

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 7th June 2017

Those Present: Cllrs. David Whitaker (Chairman), Judith Bentham, Chris Halhead, Peter Riley; George Smith; Michael Watson (Clerk); City Cllr. J Roger Mace, Mr Nick Johnson

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Ian Williams & County Cllr. Mrs Phillippa Williamson (Mrs Williamson asked for dates of parish council meetings for the rest of the year, which had now been sent to her together with congratulations for her success in being elected county councillor to serve the community of Nether Kellet)
 - 2 **Minutes from the Meeting: 3rd May 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 but further *reminder* to be sent regarding the blocked drain and the overhanging growth on Timpenny Road.

The growth on both sides of the path between Meadowcroft and Halton Road had now been cut-back and we are grateful to the residents on both sides of the path for their co-operation. Concerns were raised regarding the encroachment of growth from hedges onto pavements together with parking on pavements. It was agreed that a suitable article be placed in **Round & About** asking for the co-operation of residents in this regard.

Also, no progress on water supply issues on Bridge Road.
 - (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 ~ **Permission granted by City Planners**
 - (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 ~ **Permission granted by 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 ~ **Permission granted by 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 ~ **Permission refused by City Planning**
 - (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. ~ **Permission granted by County Planning**
 - (f) 17/00459/FUL: Erection of a detached garage and car-port for Mr Gott @ Lower Addington Lodge LA6 1DZ ~ no objections ~ **Email to City Planning**
 - (g) 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 ~ No objections ~ **Email to City Planning**
 - 7 **Accounts:**
 - (a) Gordon Pattinson Ltd ~ repairs to flat-bed swing etc (VAT £24.00) **£144.00**
 - (b) **Confirmation and acceptance of audit for year ending 31st March 201 ~ Form for external Auditors signed by chairman and clerk. Figures had been agreed at the annual meeting of the council on the 3rd May 2017**
- All Accounts matters approved unanimously**
- 8 **LALC** ~ Report from Local Meeting incorporating AGM ~ 22nd May. Sergeant Knowles from the police reported a 34% increase in crime in Morecambe, which was largely attributed to anti-social behaviour. The park and ride scheme was not proving to be a success. The meeting was dominated by two delegates discussing local plans and it was suggested that they form a sub-committee for this purpose. Lighting is in the process of being installed at the previously unlit roundabout on the M6-Heysham link road.

- 9 **Quarry Matters:** None
- 10 **Lengthsman Report:** Mike Ashton has been engaged in grass-cutting, strimming, weed-spraying and assisting with the repairs to the play area which took in two days of his time.
- 11 **Twinning Association:** Nothing to report
- 12 **Fly Tips:** A meeting took place in the morning of the 7th June attended by Vince Ravetta and Mark Davies from Lancaster City Council and Nether Kellet Parish Councillors David Whitaker, and George Smith. City Cllr. Brendan Hughes who had suggested the meeting sent his apologies. Views were exchanged of how to prevent fly-tipping in the area. NKPC were in favour of using CCTV. City Council proposed installing a gate across Whorley's Lane. Each proposal raised questions on both sides. Nothing was decided; City Council do not presently have a mobile CCTV facility but they are investigating the possibility. The use of a gate would cause inconvenience to both landowners and walkers but if this was finally agreed Mark Davies agreed to make a contribution to the cost. NKPC argued that if it was installed it must be in conjunction with CCTV together with warning notices displayed at all 'hot-spots' in the parish. In the meantime, it was understood that City Council would continue to remove fly-tips from Whorley's Lane.
There had been no new fly-tips reported since the last meeting of the parish council.
- 13 **Footpath Report:** The hand-rail leading to the permissive path from Main Road had become loose and Cllr George Smith would refer this to Mike Ashton. Some of the paths are becoming over-grown as one would expect at this time of year.
- 14 **Nether Kellet Village Hall Committee:** It was proposed that additional storage be provided replacing the existing wooden shed, giving extra security. Plans are in motion for alterations to the hall which would also incorporate additional storage. The committee are also looking into the rates for hire of the hall. A **letter** to be sent regarding the use of the field for field day.
- 15 **Projects:** Nothing to report
- 16 **B4RN.org:** The prospective route to the village hall has now been identified but will not be finalised until the landowners affected sign the wayleaves, in the meantime a leaflet is to be distributed to each household in the village after which a personal approach will be made to each residence to answer questions and judge support for the scheme.
- 17 **Emergency plan:** Liaison is taking place with the Village Hall Committee regarding emergency generators as well as storage arrangements. (refer 14 above)
- 18 **Play area report:** All repairs have been completed to the surfacing in the play area but some shrinkage has already been identified and "City Council" have agreed to deal with this as soon as conditions permit.
- 19 **Parish Council Vacancy:** Awaiting advice from City re procedure to be adopted following resignation of councillor Prof David Manning.
- 20 **Temporary closure of Kellet Lane 26th June to 30th June and affect on bus routes;** Buses would only serve the Laithbutts Lane stop during this period and notes would be placed on all bus stops. The note of the road closure to be placed in the PC notice-board
- 21 **Items for Circulation:** *Clerks & Councils Direct May'17; Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2107, North-west Ambulance (request for contribution) ~ No action on the latter items*
- 22 **Items for Next Agenda:** None
- 23 **Next Meeting of Parish Council: 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 5th July 2017**

NB Mention was made of a planning proposal in the neighbouring parish of Over Kellet. This was for a facility for Porsche cars situated to the north of the B6254 (Carnforth to Kirkby Lonsdale Road) between the bridge over the M6 and the A601M link road to junction 35 of the M6. No action was required at this stage.