

# Nether Kellet Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Those Present:** Cllrs. David Whitaker (Chairman), Chris Halhead, Peter Riley; George Smith, Ian Williams; Michael Watson (Clerk); City Cllr. J Roger Mace, Mr Nick Johnson & County Cllr Phillippa Williamson

County Councillor Mrs Phillippa Williamson was welcomed to the meeting and introduced to the parish councillors. She confirmed that she would be very happy to be kept informed of any County Council concerns that arise and pursue any such issues up on behalf of Nether Kellet Parish Council.

1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Judith Bentham

2 **Minutes from the Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> June 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, access from Ashmeadow Road onto Main Road, wearing of the slow signs and white-lining on Bolton Lane on approach to the 'hump' and the blocked gully opposite the Limeburner's. All have been acknowledged by County Highways and blocked drain has since been cleared. A **reminder** to be sent on all outstanding issues with a copy to the County Councillor. The lit warning sign on Back Lane appears to be working inconsistently. This is to be monitored. The warning sign on the approach to the narrow section of Shaw Lane is damaged and requires attention. It was suggested that further warning signs for HGVs not to rely on Sat-Nav should be placed on approach to Halton Road from Main Road. **email** to County

Also, no progress on water supply issues on Bridge Road. An **email** to be sent asking when the works will be undertaken.

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

6 **Planning:**

(a) 17/00459/FUL: Erection of a detached garage and car-port for Mr Gott @ Lower Addington Lodge LA6 1DZ ~ no objections ~ **Permission granted by City Planners**

(b) 17/00488/FUL: Demolition of existing garage, erection of a replacement single-storey garage and construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation for Moore Joinery @ 7 Ashmeadow Road LA6 1EW ~ **Awaiting decision from City Planners**

(c) 17/0079/HDG: Removal of 350m and 178m of hedgerow between permissive path and Dunald Mill Quarry path for J & M Cottam ~ It was agreed that the parish council would not respond to this leaving the decision to the City Council.

(d) 17/00014/REF: Notification of appeal against decision on application NO 16/01351/FUL (refer 6b p527 & 6b p520 under reference 16/00606/FUL) Erection of an agricultural building for free range hens and creation of new access point on land to the south-east of Lower Addington Farm ~ Appeal office reference APP/A2335/W/17/3175065 ~ As all previous correspondence would be forwarded to the appeals office, it was agreed that no further action would be necessary.

7 **Accounts:**

(a) Lancaster City Council ~ Playground repairs (VAT £443.97)

**£2663.80**

(b) **Confirmation of receipt of wind turbine grant from Back Lane renewables**

**£1062.00 CR**

**All Accounts matters approved unanimously**

8 **LALC** ~ Next Local Meeting July 31<sup>st</sup>. Papers to Cllr David Whitaker when to hand. AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ Preston Town Hall.

9 **Quarry Matters:** None

10 **Lengthsman Report:** Mike Ashton has been engaged in grass-cutting, strimming the playing field, assisting with the revised support for the W I Tree on the playing field and works in connection with footpath improvement to FP 4. Repair to handrail on approach to permissive path is in hand. Repairs to mower undertaken.

- 11 **Twinning Association:** Nothing to report
- 12 **Fly Tips:** Cllr George Smith reported that he had consulted with Cllr Hughes and it was confirmed that City council are enquiring into the cost and viability of the use of CCTV to identify offenders. The cost of installing a gate on Whorley's Lane is part of these enquiries but it is understood that this is subject to the agreement of landowners involved and finance being agreed. Cllr Hughes advised that it is intended that two pilot schemes are envisaged and that Whorley's Lane, Nether Kellet will be one of them. Cllr Smith impressed on Cllr Hughes the fact that should a gate be installed it must be in conjunction with CCTV and that other "hot-spots" in the parish should display suitable signage to act as a deterrent. Cllr Hughes suggested that when all the information is to hand he would be willing to attend a parish council meeting to discuss the matter.
- 13 **Footpath Report:** The paths close to the village are clear but at this time of the year growth from nettles brambles and shrubs can encroach onto paths. Work has commenced on addressing the problematic slope on FP 4, (refer 10 above). Cllr Ian Williams will approach Mike Hunter at Back Lane Quarry to arrange the annual clearance of FP 5. (Between Hawthorns Caravan Park and High Roads Offices).
- 14 **Nether Kellet Village Hall Committee:** The field day event proved to be successful and enjoyable helped by the excellent weather on the day. It is further understood that the event produced a substantial profit.
- 15 **Projects:** Peter Riley is in communication with John Bentham who is to transfer the proposed design for the notice-board to a disc so that details could be supplied to possible manufacturers for firm quotations to be obtained. Peter indicated that the possible cost would be in the region of £2000 to £2500.
- 16 **B4RN.org:** Progress is being made but more subscribers are needed which may arise when each household in the village is approached. It was noted that some existing 'IT' equipment may not be able to enjoy the full benefits that B4RN would provide.
- 17 **Emergency plan:** Any further progress in this respect is dependent on changes which are to be made in the near future to the village hall.
- 18 **Grass Cutting (County verges):** Cllr George Smith had been in contact with City Cllr J Roger Mace regarding this issue. Roger confirmed that there had been no reduction in the number of cuts that would be undertaken. George commented on the unsatisfactory practice of the operatives in dealing with the grass cuttings. This would be followed up by City Cllr Mace. In the meantime, the situation would be monitored and reconsidered at the September meeting.
- 19 **Parish Council Vacancy:** Mr Nick Johnson was co-opted to the parish council and signed & completed the acceptance of office & would complete the requisite declaration of interest forms. This followed advertising of the vacancy in the PC Notice-board with no one else declaring an interest. The vacancy had already been high-lighted in the Round & About. Mr Johnson was welcomed to the council. Nether Kellet Parish Council now has a full complement of councillors.
- 20 **Temporary closure of A601M from junction with B6254 & junction 35 of the M6:** A note of the closure had already been placed in the notice-board which would take effect from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> July inclusive between the hours of 18.30 & 21.30
- 21 **Items for Circulation:** *Clerks & Councils Direct Jul'17; LCR Summer'17*
- 22 **Items for Next Agenda:** Grass cutting
- 23 **Next Meeting of Parish Council:** 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017