

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 5th April 2017

Those Present: Cllrs. David Manning (Chairman), David Whitaker, Chris Halhead, Ian Williams, Peter Riley; Judith Bentham, George Smith; Michael Watson (Clerk); City Cllr. J Roger Mace & Mr Dave Bridge of EPC-UK, Mr Steve Hinde and Mr Nick Johnson

1 **Apologies for Absence:** None

2 **Minutes from the Meeting: 1st March 2017** (enclosed with agendas and previously circulated by email as provisional) were agreed and signed as a true record.

3 **Declarations of Interest:** None

4 **PACT (Police Matters):** None.

5 **Matters Arising:**

(a) **Road Safety and related matters:** Pothole on Back Lane bend. Bollards on verges of Kellet Lane, hedgerow on Timpenny Road. No action as yet although County had advised that a letter was being sent to the owner regarding the growth on Timpenny Road. **Further reminders to be sent** The repair to the pothole on Dunald Mill Lane had been dealt with speedily as had the drain damage on Laithbutts Lane.. The request for an additional lit sign on Back Lane and the fact that the one already installed was still not working was considered at the Quarry Laison meeting on the 7th March and an email had been received from County Highways to the effect that the new sign had proved to be troublesome and would be referred back to the manufacturers. It is understood that Mike Hunter of Aggregate Industries is to press for some action here. An email had been received from United Utilities regarding the outstanding mains water supply works in Bridge Road. Funding is available and it is now the intention of United Utilities to install a pressure management valve at one end of Bridge Road although a start date could not be confirmed.

(b) **Not otherwise covered by the agenda:** None

6 **Planning:**

(a) 17/00249/FUL: Erection of an agricultural building for Mr Huddleston @ Swarthdale Farm Stables Swarthdale Road Over Kellet LA6 1 DY ~ No concerns raised ~ **Email to City Planning**

(b) 17/00204/FUL: Construction of dormer extensions to the front and rear elevations for Mr I Cottam @ Meadow Glen 27 Shaw Lane LA6 1EY ~ No concerns Raised ~ **Email to City Planning**

(c) 17/00307/FUL: Erection of a porch to the side elevation and erection of a conservatory to the rear for Mr & Mrs Towers @ Glen Anne Halton Road LA6 1EU ~ No concerns raised ~ **Email to City Planning**

(d) 17/00072/FUL: Erection of a 500kw wind turbine (102 m high from ground to blade tip), battery energy storage system, substation, hard-standing area, underground cabling and associated infrastructure for Mr David Mack @ Cote Farm Strellas Lane LA5 8AB. NB. The site of the proposed structure is situated C 500 m south of the parish boundary close to Kellet Lane near to the entrance to Strellas Lane leading to Beamont Cote & Farm. Full details had already been supplied by the applicants and these had been displayed for several weeks in the parish council notice-board and were considered by the parish councilors at the meeting of the council on January 4th 2017 and with no concerns raised at that time. (refer item' 6c' 04.01.17) ~ No action required

(e) LCC/2017/0035 (county) Erection of a storage depot with associated access, car parking and refurbishment of existing canteen building @ Dunald Mill Quarry Longdales Lane for EPC-UK. Mr Dave Bridge, representing the applicants, attended the meeting and explained that the facility would be used for the storage of explosives in connection with the construction and quarrying industry. EPC-UK have experience in this field and sufficient safeguards will be in place. There would be a staff of 2 at the site and one HGV and it was anticipated that there would only be one vehicle movement per day. Mr Bridge was thanked for his input and it was agreed that no objections would be raised to the application. ~ **Email to County Planning**

7 **Accounts:**

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| (a) Bay Type-setters ~ printing of emergency plan information leaflets | £ 375.00 |
| (b) Nether Kellet Village Hall ~ Christmas Tree lighting 2016-17 | £ 24.96 |
| (c) Park & Whiteley~ (works to adapt Congregational Church School Rooms and Village Hall to operate with emergency generators (emergency plan fund) (VAT £289.00) | £1735.00 |
| (d) British Red Cross ~ donation in lieu of training session (refer 12 below) | £ 50.00 |

All Accounts matters approved unanimously

- 8 **LALC** ~ Due to unforeseen circumstances there is no report from the local meeting of the LALC on the 27th March as no one from Nether Kellet was able to attend. The Spring conference of the LALC is to take place on the 13th May. (details were made available).
- 9 **Quarry Matters:** Liaison Meetings 7th March 2017 ~ **Back Lane** (Aggregate Industries) Concerns raised regarding signage on Back Lane (refer 5a above); The production presently amounts to 800K to 900K tonnes per annum but it is hoped that this will soon get back to 1 million tonnes; frequent school visits continue and the new viewing platform will be established as soon as conditions allow; there had been no significant complaints although concerns continued regarding the state of Back Lane and other local roads. This could be due to resurfacing of the approach road to the wheel wash and to the poor state of the road sweeper brush. The quarry operators were concerned regarding possible new housing, in conjunction with the local plan, being sited too close to quarry operations. Enquiries were made regarding a possible donation to Nether Kellet B4RN as had been the case with Over Kellet and subsequently a letter had been sent to Mr Storey on behalf of Nether Kellet PC. **Leapers Wood/Dunald Mill** (Tarmac) The quarry is currently producing 850K to 950K tonnes per annum and night work continues. Dunald Mill ~ Restoration is delayed due to the concrete batching plant being an unknown quantity. Presently no explosives are stored at DMQ. There had been no significant complaints. The proposed re-siting of the viewing platform is delayed due to a geological fault in Back Lane Quarry and more rock having to be taken out first. Next liaison meetings 12th September.
- 10 **Lengthsman Report:** Mike had been engaged in cutting grass in the play area and the playing field.
- 11 **Twinning Association:** A letter of thanks had been received for the contribution from the parish council. A full programme for the visit by the party from Bussieres was set out by Cllr Judith Bentham commencing with a reception on Saturday April 22nd.
- 12 **Defibrillator:** Mr Peter Bond of the Red Cross had conducted a training session which took place on the 17th March. This proved to be most useful and Peter has been very helpful in providing further information regarding the on-going checks on the defibrillator.
- 13 **Fly Tips:** After an appeal by Cllr David Manning City had agreed to remove the asbestos tip referred to previously although it was stressed that this would be the last time. It was again suggested that some sort of barrier be erected to deter miscreants from unauthorised access to Whorleys Lane. This would not affect legal pedestrian access. Cllr George Smith is to attend a meeting of Lancaster City Council to ask questions relating to fly-tipping in response to a report adopted by the City Council ten years ago to address the problem of fly-tipping in rural areas; recommendations were made in the report, none of which had been acted upon.
- 14 **Footpath Report:** With the recent dry spell the paths had become more user friendly. The proposed works to address the problem with the slope on FP 4 and the dip in FP 3 are to proceed and Mike Ashton is to be contacted by Cllr George Smith to arrange a possible time, subject, of course to suitable weather.
- 15 **Nether Kellet Village Hall Committee:** There are plans to extend the village hall to provide extra storage space and a formal planning application is to be submitted. It was suggested that the parish chairman should be invited to attend meetings of the village hall committee but this would be up to the incoming chairman to agree to.
- 16 **Projects:** Peter Riley had been liaising with Mr John Bentham to select suitable photographic images and the final design is now almost there with text being kept to a minimum. Mr Bentham was thanked for his valuable assistance
- 17 **B4RN.org:** It is understood that Phil Storer and John Bentham are to meet with representatives of B4RN to discuss how this project is to proceed in order to bring the benefits of the improved access afforded by B4RN to Nether Kellet.
- 18 **Emergency plan:** Details of the plan had been delivered to each household in the village. Enquiries have been made regarding purchase of suitable generator(s). Storage of items for use in emergencies is being addressed in conjunction with the village hall committee. (refer 15 above)
- 19 **Playground inspections:** The parish council has again accepted the offer of free quarterly inspections together with £100 towards maintenance. In the latter connection, when the outstanding repairs to the play area are made by the City Council they should be reminded that it was agreed that these would be offset by last years £100.
- 20 **Annual Meeting May 3rd 2017:** The meeting would follow the usual format and Peter Riley had agreed to stand as vice-chairman for the next 2 years with David Whitaker as chairman. Cllr David Manning would be standing down from the council but had agreed to continue stand as a trustee of the Lodge's Charity.
- 21 **Items for Circulation:** *LALC Newsletter March'17, LCR Spring'17, Countryside Voice & Fieldwork Spring'17 (CPRE)*
- 22 **Items for Next Agenda:** None
- 23 **Next Meeting of Parish Council including annual meeting: 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 3rd May 2017**