

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: Alan Young (Chairman), Mary Allen, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Peter Neatherway , Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Michelle de Vries, Andrew Claydon.
- 2. Cllr Nick Coppack:** reported that he had become an independent councillor together with six other councillors. They would all be able to represent their respective wards equally effectively. NC felt he was in a better position to offer any help needed over the new Victory Housing Planning Application (received that day) from outside the Planning Committee. There were thirteen weeks before this application would go to committee. When this happened, the public would be allowed three minutes each in which to make their comments. The PC could apply for an extension of time allowed for comment, currently only until 26th December. NC would proposed a site visit. Anyone could attend this and demonstrate in a quiet fashion. AY, as Chairman, would have the chance to speak. The plans will go to the Development Committee in April next year. No case officer had yet been appointed.

NC urged the PC to make known to him their feeling and those of the village and the effects on infrastructure, roads, busses, drainage etc. PL pointed out that not everyone was against the development, which would happen but it would be good if the requirements of the village were taken into consideration. The appearance of the proposed houses was not attractive, inclusion of some flint work might greatly improve them. PK referred to the Localisation Act, which might force the Council to take notice of local opinion. NC suggested the PC send in its comments before 26th December, so these are on record. NC made it clear that in order to represent the PC in the most helpful manner, he needed to know their exact requirements.

NC gave a short report , including dates for free car parking over the Christmas period, wind farm cables (these would come in south of Happisburgh).

The people running the pier had been given a 10 year contract. A new sports facility was to be built and Cromer Tennis Club was to be given money to extend its facilities. NC left the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November:** were agreed and signed by Peter Kaye. Proposed MA, seconded PL.
4. **Matters Arising:** none.
5. **Finance:** the clerk reported a current credit balance of £5000. Cheques for the clerk and office (£173.56 and for the Poppy Appeal £35) were agreed and signed.
6. **Land off School Close:** this had been covered. The PC would hold a closed meeting in January at which it would decide on the course of action it should take. PK said there might well be both press and television coverage . Leaflets would be distributed to all houses in Knapton and a public meeting held at a date to be decided (which could be advertised in the church). DH to write to Darren Mortimer at Highways to get their opinion on the development and subsequent increase in traffic.
7. **Madra Lease:** nothing to report.
8. **Correspondence Received:** had been circulated.
9. **Any Other Business:** (i) AY had printed an offer by Tesco's to give up to £4000 for play equipment. This would pay for new swings and a small slide. PK to fill in the application form. AY would repair the existing slide. (ii) PL had all the Tenancy Agreements for the allotments. DH would photocopy these and return to PL. (iii) AY had the flags. Karen Herbert-Okey was no longer able to be in charge of the flags due to work commitments. There was some repair needed to the flagpole. DH to write a letter of thanks to KHO.

10.Date of next Meeting: closed meeting on Tuesday 9th January.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.