

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held in Knapton Village Hall on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chairman), Jackie Hall (Vice Chairman) Monika Kemp, Pat Lee, John Lawton, Nicky Page, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk) Cllr Ed Maxfield (NCC). Cally Keohane of Highways Assistance Team. One member of the public.

- 1) The evening opened with Cally Keohane giving a most interesting talk on Highways for which she was gratefully thanked by the Chairman.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** none.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:**
none
- 4) **Cllr Ed Maxfield:** had circulated his report.

Pat Lee asked about the bus stop for passengers travelling from Knapton towards Mundesley. This was currently on a very exposed verge on the west side of the B1145. EM would find out about possible funding, perhaps from the Parish Partnership scheme, for a bus shelter

LW asked about the increase in salaries for County Councillors. This was in order to retain staff at a time of high employment but may be followed by some staffing restructure.

JL asked about disposing of toxic waste. EM would look into this.

- 5) **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th September:**
The minutes were agreed with these amendments: 5 e. contact should be made with NNDC Environmental Health, rather than MADRA, and MADRA should retain a paper trail showing payments made for emptying tanks. 8 £50 amended to £150, and signed by the Chairman.

- 6) **Councillors Portfolios:**

PL reported that all allotments were let.

MK had found some vandalism at the playground. The smaller climbing frame had been damaged and was currently taped off. ALS had been asked to quote for repairs. The PC would be unable to afford to maintain the playground if vandalism continued.

NP agreed to take on Planning and Resident Welfare portfolios.

JH confirmed that footpaths were in good condition. Some overgrown fern in Green Lane was a problem. PN to ask a local farmer whether it could be cut back.

LW reported that Pond Lane would close from the 31st Oct until the 17th Nov. That the area adjacent to the entrance of 22 Lawn Close would be tarmacked once the electrical problem under that section had been sorted, (there is an electrical box to the bungalow across the road). The work to the Village Hall had begun and would take two weeks. The works on Mundesley Road B1145, Anglian water had tried directional drilling but didn't have much success so they are now cutting instead. The work would take another 4 weeks because of this issue. Anglia Water had been pleased to receive the letter of support from Knapton PC.

JL would stay on Road Traffic.

- 7) PN would like a Committee set up to look into information coming from Madra. JH (chair), NP and MK would form this Committee. JL offered but was asked if he would join the Madra Committee at a suitable time. All agreed.

8) **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Halloween Party: MK and NP had had three meetings. The PC had agreed to funding of £150. This would be an annual event, so some purchases could be kept for coming years. A pumpkin carving competition for completed pumpkins would be held. A judge was needed.

- 9) **Parish Councillors Reports** Had been dealt with above.

- 10) **Financial Report:** The clerk had circulated a report showing a credit balance of £4,359.

Payments during September were: Clerk/office £178. Unity Trust Bank £18.

Any Other Business:

PN asked for suggestions for fund raising to buy something for the Knapton children at Christmas and playground repairs. LW suggested Music in the Church. This would need to be in the warmer weather. Previous such events had been a great success. JH suggested a Cheese and Wine party in the Village Hall, prior to Christmas. DH to find out whether the Village Hall Committee were planning such an event. NP suggested a day of children making things which they could take home before next Mothering Sunday (19th March 2023). NP had plenty of materials and was DBS checked.

JL asked for the Knapton Angels list of phone numbers to be updated to include the three new councillors. The `phone operated on a `ring round` system. This was agreed.

PN raised the question of the Village Plan, first done in 2008 and which should be updated every five years. He would circulate a copy of the original plan and asked all councillors to look at it and bring ideas to the next meeting. A better name would be Parish Plan. A committee of three PC members should be set up to deal with this. DH had some hard copies of the 2008 plan and would pass them round to councillors. NP asked about possible funding from Parish Partnerships. PN thought costs would be negligible apart from printing. Parish Partnerships don't fund Parish Plans, but there might be other funding opportunities.

PN would circulate a document about Parish Plans, which although long, he very much recommended councillors to read.

Community Hub: This would be a long term project. LW was looking into improved heating in the church but this would cost about £15,000.

Speeding in The Street: Especially during the sugar beet and potato harvest there were increased numbers of farm vehicles using The Street. They were probably not speeding but were very large and The Street was used by pedestrians, including children. In places it was not possible for them to get off the road. PN asked each councillor for their opinion. It was agreed that the PC should write to the farmers concerned, politely asking them to ask their drivers to exercise their duty of care whilst driving in The Street. MK asked for a 20mph speed limit in the lower 'bottle neck' part of The Street. PN would ask Steve White when he met with him.

11) Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 1st November at 7.00.