

Minutes of the Council Meeting of

Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council

held at **7.30pm on Thursday, 15th December 2022**

at the **Church Room, Church Rd, Potten End, HP4 2QY**

Present: D Burfot (chair), J Berry, E Brennan, D Grimsdale, H Smith, E Spanswick, and D Westenholz-Smith.

In attendance: Mr A Farrow (Parish Clerk), Mr T Douris (Borough and County Councillor), K Furness (Parish Warden), and twelve members of the public.

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22/140 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Nelson

22/141 Declaration of interests – none.

22/142 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council on the 17th November 2022 as circulated to members be signed as a correct record. Agreed unanimously.

22/143 Police update – the only reportable crimes in the village were a dangerously out of control dog and one case of a making off without payment from a public house.

22/144 Public Issues

- a. It was reported that police had recently visited a resident at 9pm after neighbours had reported his car as being parked illegally to an MP. The car wasn't parked illegally and no neighbours had spoken to the resident expressing concern. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue with the Police and Crimes Commissioner.
- b. Noted that cars were parking across the new dropped kerb on The Common and that a white H-bar might be appropriate.
- c. An update was requested on replacing existing speeding signs on The Common approaching the village from Berkhamsted with signs with yellow backgrounds. This will be considered if the speed limit is standardised.
- d. With regard to 22/150.d (planning applications) relative to 22/02538/FUL for a new dwelling at Frithsden Vineyard noted that the revised submission did not address local residents concerns.
- e. Concern was expressed that 20mph limits were being introduced in Berkhamsted where cars were unable to go much faster anyway, but that no action was being taken with regard to speeding in Potten End.
- f. With regard to 22/149.a.i (allotment bonfires) argued in favour of allowing limited bonfires on the allotments or for some other arrangement for the removal of non-compostable waste to be introduced.
- g. With regard to 22/149.b (safety netting on sports field) argued that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council as owners of the sports field to apply for planning permission.

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22/145	General matters outstanding <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Noted that discussions on possible celebrations for the coronation were underway, probably on 8th May, and that a provisional date had been set for the open-air cinema on 1st July.b. Noted that approval had been given for tree work to be undertaken on Spencer Holland.
22/146	Correspondence received <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Noted concern regarding the decision by Dacorum BC to charge for garden waste collection from 2023.b. Noted concern regarding parking in the Village, particularly at school drop off and collection.c. Agreed to ask for a volunteer to replace Stephanie Bramham as the parish' representative on the National Trust Estate Committee.d. Noted that slides had been circulated regarding Hertfordshire CC's response to the cost of living crisis and that discussions were underway regarding the possibility of establishing an extended warm space in the Church Room.
22/147	Parish Warden – the footpath from Brown Springs to the Old Green was a cause for concern and its possible repair should be added to possible uses of the CIL. On the Old Green vegetation had been cut back and bird boxes cleaned. Hanging branches near Williams Wood had been removed. On The Green Christmas lights had been installed and the log bench repaired. Church Rd had been salted and Brown Springs has been salted by the garage.
22/148	Report of Traffic and Highways Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Outstanding issues – noted that<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the DriveSafe team had reported that during a recent exercise 28% of vehicles exceeded 35mph.ii. The review of the safety camera site on The Green was part of a county-wide exercise and no conclusion was expected until early 2023.iii. Affinity had undertaken changes to their system to minimise the likelihood of the water main under The Common causing a problem again and would continue to make changes.iv. The speed limit on The Common was scheduled for discussion in early 2023.v. The possibility of rumble strips on Plough Lane had been discounted as impractical.vi. The bollard on Plough Lane had been replaced.b. Noted upcoming road works.
22/149	Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Allotments –<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Resolved to allow allotment holders to have one bonfire a month between the start of November and the end of February as far away from houses as possible and only using dry material on the understanding that it was the responsibility of the Allotment Committee to manage the bonfire and ensure that it didn't cause any disturbance to neighbours and to advise the Parish Council as far in advance as practical that it was intended to have a bonfire. Agreed unanimously.

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	<p>ii. The proposal to hire a skip to clear rubbish from the northern edge of the allotments in preparation for the new fence was withdrawn as alternative arrangements had been made.</p>																		
	<p>b. Cricket Club</p> <p>Agreed not to apply for pre-application planning advice for a safety net on the sports field.</p> <p>Agreed that in line with legal advice received that the Cricket Club was responsible for risk mitigation as a result of their use of the sports field.</p>																		
	<p>c. Burial Ground</p> <p>Noted that permission had been given for the interment of the ashes of Dorothy Chalmers on the grounds of residency for more than 1 year.</p>																		
22/150	Report and update from the Planning Working Party																		
	<p>a. Noted decisions by Dacorum BC on planning applications as presented to members.</p>																		
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	<p>e. Noted that an appeal has been lodged against Dacorum BC’s decision to refuse planning permission for 22/00596/FHA (20 Hempstead Lane).</p>
22/151	Report and Update from the Finance and Administration Working Party
	<p>a. Approved payment of invoices as presented to members.</p>
	<p>b. Noted a payment received of £918.18 in respect of the interment of Rosemary Lynskey</p>
	<p>c. Noted the bank account reconciliation at 31st November 2022 as presented to members.</p>
22/152	Date and time of next meetings
	<p>The next meetings will be held at the Church Room, Potten End at 7.30pm on</p>
	<p>Thursday 19th January 2023</p>
	<p>Thursday 16th February 2023</p>