

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 1st November 2017

Those Present: Cllrs. David Whitaker (Chairman), Judith Bentham, George Smith, Ian Williams, Nick Johnson, Peter Riley, Michael Watson (Clerk); City Cllr. J Roger Mace & 4 others

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Chris Halhead, County Councillor Phillippa Williamson
- 2 **Minutes from the Meeting: 4th October 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):** Cllr David Whitaker reported that there had been a number of thefts of quad bikes, power tools and the like from rural locations in North Lancashire
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - (a) **Road Safety and related matters:** Pothole on Back Lane bend had been repaired as had the one outside the Congregational Church on Main Road; bollards on verges of Kellet Lane had been re-installed; hedgerow on Timpenny Road ~ "County Highways" had contacted the landowner once again; access from Ashmeadow Road onto Main Road ~ County had considered this in the past but as there was no accident record and bearing in mind the limitations of the location, there was nothing that could be done; wearing of the slow signs and white-lining on Bolton Lane on approach to the 'hump' ~ these will be inspected and will be dealt with within an 8-12 week period (weather dependent) from 16th October; damaged warning sign on approach to narrow section of Shaw Lane ~ this is to be inspected and if found to be no longer serviceable will be replaced; additional warning signs on Main Road noting unsuitability of Shaw Lane as a direct route to Halton for HGVs ~ in view of good safety record and existing signage in place no further signage would be considered; additional lit warning sign on Back Lane on approach to entrance to Back Lane Quarry ~ due to lack of resources a site meeting could not be considered and as far as County Highways were concerned the existing signage was in accordance with the agreement made when the entrance to Back Lane Quarry was reconfigured; the damaged surround to a drain on Ashmeadow Grove has been acknowledged by County Highways and "further information will follow shortly".

The damage to the play area wall had now been attended to.
It is understood that a pressure reducing valve has been installed by United Utilities to deal with the water supply issues on parts of Bridge Road
 - (b) **Not otherwise covered by the agenda:** None
- 6 **Planning:**
 - (a) 17/0127/TCA: Fell two trees growing as one previously notified for reduction etc. for Mr David Paterson @ 3 Castle Cottages LA6 1EU ~ **Permission granted by City Planners**
 - (b) 17/01310/FUL: Erection of a two-storey front extension, second storey rear extension and a replacement dual pitched roof with higher ridge and eaves lines for Mr Gott @ Addington Lodge LA6 1DZ ~ No objections raised ~ **Email to City Planning**
 - (c) 17/01216/FUL: Erection of a conservatory to the side for Mr George Moore @ 1 Ashmeadow Grove LA6 1EW ~ No objections raised ~ **Email to City Planning**
 - (d) Parish Council Settlement Questionnaire (Lancaster City Council); This had been completed and submitted to City Planning
 - (e) Planning enforcement Open evening 14th November 2017 7.30 p.m. Morecambe Town Hall: Details given to Cllr Peter Riley who would attend and report back for next meeting.
- 7 **Accounts:**
 - (a) M J Watson ~ Salary 01.05.17 to 31.10.17 incl. £923.50
 - (b) M J Watson ~ Expenses 01.05.17 to 31.10.17 incl. £ 84.34

All Accounts matters approved unanimously

- 8 **LALC** ~ Next Local Meeting 27th November 2017 ~ papers to Cllr David Whitaker who would attend.
- 9 **Quarry Matters:** Nothing to report
- 10 **Lengthsman Report:** Repairs to gate catch & handrail on approach to permissive path from Main Road; works in connection with damage to playing field wall; strimming on playing field; changing battery on SPID; pruning of shrubs on banking by Main Road opposite Bridge Road entrance with assistance from Cllr Nick Johnson; strimming nettles along permissive path, PROW work on diverted path alongside chicken shed (stile replaced by gate). It is understood that Mr Gott has agreed to pay for this.
- 11 **Twinning Association:** AGM scheduled for 11.01.18. Quiz Night at Over Kellet Village Hall 20.01.18. Wine Tasting event on 10th March. Proposed visit to France August 30th to September 3rd 2018.
- 12 **Fly Tips** One curious incident with two armchairs dumped in Whorleys Lane but these had mysteriously gone when Mike had intended taking them to the tip.
- 13 **Footpath Report:** Everything still very wet underfoot but no obstructions. Several deep hollows on Hallfield Lane FP No. 3 which could do with being filled in if all possible. It was agreed to keep this on hold for the present. The footway alongside Back Lane has become overgrown making the path very narrow. This to be reported to County whilst the hedgerows would be dealt with in the normal way by the local farmer.
- 14 **Nether Kellet Village Hall Committee:** The electrical works to the hall are to proceed in the course of the next few days. Alternative quotations are being sought for the connection on the playing field and for the illumination of the defibrillator. It is proposed to replace the present storage sheds to the rear of the hall with a more permanent building. The proposed internal arrangements to the layout of the hall are not now to proceed.
- 15 **Projects:** Cllr. Peter Riley is continuing to liaise with John Bentham with regard to photographs required for the proposed information board.
- 16 **B4RN.org:** The informal committee are experiencing difficulty with making contact with some important land holders which is holding up further progress towards the provision of B4RN. Cllr David Whitaker to liaise with Mr John Bentham to try to resolve the situation.
- 17 **Emergency plan:** Details of the proposed items to be purchased in this respect are now to hand.
- 18 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Nothing
- 19 **Vacancy for Parish Clerk:** The meeting was attended by four prospective applicants who were welcomed to the meeting. They were subsequently invited to attend the village hall on Tuesday the 7th November for interviews.
- 20 **Christmas Tree:** Cllr David Whitaker had sourced a 20' tree from the Duke of Westminster's Estate at a cost of £170 which included delivery. It was agreed that this should be available in time for the Christmas Fair on the 2nd December.
- 21 **Items for Circulation:** *Clerks & Councils Direct Nov'17*
- 22 **Items for the next meeting:** Lodge's Charity, Back Lane footway
- 23 **Next Meeting of Parish Council: 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 6th December 2017**