

Nether Kellet Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting 6th September 2017

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

- 1 **Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr. Philippa Williamson, Cllr. Peter Riley
- 2 **Minutes from the Meeting: 5th July 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, damaged warning sign on approach to narrow section of Shaw Lane and additional warning signs on Main Road warning of unsuitability of Shaw Lane for HGVs. All have been acknowledged by County Highways. The damaged directional sign at the junction of Shaw Lane with Main Road had been re-erected. **Reminder** to be sent on all outstanding issues with copies to County Councillor; also request a site visit regarding the request for an additional lit warning sign on Back Lane.

Also, no progress on water supply issues on Bridge Road. If nothing heard shortly, following last reminder of the 4th September enquire again.
 - (b) **Not otherwise covered by the agenda:** None
- 6 **Planning:**
 - (a) 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 ~ **Permission Granted by City Planners**
 - (b) 17/0079/HDG: Removal of 350m and 178m of hedgerow between permissive path and Dunald Mill Quarry path for J & M Cottam ~ **Permission refused by City planners**
 - (c) 17/00014/REF: Notification of appeal against decision on application NO 16/01351/FUL (refer 6b p527 & 6b p520 under reference 16/00606/FUL) Erection of an agricultural building for free range hens and creation of new access point on land to the south-east of Lower Addington Farm ~ Appeal office reference APP/A2335/W/17/3175065 ~ As all previous correspondence would be forwarded to the appeals office. As appeals take a long time to resolve it was agreed that this item should be removed from future agendas until decision reached.
 - (d) 17/0097/TCA: Reduce canopy of 1 X Ash tree: for Mr David Paterson @ 3 Castle Cottages LA6 1EU ~ No objections raised and **permission granted by City Planners**
 - (e) 17/0799/FUL: Erection of a 2-storey extension for Mr & Mrs Astley @ 40 Bridge Road LA6 1HH ~ No objections raised by parish councillors and **permission granted by City planners**
 - (f) Prospective planning application for use of Dunald Mill Quarry to store non-hazardous waste for approximately 2 years: Paul Hunter from C2V was welcomed to the meeting., He outlined proposed plans of United utilities to use part of Dunald Mill Quarry (eastern side) for temporary storage of inert waste from works being carried out at Schola Green. This would take place over a period of two years and would involve 12 HGV movements per hour for a five week period, for transport of material to the quarry. The lorry movements would take place between the hours of 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. There would be a similar period to remove the waste for landscaping at the site at Schola Green. It was anticipated that the amount of material would be about 25K cubic metres and would attain a maximum height of 4.5 metres. Councillors were concerned at the number of HGV movements. However, this proposed scheme had now been modified and a much smaller amount of material may be brought to the site for use by the Environment Agency in flood defence works. The feasibility of this was yet to be decided so it was uncertain what the planning application would now cover and in fact whether an application would go in at all. The application would, however, be raised at the forthcoming liaison meeting and whether the quarry owners had any more plans for use of the moth-balled quarry.

- 7 Accounts:**
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| (a) Imperative Training Ltd~ Padi-pads for defibrillator (previous set past expiry date) (VAT £12.00) | £ 72.00 |
| (b) Mike Ashton ~ Cement & grit £38.02 (VAT £6.34) sand & cement £35.79 (VAT £5.96) Wood etc
£143.32 (VAT £23.89) Screws & pegs £62.75 (VAT £10.46) ~ all for Footpath improvement work | £279.82 |
| (c) Confirmation of receipt of VAT return | £836.11 CR |
- All Accounts matters approved unanimously**
- 8 LALC** ~ Report from Local Meeting July 31st: Mention was made of a number of break-ins in Over Kellet Much of the meeting was taken up by a representative from Wray regarding local plans and neighbourhood plans and the validity of them. A representative from the Forest of Bowland AONB was in attendance who outlined the powers afforded by the AONB status. Next Meeting 25th September. Papers to Cllr Chris Halhead when to hand. AGM 18th November 2017 @ Preston Town Hall.
- 9 Quarry Matters:** Quarry liaison meetings Tuesday 12th September. Concerns regarding the surface at the entrance to Back Lane Quarry was to be raised together with operation of the wheel-wash and the additional warning lights on Back Lane. (see also 5a above)
- 10 Lengthsman Report:** Mike Ashton has been engaged in grass-cutting (6 times), strimming the playing field (3 times), He had also removed one fly-tip and following delivery of stone had recommenced works towards footpath improvement on FP No 4.
- 11 Twinning Association:** Nothing to report
- 12 Fly Tips** Two further tips on Whorley's Lane were removed by City Council. Small tips on Dunald Mill Lane, top of Hill Lane and Whorley's Lane. Both reported to City Council but dealt with locally
- 13 Footpath Report:** The paths close to the village are clear but due to the unseasonably wet summer some remain wet underfoot. Green Hill Lane (FP 11) remains very wet underfoot. Thanks extended to Aggregate Industries for clearing the path through the plantation (FP 5) and to Shaun Rogerson for his efforts.
- 14 Nether Kellet Village Hall Committee:** It was reported that the Field Day resulted in a net profit of C£2600. Concerns were expressed regarding the decision to request that the bowling club change their day-time session from Thursdays to Fridays to accommodate the play school.
- 15 Projects:** Nothing to report
- 16 B4RN.org:** The proposed route may pass through part of the common land on Laithbutt's Lane and it may be necessary for the parish clerk to sign a wayleave. However, local knowledge would suggest that it would be difficult to excavate on this land.
- 17 Emergency plan:** Any further progress in this respect is dependent on changes which are to be made in the near future to the village hall.
- 18 Neighbour-hood Watch:** Steve Marsden has provided a full report for the next edition of Round and About
- 19 Grass Cutting (County verges):** The less frequent cuts had resulted in the verges being left unkempt which was also attributed to the exceptionally wet conditions over the summer months. Concern was raised regarding the banking opposite the entrance to Bridge Road on the north side of Main Road.
- 20 Village Shop:** The new proprietors were welcomed and it is to be hoped that the shop in its new format will prosper and serve the residents of the village.
- 21 Items for Circulation:** *Clerks & Councils Direct Sep'17, Walney Wind Farm Community Newsletter Jul'17, Countryside Voice & Fieldwork Summer '17 (both CPRE)*
- 22 Items for the next meeting:** Christmas Tree and vacancy for position of parish clerk. Mr Watson who has held this position since December 1998 had advised that he wished to terminate his employment with Nether Kellet Parish Council by the end of the current year.
- 23 Next Meeting of Parish Council: 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 4th October 2017**