

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall

Chairman Alan Young

Present: Alan Young, Andrew Claydon, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Peter Neatherway, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Cllr Ed Maxfield (NNC), four members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th February 2019** were agreed and signed by the Chairman (proposed AC, seconded PN).
- 3. Matters Arising:** PN asked whether the Open Spaces form had been returned. PL had the form but it was agreed that returning would achieve nothing.
- 4. Cllrs Nick Coppack, Ed Maxfield:** Cllr EM told the meeting (i) that following their latest budget NCC were increasing council tax by 2.99%, which would result in a £39.51 increase to properties in Band D. After cuts seventy million pounds still remained to be saved, which would probably be done in two `chunks` of saving. PL queried the charges at the recycling centres. These were expected to generate about one million in revenue and it remains to be seen how much fly tipping might result. (ii) NCC has lost its Managing Director, who would not be replaced, resulting in more savings. It was moving from a Cabinet system to a Committee system which would allow councillors to call in any decisions they did not approve of. (iii) Norfolk Bio-Diversity awards were still open, nominations by 30th April.
- 5. May 2019 Elections:** The clerk collected nomination papers from the five Parish Councillors present. There were two more people who might join the Council and who could be co-opted after the elections.
- 6. Finance:** The clerk reported a current credit balance of £16,547 including two grants of £7817 and £4000 from NNDC. Cheques for the clerk/office (underpayment from 2018/9) for £494 and (website) £100, were signed.
- 7. Grant for Knapton Playground:** The first part of the grant had been received and the second was due next week. PL and AY to arrange for the removal, storage, repair and re-erection of equipment very kindly donated. This would be done by Alan Smith. It was agreed that AY and PL would take charge of the project and invoices could be paid as they came in. Alan Smith would also be asked to take down and dispose of the slide, which was not in a very safe state. The playground would have to be securely fenced off during restoration. It was believed there were some large fencing panels available and AY would try to get hold of these or we might need to hire some. PK said that Victory Housing Trust should be asked to make a generous donation in view of the number of children their housing might bring to the village. AY was applying for a grant from VHT. AY had figures for the playground surface, fencing and gate. Alan Smith would be asked to do the fencing and gate.

- 8. Land off School Close:** Work had begun on the car park. PN said it was important that the car park in future should not come under the management of the church.
- 9. Correspondence received:** Had been circulated and dealt with.
- 10. Any Other Business:** (i) Georgina Neatherway had put up notices regarding Neighbourhood Watch. A notice had also gone into the Knapton News and a meeting had been held in Knapton Village Hall. GN also received a crime report from the Police. (ii) The Village Hall Committee had given permission for the defibrillator to be attached to the Village Hall. One could be obtained via first responders and should be placed on the east side, with suitable signage and lighting in place. (iii) PN was keen to build up a library of Health and Safety information. Terrain were advertising information to be available shortly, which he would store. PN also offered to store past Minutes and other important information, which would then be available to parish councillors as required. AY said NALC would have a lot of information available. (iii) PL asked whether there was any information on a footpath which used to run from the pond by the Millennium Field to Green Lane. He believed it had had a hard surface and if it could be found, Victory Housing Trust might have to include it in their development. (iv) AY asked what had happened to the Beacon. It is currently lying on the ground. The VHT plan showed it situated quite close to trees and the road, which would not be a suitable place. A situation near the car park would be all right, as long as the park was empty when the beacon was lit. (v) PN and AY would go the SLCC summer conference on 12th July at Carrow Road.
- 11. Date of next Meeting:** May 7th. This would be for both Parish and Parish Council meetings and would start at 7.00pm.