding "Red tape".
 - o Traffic routing for events.
 - o Highways issues including potholes, flooding, snow plan.
 - o Planning issues including the effect of new government policies.
 - o Possibility of a children's play area in Burton.
 - o Land that the Parish Council may own.
 - o Communications and website.It was agreed that these items will be discussed at the next meeting with a view to preparing a Business Plan for the next year.

10. Date and venue of next meeting:

13th June 2013 at West Kington Baptist Chapel

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

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