

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2013

in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Alan Young.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st October:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed MA, seconded PK.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Finance:** The clerk reported a bank balance of £4199 after current bills were paid. The precept would be subsidised by NNDC again this year. All agreed it should remain at the same £4250 and the precept application was duly signed.
- 5. Footpath to Mundesley:** DBL had received a letter from Pat Spencer. Grant money was available from NCC but the application had to be in by the end of January. AY had arranged a meeting with Mundesley PC for 27th November to discover whether they might make a donation to the cost of the path. PK suggested it would be helpful to have some idea of the costs involved before approaching Mundesley PC. He offered to assist the PC by walking the proposed footpath with two possible contractors to get two rough estimates. SW suggested approaching the Fete Committee for money. A letter to the five land owners involved and been drafted and sent to the PC and Pat Spencer for approval. It was agreed this should now be sent. DBL would liaise with Pat Spencer who was unable to attend the meeting. PL was concerned about future cost of upkeep. It was agreed in principal to push ahead with plans for the path.
- 6. Millennium Field:** DBL invited Wyndham Northam to report on the application to register the field into a village green. Objections had been received by NCC, the deadline for which was 13th November. After that date the applicant would have a period of time to comment and then a report would be published. PK reported that the application had been supported by only 13.74% of the people of Knapton.
- 7. Land at Fourways, Mundesley:** DBL reminded the meeting that this small piece of land was owned by Knapton PC. Trees on the land were becoming overgrown and would soon require work. DBL would ask Mundesley PC at the meeting on 27th November whether they had any interest in purchasing the land. The neighbour could also be approached. PK was concerned about the liability of the individual PC members.

DBL invited Wyndham Northam to speak. (i) WN said the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service would continue to provide emergency cover during the coming strike. Norfolk had good Fire & Rescue coverage and had received Government grant. (ii) Parish Partnerships , partakers had received 25% of a NCC grant. (iii)The King`s Lynn incinerator was still going ahead although Defra had withdrawn their promised funding and planning had still not been decided. (iii) NCC budget would be reduced over the next three years. (iv) Warm & Welcome packs had been popular last year and would be issued again this year, though without NHS funding (v) Salt would be in plentiful supply for the coming winter. . (v) The `give way` lines at Swafield were on a `repairs` programme and would be re-painted.

8 .Any Other Business: (i) PK asked about the filling of grit bins. The clerk had had notification from NCC that these would be filled in November. DC to confirm with NCC. (ii) Speeding in The Street. PC Fathalla had done a speed check but this was in Hall Lane. DC to write to NCC to ask for a 20mph sign and to ask PC Fathalla to do another check , this time in The Street. (iii) The posts supporting the signs to North Walsham and Swafield were rusting. DH to write to NCC.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.