

NETTLEDEN WITH POTTEN END PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017
In the Church Rooms, Potten End at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Clerk: Katrina Bond

Also Present: Borough Councillor Terry Douris, Parish Warden Kevin Furness and 18 members of the public.

03/17/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

03/17/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Cllr Mitchell** registered a personal interest in Agenda Item 6a: request for the use of the Village Green as a member of the Parochial Church Council.

03/17/3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (17th February 2017)

The minutes were amended to record the presence of Borough Councillor Douris as opposed to County Councillor Douris. The minutes were then taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

03/17/4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 4.1 Consideration for Removal of the Junior Football Goal on the Spencer Holland Recreation Ground:** The Chairman made a brief statement outlining the current position regarding the siting of the football goal. The Clerk read out a statement from the residents who have lodged a complaint about the current position of the goal.
- a.** Mr and Mrs Smith: their garden adjoins the Recreation Ground and occasionally balls go into their garden. They have no objection.
 - b.** Mrs Senior: Believes it would be a shame if the goal is removed.
 - c.** Mrs Humphrey: handed in a petition with 201 signatures in support of the goal.

- d. Mr McKeich: has only heard positive comments about the goal. He does not believe there is an alternative position for the goal.
- e. Mr Durrant: felt that matters would be worse if the goal was removed.
- f. Mr Wallis: supported the goal being situated on the Recreation Ground.
- g. Mrs Batchelor: supported the goal.
- h. Cllr Douris: questioned whether a detailed log of the number of balls going over into neighbouring properties. It was reported that the complainants had kept a log.
- i. Mr Hardy: felt that using the goal created a muddy field. Mr Hardy felt that having a back to the goal encouraged children to kick the balls harder and that removing the back may improve matters.
- j. Cllr Wright asked members of the public present to raise their hands if they wished the Parish Council to fight the action. There were 18 in favour, 2 abstentions and none against.

- 4.2 **Mr Bayley:** removing a barrier on the Old Green has allowed a digger to go onto the Old Green. DBC did not feel there was a need to replace this fencing barrier but they would be informed of recent incursions and asked to reconsider.
- 4.3 **Drainage outside Cramond, Water End Road, opposite Rambling Way:** This matter is still to be resolved.
- 4.4 **Mr Barnard:** Potholes in Water End Road have been marked red for some time. Cllr Douris reported that these should be repaired within 21 working days.
- 4.5 **Footpath in Brown Spring:** The path has now been formally adopted, however the gate is still at the entrance. This needs to be removed and the Clerk will contact DBC in this respect.
- 4.6 **Safe Route to School:** The bus service to Ashlyns School is being removed from July. The Parish Councillors were asked if to register their objections to this proposal.
- 4.7 **Trees in Homefield:** A complaint has been received about children climbing trees and the anti-social behaviour of some of them. Mr McKeich felt strongly that children should be allowed to climb trees. It was felt that the parents should take responsibility.

03/17/5 REPORTS

- 5.1 **Police Report:** No report had been received.
- 5.2 **Parish Warden Report:** All road signs have been cleaned in the last month. Clearance works have taken place on the Old Green but this has now been stopped due to the bird nesting season.

03/17/6 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE OPEN SPACES WORKING PARTY

- 6.1 **Playing Field:** Thanks have been forwarded by the Cricket Club and the Football Club for the Parish Council's contribution towards verti-draining of the pitch.
- 6.2 **Old Green:** quotes are still to be obtained for the handrail. This will be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

- 6.3 Football request:** A youth team has asked for permission to play on the Sports Field. The Clerk has asked for more information and a possible site visit before a decision can be made.
- 6.4 REQUESTS FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN:**
- A. Church Fete: 24th June 2017 to include extended hours request for tug-of-war competition. **Agreed.**
 - B. Pre-School Open Days: Request to place a banner on the Village Green Saturday 15th April to Saturday 22nd April (date of event). Request to place a banner on the Village Green Saturday 13th May to Saturday 20th May (date of event). **Agreed.**
 - C. **Funfair:** The fair would like to come in June this year. They are proposing to arrive on Sunday 11th June and operate the Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June. **Agreed.**
- 6.5 Proposal to purchase two new magnetic signs for the Parish Warden at a cost of £20 each plus VAT. Agreed.**
- 6.6 Proposal to purchase a mobile camera for security purposes in suitable areas within the Parish. ACTION:** Advice will be sought from the Police as to the legalities of using this device. Costings will also be sought and the matter will be placed on the next agenda.
- 6.7 Proposal to purchase a new tree on the Village Green to replace two trees that have died and will be removed:** Proposal to include a budget of £200. **AGREED.** The guard on the True Service tree will be recycled to protect this new tree.
- 6.8 Village Green:** Cllr Burfot has re-seeded an area of the Village Green and removed a concrete plinth.

03/17/7 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WORKING PARTY

7.1 Approval of Accounts to be Paid:

Ken Hodson Computer Services (setting up new laptop)	£112.50
DBC (Burial Ground Rates)	£0.51
HAPTC (Annual Membership subscription)	£751.15
CPRE (Campaign to protect Rural England) Annual membership	£36.00
BT (Clerk's telephone 18.1.17-16.3.17)	£87.92
DCVS (Clerk's Salary and Payroll Charges – March 17)	£704.06
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Kevin Furness (PW duties w/e 27.1.17-w/e14.4.17)	£1,248.00
Bluefin Insurance Services (Allotment Insurance)	£59.25
K Bond (Expenses)	£33.25

- 7.2 Annual Accounts:** draft accounts have been forwarded to the Finance Working Party and will be presented at the meeting in May for formal approved.

02/17/8 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE HIGHWAYS WORKING PARTY

- 8.1 Double Yellow Lines:** These have now been painted along The Green.

- 8.2 New Parking Bays:** New plans have been drawn up for submission to DEFRA.
- 8.3 Footpath from School Gardens:** Borough Councillor Cllr Douris has asked that the footpath be installed before 31st August 2017.
- 8.4 Drainage at Martins Pond:** Ian Richardson of Herts Highways attended a site visit and will attempt to resolve this flooding issue.

03/17/9 REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY

4/00244/17	68 Hempstead Lane	Replace Annex with single storey Side extension and new porch with Roof canopy	No obj
4/00337/17	2 Nursery Terrace	Works to Gum Tree	No obj
4/00315/17	Winchwicks Frithsden Copse	Variation of approved plans Replacement Dwelling	No obj
4/00708/17	1 Roman Farm Nettleden	Single storey timber outbuilding	No obj
4/00827/17	Southside The Green	Works to Trees	No obj
4/00651/17	Potten End Village Hall	Fell Beech Tree	No obj
4/00504/17	31 Rambling Way	Demolish existing conservatory and construct Single storey rear extension with roof lights	No obj

03/17/10 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 18th May 2017 Commencing at 7.30pm
ANNUAL MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date.....