

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Parish Assembly held on 3rd May 2017

Annual Meeting

Those present: Cllrs, David Manning, George Smith, Ian Williams, Peter Riley, David Whitaker, Chris Halhead; Michael Watson (Clerk); City Cllr. J Roger Mace & 3 others

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Judith Bentham
- 2 **Minutes from last year's annual meeting** and assembly 4th May 2016 (distributed with agendas): were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 3 **Treasurer's Report:** Detailed accounts had been prepared and distributed and were available to all present. These were fully explained and no queries were raised. The precept had been increased to £7500. It had remained unchanged at £6500 since 2009.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

- 4 **Playing Field Report:** No report
- 5 **Lodge's Charity Report:** The accounts were presented and the proceeds from the fund, which now stands at £531. Asset Value stands at £4240.22 with the market value at £4216.99. It was felt that the purpose of the fund be publicised via Round and About and the qualifications for application to the fund be set out.
- 6 **Chairman's Report:** The chairman submitted a full report which set out the activities of the Parish Council over the past year. He expressed thanks to his fellow councillors, the clerk and to City Cllr J Roger Mace for their help and services over the past year and to others who carried out important roles in the functions and activities of Nether Kellet. The defibrillator had been installed and was available for use should the occasion arise. The grant for the operation of an emergency plan was in the process of being used with alterations to the village hall and to the congregational church school rooms. He concluded by passing on his good wishes for the parish council and wished David Whitaker every success in the role of Parish Council Chairman.
A vote of thanks was extended to David Manning from all those present.

7 **Election of Officers:**

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| (a) Treasurer and Responsible Finance Officer: | Michael Watson |
| (b) Chairman: | David Whitaker |
| (c) Vice-chairman: | Peter Riley |
| (d) Lodge's Charity: | Ian Williams and A N Other to be agreed at a later meeting |
| (e) Planning Committee: | All councillors |
| (f) LALC Representatives: | David Whitaker, Chris Halhead |
| (g) Playing Field Committee: | All Councillors |
| (h) Village Hall Committee: | Peter Riley, David Whitaker |
| (i) Quarry Liaison Committees | |
| (i) Tarmac
(Leapers Wood and Dunald Mill) | All Councillors |
| (ii) Aggregate Industries (Back Lane) | Ian Williams, George Smith |
| (j) Twinning Association | Judith Bentham |

All the above appointments were agreed unanimously by all councillors present and all nominees agreed to continue in the appropriate roles

Next Annual Meeting: 2nd May 2018

Parish Assembly

- 1 Twinning Association Report:** The highlight of the year was the visit by the French from 21.04.17 to 27.04.17 which proved successful with a wide range of activities enjoyed by all. It says a lot for the link that three people from Bussieres travelled to speak at the celebration of the life of Dudley Bayne who met an untimely death last October. It is anticipated that a visit to Bussieres from the Kellets will take place in 2018; probably in August.
- 2 Projects Report:** Cllr Peter Riley with the valuable assistance of John Bentham had now assembled appropriate photos and a base plan would shortly be submitted for details of final design and costs for the proposed information board.
- 3 Footpath report:** A full and detailed report was presented by the clerk. The footpaths are all free from obstruction and well sign-posted and, due the recent dry spell, were all dry underfoot although the footpath leading from Dunald Mill Lane to Addington Lane is the exception insofar as parts remain very wet throughout the year. Plans are in progress to make improvements to the slope on footpath no 4.
- 4 Neighbourhood Watch:** Full reports are included in each edition of Round and About and thanks were extended to Mr Steve Marsden, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.
- 5 Defibrillator:** Regular weekly checks are made to ensure that the defibrillator is in order. Thanks were expressed to Mr Bond who kindly conducted a training session and gives valuable advice on the operation of the device.
- 6 Emergency Plan Issues:** The storage of equipment was the main concern and this would be incorporated into plans for the village hall. It was agreed that a contribution from the emergency fund would be made to the Village Hall to go towards the likely costs. A detailed information leaflet had been distributed to every household in the parish to make residents aware of what would be likely to be available in the event of an emergency.
- 7 Village Hall Developments:** Plans are being made to make extensions and facilities available at the village hall. These would include re-configuration of the hall to provide additional storage.
- 8 Wind Turbine Grant:** This year's contribution was incorporated into the existing funds (refer item 3 of annual meeting) However, it is noted that this sum is 'ring-fenced' for use in connection with the interests of the village. The fund was rising steadily and now stood at £3035 and would rise by a further C£1020 in June or July this year. It was suggested that a further article be included in Round and About to publicise the fund.
- 9 Lodge's Charity:** Dealt with above (item 5 annual meeting)
- 10 Open Forum:** Nothing