

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held in Knapton Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), Pat Lee (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Jackie Hall.

1) Apologies for Absence:

- a) Cllr Ed Maxfield NCC, Cllr Greg Haymen NNDC

2) Co-option of new member of the Parish Council:

Jackie Hall was co-opted onto the Parish Council with full support of all councillors and congratulated by the Chairman. JH joined the meeting.

3) Declarations of Interests:

None.

The meeting was closed to allow for:

4) Consultation on Footpaths Registration with Chris Heath:

CH had sent some very useful information listing names of footpaths together with a map of Knapton Footpaths which had been seen by all PC members.

- a) Existing rights of way and other paths will not need to be registered, with the possible exception of a path from Sandy Lane, Paston to The Street, Knapton, emerging just west of the railway bridge. PL would walk this path to determine whether it was signposted. CH confirmed that if the path could be shown to have been in use for 20 years, it could be registered.
- b) There are several ramblers' paths and permissive paths which the landowners would not be willing to have registered.
- c) CH offered to investigate the need to register any paths. He asked for PC members to contact him before the next PC meeting (February 2022), so he could gather information and forward to the PC.
- d) CH was thanked for his very helpful input, and left the meeting at 7.20, which was then opened.
- e) JH was asked if she was willing to take on responsibility for the footpaths and agreed to do so. AY went through the footpath map with JH at the end of the meeting.

5) Cllr Ed Maxfield, Greg Hayman:

Neither councillor was present. EM had sent his report which had been circulated.

6) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th November:

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed LW, seconded PL.

7) Matters Arising:

- a) County Broadband: CB, unlike BT, would bring fast fibre broadband to every house in Knapton. PL would like to have input from villages where CB had already installed ffb. PL pointed out that CB needed only 40% of the households in the village to take up their offer, so they could go ahead without the blessing of the PC, but probably felt it was better to have the PC on board. PN would come back to the PC with more information, after which a decision as to whether to go with CB, could be made.
- b) Speed Restrictions B1145: PL would draft a letter to Swafeld PC to discover what their intentions are as regards a reduced speed limit between Swafeld and Knapton.
- c) Playground Maintenance: The inspection had been done. Once this was received a programme for inspection and maintenance could be put in place.
- d) Transfer of land for car park: PN would pursue this with the aim of getting it signed so the PC could work on tidying up the car park.
- e) Christmas trees for Knapton: Had been given by Anglian Water and erected by AL and Steve. DH to write to Steve Kingston to thank him for his help. DH also to write to Ted and Sue Bullock to thank them for supplying the electricity for lights on the tree near the Village Sign.

- f) Positioning of plaque commemorating Community Resilience during Covid lockdown: PL would fix this onto the village sign.

8) Parish Councillors Reports:

- a) PL reported all Allotment money had been collected and £202.50 was handed to the parish clerk for banking. One allotment was vacant. There was one interested Knapton resident.
- b) JL had received an 'Angels' call from a Wild's Way resident, whose water had been cut off and had given him the relevant phone number to contact. LW commented that The Knapton News listed useful phone numbers.
- c) JL asked whether the Trunch shop was closing, LW confirmed it was for sale as an ongoing business.
- d) AY: Planning. A letter had been sent to Planning at NNDC re PF/21/2906 IN Hall Lane. This was to express concern about the position of the entrance and the use of tin as a roofing material. AY would speak to the Planning Officer dealing with this application and report back to the PC
- e) LW: and PN had met with Anglian Water Customer Services and had contact details for their Site Manager if needed.
- f) LW had done the Paston Walk. A new sign is needed at the junction.
- g) LW reported that the Knapton News had been sent out online and hard copies would be delivered as soon as the calendars were received from Bacton Gas site or in any case this coming weekend.
- h) AY will do a reading on behalf of the PC at the Carol Service on 19th December.

9) Finance

The Clerk reported a current credit balance of £5,700 which includes provision for Road Safety project charges from Highways

10) Any Other Business:

- a) PL would get the flagpole down to discover what repairs were needed. AY suggested that the Fete Committee would cover repair costs.
- b) JL asked about moving the speed camera. It would be moved to the Mundesley Road, some branches would need to be cut back to clear vision.
- c) AY mentioned flooding from the pond onto the B1145. Anglia Water are aware.
- d) LW confirmed the Carol Service would be held on 19th December.

11) Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st February 2022

12) The meeting closed at 8.30pm.