

**Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 03rd December
2013 in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Bea Gatfield, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Peter Kaye
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2013:** Were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed MA seconded SW.
- 3. Matters Arising:** (i) AY reminded the meeting of his previous comment that Bacton Gas Station should be notified if any of the speeding vehicles in The Street were from their site. (ii) Highways would replace the rusting posts. (iii) A further speed check in The Street would be carried out.
- 4. Finance:** There was a credit balance of £4770. DBL reminded the meeting that currently it was important to retain funds.
- 5. Correspondence received:** (i) There were planning applications at The Spinney and Sunnysdene, these were circulated. (ii) An e mail was circulated concerning the extension of time allowed for the application to turn the Millennium Garden into a village green, was circulated. The date would now be 28th February 2014.
- 6. Development of the Millennium Field:** An outline planning application had been put in by Victory Housing for eight dwellings. DBL would continue to liaise with Faith Davies of Victory Housing but until detailed planning was applied for the Parish Council would not comment. Victory Housing had objected to the application to turn the field into a village green.
- 7. Footpath to Mundesley:** AY reported that he and DBL had had a positive meeting with Mundesley Parish Council who were keen to have the footpath installed and who would be prepared to help with funding. It was agreed that the best way forward was for AY and DBL and PL to walk the intended path (on Sunday 8th December) and to check what type of fencing off of the pond was necessary. This would have to be substantial as the pond was very deep. DH had checked with Came & Co, Insurance Brokers and they confirmed that as long as the PC had written agreement with the land owners involved, the PC insurance would cover public liability on the footpath. It was agreed that initially the path should be a simple rolled strip. If it was then used sufficiently, a more permanent base could be put down.

- 8. Land at Fourways, Mundesley:** DBL and AY had asked Mundesley PC whether they would be interested in purchasing this land, which they were. This to be followed up by a letter from DH offering to sell the land. Proposed PL, seconded AY.
- 9. Madra update:** A new lease of the land owned by Knapton was in place but until Madra had satisfied requirements of its legal status with the Charities Commission, this could not be implemented.
- 10. Allotments update:** Rent of £175 had been received. Four rents remained to be paid.
- 11. Any other business:** (i) Green Lane: it was believed that there were plans to open Green Lane, which was C status, to allow vehicular access. This was following a complaint from one individual. SW pointed out that there were flowers and trees which would disappear if this happened. DH to write to NCC to ask for a Countryside Survey. BG asked if it was possible to get the lane re-categorised, it was but at a cost. (ii) MA had been to the Village Hall meeting. A new treasurer and cleaner had been appointed. (iii) AY reminded the meeting that planning applications had previously been handed to Peter Kaye in order for him to inform and ask for comments from affected neighbours when plans were put in. DH to check whether PK is still willing to do this.

The Chairman closed the meeting (8.15 pm) to allow Graham Jones to speak. (i) GJ confirmed that Denise Bales at NCC was able to make a decision on the Millennium Field application, the extra time allowed would avoid problems with any subsequent appeal. (ii) GJ noted his objection to the NNDC spending £147,000 on a new entrance, particularly in the current climate of cut backs. (iii) GH invited MA to join the Griffon Area Partnership for which some funding was still in place. (iv) The PC needs to be looking at anything for which Community Funding could be applied. GJ would be able to advise. (v) The local authorities had been criticised for keeping back large amounts of money but GJ felt this was necessary. (vi) Staff and close circuit television cut backs had been implemented by NNDC.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 8.28pm

- 12. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th January 2014.

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