

NETTLEDEN WITH POTTEN END PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2016
In the Church Rooms, Potten End at 8pm**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Bramham, Cllr Burfot, Cllr Grimsdale, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Spanswick, Cllr Wright

Clerk: Katrina Bond

Also present: Kevin Furness, Village Warden, Ward Cllr Terry Douris and 12 members of the public.

2/16/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given by Parish Councillor Cross who was away on holiday and Cllr Gurney who was unwell.

2/16/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2/16/3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (21st January 2016)

The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

2/16/4 REPORTS

4.1 Police Report: no police report was received.

4.2 Village Warden Report: Birds are starting to show an interest in the new bird boxes. Further cutting back of bracken and scrub has taken place on the Old Green.

2/16/5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Elly Batchelor reported that a car has been parked dangerously close to Hawbush, Hempstead Lane. Cllr Wright agreed to speak to the householders and ask them to park elsewhere.

5.2 Elly Batchelor asked Cllr Douris from the floor about the lack of bus service to and from Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted. Cllr Douris confirmed that there was unlikely to be any further funding for additional buses. Cllr Douris advised the meeting that concerns should be put to Cllr David Lloyd as the County Council Member for Potten End but he would personally raise concerns at County Hall

- 5.3 **Colin Bayley** asked for the footpath between Browns Spring and The Front to be repaired. These repairs have been promised for some time by Herts Highways.
- 5.4 **Colin Braine** asked about Footpath No. 16. Cllr Bramham reported that Cllr Cross and Clayton Rae from DBC have been dealing with this matter.
- 5.5 **Bill Stannard** questioned the removal of the dog bin at the top of Plough Lane. Cllr Spanswick explained that dog waste can now be placed in usual bins so a replacement would not be pursued.
- 5.6 **Mr Collyer:** questioned why the handrail leading from Browns Spring to the Old Green had been removed. Councillors agreed to investigate costings for the possible replacement of this handrail.
- 5.7 **Mr Collyer:** A number of stumps have been removed from the left hand side of Browns Spring. Colin Bayley, from the floor, explained that they were removed by the Fire Brigade to ease their access. Cllr Douris agreed to contact the Fire Brigade to see if they would replace them.
- 5.8 **Cllr Douris** had contacted Peter Wright of Highways regarding the painting of the yellow lines. Cllr Douris expressed his disappointment at the length of time this matter has taken.

2/16/6

REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE OPEN SPACES AND LEISURE WORKING PARTY

- 6.1 **Allotments:** The Working Party met with three members of the Allotment Committee to discuss an application from Mr Hardy for a joint tenancy. It was agreed that there was no objection to both Mr Hardy and Miss Cecil working Mr Hardy's plot together but that Miss Cecil should apply officially to be placed on the waiting list and that when she reached the top of the list she would officially be given a joint tenancy if that is what she wished. It was acknowledged that there would be no timescale applied to this procedure. Cllr Mitchell reported that Miss Cecil had now formally applied to be placed on the Allotment Waiting List.
- 6.2 **Overgrown hedges:** Standard letters had been sent to Sugar Lodge and Latimer House in Water End Road. One property had responded to say that their hedge has been kept under control.
- 6.3 **Overhanging Trees footpath no. 16:** Cllr Cross had dealt with this matter directly with Clayton Rae.
- 6.4 **Resurfacing in front of Football Goal:** Quotations had been sought to replace the surfacing in front of the goal that had become badly eroded. Cllr Wright had also investigated artificial grass providers but this had proved very expensive. Cllr Burfot agreed that seeding or turfing this area would be the best solution.
- 6.5 **Resurfacing under the Climbing Frame on the Recreation Ground:** two quotations had been received with an option for either wetpour or fibre surfacing. The Working Party will investigate both types of surfacing and a proposal, with costings, will be placed on the next agenda.
- 6.6 **Hedgeside:** Old turves have been thrown over the fence at the back of houses in hedgeside. Cllr Wright met with the Golf Club Trustees to ensure that this area is cleared.

- 6.7 WI Tree:** The WI will be asked if the new tree guard could be painted black to be more in keeping with other tree guards on the Village Green.

2/16/7 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, POLICE AND REVIEW WORKING PARTY

7.1 Accounts to be Paid: Accounts to be Paid:

Donation to Church Newsletter Minute No. 1/16/7.4	£250.00
Kevin Furness (VW duties w/e 15.1.16-w/e5.2.16)	£445.27
Clerk's Expenses (26.1.15-8.2.16)	£31.78
DCVS (Clerk's Salary & Payroll Charges – Feb16)	£695.58
Bluefin Insurance Services Ltd (Allotment Insurance)	£72.00

- 7.2 Management Figures:** Monthly management figures had been presented to the Working Party and approved.

- 7.3 Allotment Water Bill:** A very high estimated bill had been received. The Clerk has asked Affinity Water for a reading to be taken and a new bill submitted.

2/16/8 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE TRAFFIC, SPEEDING AND HIGHWAYS WORKING PARTY

- 8.1 Speeding on Hempstead Lane:** Residents have requested that the Parish Council investigate traffic calming on Hempstead Lane. The possibility of a speed activated sign will be investigated.
- 8.2 Blocked Drains:** These have now been cleared. Flooding has still occurred outside Martins Pond Public House.
- 8.3 Double Yellow Lines:** still awaited
- 8.4 Parking Bays:** Herts Highways are submitting an application to DEFRA in order to gain their permission for additional parking bays to be installed on the Village Green. If granted, planning permission for these bays may also be required.

2/16/9 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY

4/00165/16	The Old Nursery 78 Hempstead Lane	Removal of Condition 6 of Planning permission 4/00720/14	PC no obj
4/03899/15	18 Rambling Way	Garage extension as described by Bryan Franklin at the last meeting.	PC obj
4/03787/15	13 Hempstead Lane	Construction of 3m x 3.4m rear ext And first floor extension	PC no obj
4/00314/16	Winchwicks Frithsden Copse	Replacement Dwelling	PC no obj

9.1 18 Rambling Way: Cllr Grimsdale had composed a letter to the Planning Department objecting to the dormer window and this was promptly removed from the plans. It is understood that the plans for the garage have been amended. Mr Franklin, from the floor, thanked the Parish Council for their support.

2/16/10 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE WEBSITE WORKING PARTY

Cllr Grimsdale updated the meeting. He had met with Cllr Spanswick and they had produced a basic framework of a potential website. It was agreed that a meeting would now be arranged with Tony Lewis who had agreed to set up the website.

2/16/11 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 17th MARCH (Annual Parish Meeting)	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 21st APRIL	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 19th MAY (Annual Meeting)	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 16 th JUNE	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 21st JULY	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 20 th OCTOBER	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER	Commencing at 8pm
THURSDAY 8 th DECEMBER	Commencing at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date.....