

**PARISH OF NETHER KELLET**  
**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at**  
**Congregational Church School Rooms on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7-00 pm.**

**Present:** Councillor Mr D Whitaker (Chair)  
Councillor Mrs J Bentham  
Councillor Mr Chris Halhead  
Councillor Mr P Riley  
Councillor Mr George Smith  
Councillor Mr I Williams

**In attendance:** City Councillor Mr JR Mace Mr D Whiteway, Acting Clerk

18072 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Councillor Mr N Johnson and County Councillor Williamson

18073 **MINUTES:** It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October be approved.

- 1) **Matters arising:** Cllr Smith asked that Maxine Knagg be contacted with a view to visiting to inspect and advise on the Cherry trees along with the matter regarding the Poplar tree as reported in the last minutes (18063(3)(I)). It is believed that Lancaster City Council now charge for such visits by the tree preservation officer.

18074 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** There were no declarations of interests or dispensations in respect of items on the Agenda.

18075 **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES:**

- 1) **Public discussion:** There were no matters raised
- 2) **Clerks report:** The Clerks report was considered, and the following points noted:
  - a) **Community fund grants:** Update on details published in *Round and About* were noted;
  - b) **Grass cutting:** Councillor Smith reported that the grass had now been cut but that the resultant work was poor. **ACTION:** Clerk to enquire whether this was an additional and how many cuts the Parish Council can expect in the grass-cutting programme for 2019/2020;
  - c) **Bulging wall:** Councillor Smith reported that he had forwarded photographs as promised but that these were not showing up on 'fix my street'. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up and report back;
  - d) **White lining works:** Councillor Smith reported that this work remained outstanding. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up;
  - e) **Defibrillator:** See Minute 18081
  - f) **Fly tipping enforcement:** Councillor Smith advised that he had spoken to David Vickers about the existing CCTV cameras and it is now understood that the cameras could not operate in low light/darkness and are therefore of limited use. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Lancaster City Council Environmental Services to request a meeting to discuss the setup of the cameras;
  - g) **Aggregate Industries Donation:** Action taken by the Clerk was noted. Councillor Bentham advised that local B4RN group did not have a bank account and requests that the Parish Council holds these monies on the groups behalf (Minute 18080 also refers);
  - h) **Radar Speed Sign:** No further progress on investigating the potential for a solar cell to power the SpID. It is considered that alternative locations for a SpID are limited, based on previous discussions with Lancashire Highways;
  - i) **Planning:** An explanation was provided on the meaning of 'split decision' in relation to Planning Application 17/01410/FUL
  - j) **Transfer of Bank Accounts:** See Minute 18082

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

- a) **PACT:** Nothing to report
- b) **LALC:** Nothing to report
- c) **QUARRY:** Councillor Smith reported on two recent quarry meetings. There is now a new Quarry Manager for the Leapers Wood / Dunald Mill (mothballed) Quarries. Some restoration has been carried out at Dunald Mill and more is planned, steps are also being taken to stop / reduce trespassing. There has been further investment in equipment at Leapers Wood quarry. Further progress on the planned viewing point is subject to a safety assessment. The quarry has again agreed to donate a Christmas tree.  

Aggregate Industries were thanked for their donation to B4RN. Back Lane Quarry continue to oppose the Lancaster Local Plan regarding the proposed new housing around Windermere Road. There have been some complaints relating to Leapers Wood and Back Lane Quarries that have been satisfactorily dealt with. It was advised that there is currently a lobby in Parliament to reintroduce the Aggregate Levy Scheme and the Quarry suggested that David Morris MP be contacted and asked to support the scheme.
- d) **TWINNING ASSOCIATION:** Councillor Bentham reported that a return visit from JB reported that a return visit from Bussières is scheduled for 13th – 17th April 2019, with around 30 visitors expected for whom suitable accommodation is to be found. A quiz night in support of the Society is being held at Over Kellet Village Hall on 24th November, including a bar.
- e) **FLY-TIPPING:** Nothing further to report
- f) **PRoW:** See Agenda item 18/079
- g) **VILLAGE HALL:** The Chair reported that the Christmas Fair will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December – the Christmas Tree needs to be in place by the Thursday before. There was a short discussion on the possibility of the Village Hall purchases being made through the Parish Council's accounts to allow Value Added Tax to be recovered. **ACTION:** Chair is to discuss this possible arrangement further with the Chair of the Village Hall.
- h) **PROJECTS:** No further update
- i) **BA4N:** Councillor Bentham gave an update on progress with B4RN. The laying of ducts for fibre has made significant and rapid progress covering over 2km with only a small section now incomplete, which will be finished once risk assessments and method statements are provided.  

Volunteers have started work on the installation of the distribution cabinet behind the Village Hall and the head chamber and cabinet base are in place. The next stages have been planned and were set out in the report.
- j) **LODGES CHARITY:** Councillor Williams reported that £764 was held in the account and £413 in the dividend account. It was noted that opportunities to take advantage of these funds would be would again be mentioned in the next edition of *Round and About*.
- k) **LENGTHSMAN REPORT:** Councillor Smith reported that considerable work had been carried out at the Town Well. All the bays in the trough have been cleared of cobbles, stones and sand debris. Stone seats have been disturbed from their based and will need to be repositioned. The grass has been cut on the playing field and play area.
- l) **GENERAL MATTERS:** Councillor Smith commented on a recent article in Over Kellet View in relation to the Community Road Watch scheme. The Clerk of Over Kellet Parish Council will share this with the Clerk for possible inclusion in a future edition of *Round and About*.

The Chair reported that a request for a grant from the Community Fund had been received from the local School. **ACTION:** Application to considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillor Cllr Bentham reported that fireworks on the village field had left a mess and there were concerns over liability for such informal uses. **ACTION:** Include in the Parish Council article in *Round and About*.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's Report and Members updates be noted, and that follow-up action be taken where necessary.

18076 **DEPOT AT DUNALD MILL QUARRY:** A representative from EPC-UK attended the meeting to provide an outline and other information on the proposed work to build a depot at Dunald Mill quarry. Information provided included security measures; operating times; access; transport movements and frequency; deliveries; etc. Councillors asked several questions and after some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that EPC-UK be thanked for attending the meeting and for their presentation of the proposals and that, at this stage, the Parish Council supports the planning application in principle

18077 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/TRAFFIC ORDERS:**

<b>Application No:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
18/0310/CU	Change of use of amenity land for the siting of 6 static caravans and creation of an associated internal road - The Hawthorns Caravan Park, Main Road, Nether Kellet, LA6 1EA
18/01318/FUL	Erection of stables/storage building retention of existing stables and construction of menage - Land to the North of Hallfield Lane Nether Kellet Lancashire
18/01350/FUL	Subdivision of single dwelling to form two dwellings, erection of a first-floor rear extension and installation of a door and window to the front elevation - 69 Main Road, Nether Kellet, LA6 1EH
18/01280/FUL	Erection of two new dwellings with associated access - Land Adjacent 5 Briarlea Road, Main Road, Nether Kellet

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that no representation be made relating to planning applications 18/0310/CU; 18.01318/FUL and 18/01350/FUL. Regarding planning application 18/01280/FUL it was noted that this is linked to an outline planning application considered in 2015 and it was **RESOLVED** that a comment be made around the need to ensure that the height of the dwellings does not negatively impact of the sightlines of nearby residents and that there is adequate and safe access to the dwellings, to and from the Main Road.

18078 **PLANNING AUTHORITY DECISIONS:** Members considered the up-to-date position on decisions of the planning authority (Lancaster City Council) on planning application previously deliberated by the parish council. It was then **RESOLVED** that the decisions of the Planning authority be noted.

18079 **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT:** Members considered a detailed report on the state of Footpaths 1 – 12 and Concessionary Paths 1 – 3. It was noted that overall the footpaths are in a reasonable state and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Smith liaise with the Parish Lengthsman to address the matters raised where practicable.

18080 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

100825	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	£2,550.00
100826	Mr R Bailey, Parish Clerk's Fees and Expenses – October 2018	£ 289.34
100827	B4RN – Grant from Aggregate Industries	£ 750.00
100828	Kathleen Cornthwaite - Grant from Aggregate Industries	£ 100.00

Councillor Bentham advised that the B4RN do not have their own bank account and it was requested that this be held by the Parish Council as a separate fund. It was **RESOLVED** that the funds awarded to B4RN be maintained by the Parish Council and that all other payments be made.

18081 **DEFIBRILLATOR AND CABINET:** The Clerk had reported on the protracted actions that had been taken to address this long outstanding issue but was happy to report that progress had been made and that the repaired defibrillator and cabinet had now been returned by the supplier and was ready to be fixed in a new location at the Village Hall and connected by a qualified electrician. The Clerk has asked the suppliers to arrange this on several occasions, but they have consistently failed to do so.

The Chair advised that the Defibrillator should now be on the wall at the Village Hall and arrangements are being made to engage a local electrician to connect it to the main supply. After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the update and resolution of this matter be noted.

18082 **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS:** The Clerk gave a brief update on arrangements being made to transfer Parish Council's bank accounts from HSBC to the Unity Trust Bank. Further information is required from some Councillors to finalise the transfer.

It was **RESOLVED** that the remaining Councillors provide personal details to the Clerk so that arrangements to transfer the Parish Council accounts to Unity Trust Bank can be finalised.

18083 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. The Parish Council meeting closed at 8:25pm

Derek Whiteway Clerk of the Council Date:

Chair Date: