

PARISH OF NETHER KELLET
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at
Congregational Church School Rooms on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7-00 pm.

Present: Councillor Mr D Whitaker - Chair
Councillor Mrs J Bentham
Councillor Mr Chris Halhead
Councillor Mr N Johnson
Councillor Mr P Riley
Councillor Mr George Smith
Councillor Mr Ian Williams

In attendance: Thirteen residents; City Councillor Mr JR Mace

18036 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from County Councillor P Williamson and Mr S Hinde

18037 **MINUTES:** It was **RESOLVED** that, subject to a minor amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 be approved.

18038 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interests or dispensations in respect of items on the Agenda.

18039 **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES:**

1) **Public discussion:**

- a) Members received a further update on the work of volunteers on the Community Speedwatch Scheme. It was reported that as well as speeding, volunteers are on the lookout for drivers using mobile phones and non-use of seatbelts. Any issues are reported electronically and then followed up the Police. The main purpose of the scheme is to educate and raise awareness but enforcement action can also be taken.
- b) City Councillor JR Mace reported on a positive meeting with representatives from the Environment Agency and other interested parties to discuss the flooding that had occurred in Halton Road and Main Road, last November.
- c) The Clerk reported that little progress appears to be being made regarding the defibrillator – the latest position being that questions had been raised by Green Urban UK Ltd around the electricity supply to the cabinet.

2) **Clerks report:** The Clerk reported on correspondence received which included an *'Informal issues and Options Consultation'* being carried out by Lancaster City Council regarding the Bailrigg Garden Village development, and a consultation by Lancashire County Council seeking views on the future provision of the *Children and Wellbeing Service*. The Clerk requested that arrangements be made to dispose of the Parish Council's filing cabinet which was no longer needed. **Action:** Parish Clerk to arrange disposal of the filing cabinet.

3) **Members updates on issues arising since the last meeting:**

- a) **PACT:** Members were informed of a recent break in where a cash box and a handbag were stolen. There had also been an incident where forged debit/credit cards had been used to fraudulently purchase many items from the local Londis convenience store.
- b) **LALC:** Nothing to report.
- c) **QUARRY:** Nothing to report
- d) **TWINNING ASSOCIATION:** Nothing to report
- e) **FLY-TIPPING:** Nothing to report
- f) **PRoW:** The Clerk reported that Lancashire County Council have been advised that the parish council will opt into the Local Delivery Scheme 2018/19.

- g) **VILLAGE HALL:** It was reported that potential new members for the committee had come forward and some new ideas for fundraising and future events were suggested. The recent Sports/Field day raised £1,300 on what was a wet day.
- h) **PROJECTS:** Nothing further to update
- i) **BA4N:** Councillor Bentham reported that significant progress had been made in recent weeks. A comprehensive network plan had been completed in the form of a Google Earth map and detailed spreadsheet – the information from which is enabling work to start on some network installation.

Fibre connections to the cabinet at the Village Hall from Over Kellet and Halton will follow, and ducts are being laid from Moor End Farm and progressing towards the Village Hall over Lawson’s Farm.

A meeting is planned to inform residents of the progress that is now being made, together with the distribution of an information leaflet. Details are also being made available on the B4RN website. Members welcomed and supported the availability of additional and up-to-date information on the good progress being made. A small number of dedicated volunteers have worked very hard to this point, but more are needed.

- j) **LODGES CHARITY:** Included within the Agenda Minute 18043 refers
- k) **LEGTHSMAN REPORT:** Councillor Smith reported on a range of activities that the Lengthsman had carried out in the last month, involving grounds maintenance; repair work on existing benches; playground painting and repairs and sweeping Main Road ahead of the Field Day procession. Following a question, Councillor Smith reminded Members of the arrangements made in respect of the ‘Wickstead Horse’ as previously reported.
- l) **GENERAL MATTERS:** Members requested that an item be placed on the next Agenda regarding the Town Well. Members raised matters concerning the safety of the wall around the play area on Shaw Lane and the need for a replacement notice for the play area.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members updates be noted, and that follow-up action be taken as necessary.

18040 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/TRAFFIC ORDERS:**

Application No:	Description:
18/00691/FUL	Erection of a stable/storage building - Land North Of, Hallfield Lane, Nether Kellet
18/00711/OUT	Erection of a dwelling with a detached garage and creation of a vehicular access with associated parking - Land Adjacent To, Meadowcroft, Nether Kellet
	Temporary prohibition of through traffic, The Green, Over Kellet from 09:30 – 15:00 on Thursday 19 th July 2018

Members considered the above applications and traffic order. There were no comments/matters of concern raised in respect of 18/00691/FUL and it was **RESOLVED** that the application be ‘Supported in Principle’. Members also **RESOLVED** to note the temporary road closure at The Green Over Kellet.

Residents in attendance were then given the opportunity to raise issues and concerns relating to application number 18/00711/OUT. All those attending had strong views and objections to the proposed development stating several material considerations relating to the Local Plan and supporting policies and documents.

Members commented at length on the matters raised and asking supplementary questions to the residents comments and objections.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the parish council objects to the development and proposals set out in the outline planning application 18/00711/OUT. The Clerk was directed to write an objection, for Member approval and subsequent submission in relation to the following material considerations relating to the outlined development:

- It does not make a positive contribution to the landscape;
- It will result in a loss of residential amenity/privacy;
- It does not conserve or enhance the character and quality of the landscape;
- It is likely to have a negative impact on the nearby conservation area;
- There is a high risk of flooding and major drainage issues;
- There is substantial concerns about the stability of the ground upon which the development will stand

18041 **PLANNING AUTHORITY DECISIONS:** Members considered the up-to-date position on decisions of the planning authority (Lancaster City Council) on planning applications previously deliberated. It was **RESOLVED** that the decisions of the planning authority be noted.

18042 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

100818	Mr R Bailey, Parish Clerk's Fees and Expenses – June 2018	£210.34
100819	Nether Kellet Village Hall – Round and About 2017-2018	£1,092.30
100820	Lancaster City Council – supply of bedding plants	£182.69

Members were advised that following comments on the very poor quality of the bedding plants received from Lancaster City Council, the plants had been costed at 2017/2018 prices and extra plants provided. After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Cheque No's 100818 and 100819 be paid and that a further reduction be sought from Lancaster City Council for the supply of bedding plants before payment is considered further.

18043 **LODGES CHARITY:** Councillor Johnson reported that the Annual Return for the charity had been submitted and details of the Trustees updated. Further history and information on the original purpose of the charities funds was identified thanks to old records and local knowledge. It was established that its purpose had been changed at some point, although the documentation supporting this has not been located.

Notwithstanding the change, there was again debate about its ongoing purpose and relevance today. Some Members felt that the charity should be wound up and others considered that further enquiries should be made with the Charities Commission to establish what is required to 'modernise' its purpose and ongoing need. It was also commented that there had been no call on the charities funds in many years, apparently due to a lack of local knowledge of its existence as well as its outdated constitution and purpose.

After further debate, it was **RESOLVED** that the Charity Commission be consulted about amending/updating the purpose of the charity and arrangements for winding it up, so that an informed, and final, decision on the future of the Lodges Charity could be made.

18044 **ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC CALMING:** Following a recent incident in the village a resident had contacted the parish council about speeding vehicles. The specific incident was briefly discussed as was the wider issue of speeding and possible solutions. The Clerk reminded Members that powers are available to them that would allow traffic calming and other measures aimed at reducing vehicle speed to be implemented.

It was noted that main problems are vehicles speeding when coming into the village and picking up speed when leaving it. It was also acknowledged that the speed camera (SPID) is not currently functional and there was a discussion about the problems with charging the batteries in these cameras and the benefits and cost of versions that operate using a solar panel.

Members also commented that the impact of the Community Speedwatch Scheme, having only recently been introduced, is not yet known.

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the reasons for the SPID not being in operation be investigated and a solution sought. It was also **RESOLVED** that the parish council monitors and receives regular updates on the impact that the Community Spacewatch Scheme is having on vehicle speeds with a longer-term solution being considered if appropriate and necessary.

18045 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS:** Members considered the frequency and quality of grounds maintenance services currently provided by the principal authority. It was acknowledged that grounds maintenance schedules had noticeably changed as local government funding had been cut since 2010. Members are unsure what the current service provision is but have perceived a general inconsistency in, for example, the frequency of grass cutting in the village. There was also consensus that the quality of services provided had deteriorated in recent years.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk arranges to meet with officers from Lancaster City Council, Public Realm to establish the current grounds maintenance provision for Nether Kellet and reports back to a later meeting of the parish council.

18046 **EMERGENCY PLAN:** The Clerk advised Members that the Nether Kellet Community Emergency Plan, produced in February 2017, needs to be reviewed and updated to accommodate changes in personnel and to ensure that it remains fit-for-purpose.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk reviews and updates the Nether Kellet Community Emergency Plan as necessary and reports back to the parish council in due course.

18047 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday 5th September 2018**. The Parish Council meeting closed at 8:40pm



Clerk of the Council Date:

Chair

Date: