

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

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Andrew Claydon, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). 2 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Nick Coppack.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on March 1st:** All agreed.
Proposed PK, seconded MA.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Finance:** The clerk circulated end of year accounts showing spending during 2015/16 of £5484 with a credit balance of £3217. The Audit and the cash book were signed as directed.
- 5. Councillor Wyndham Northam:** told the Meeting (i) that NCC would increase Council Tax by 2% to cover rising costs of adult social care and reduction of 28 million in government grant. NCC also had to reduce costs by 42 million next year and 100 million over the next three years. Budget for the police was also to increase by 2%. Councils had been told that government grants would cease by 2020, making them reliant on council taxes and business rates. (ii) Savings on winter gritting of £365,000 will be carried forward to next year. (iii) Devolution: a proposal to combine Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge and the introduction of a mayor would need a lot of work to achieve satisfactorily. (iv) Proposals to close fire station, libraries, recycling centres and museums and to reduce road maintenance have been dropped from the budget report.
- 6. Footpath to Mundesley:** This had been walked. The last field on the way to Mundesley had been planted close to the edge.
- 7. Millennium Field:** AY would like to invite Simon Case, Tree Preservation Officer to visit the field. PK would look into the question of whether the presence of trees would affect planning

8. permission being granted. DC to contact NNDC as the grass needed cutting, and this was now their responsibility.

8. Land at Fourways , Mundesley: DC to get contact Mundesley PC to ask whether the transfer of this land to them was now complete.

9. Correspondence: (i) A Queen Elizabeth II birthday medal given to the PC would be raffled at the Knapton Fete. (ii) A planning application to build a 2m wall at Hawthorn House, DH to write to NNDC to confirm that the PC were strongly opposed to this. Town & County Plannin re footpath in Mundesley had been dealt with. This did not affect Knapton.

10. Any Other Business: (i) AY and PL had been contacted by the organisers of Trunchonbury. They would like to hold this festival at MADRA in 2017 and were keen to co-operate with the village. The festival would be over four days, with entrance from the B1145 and musical events situated on the field next to it, away from the village. Profits would go to charity about which the village would be consulted. DC to invite the organisers to the June meeting to discuss this proposal. (ii) AY and PL had looked at the play area. Some work needed doing to the slide. There were worn ropes on the climbing apparatus. Repairs should cost £400-£500. New chipping was needed and the surrounding fence was in a poor state. It was agreed that the PC would inform Madra that they would take responsibility for the play equipment only. DH to look into costs of new swings and the the possibility of grants. (iii) Part of the land behind School Close was covered in litter with the hedge and fence broken down. DH to contact Victory Housing to ask for action. DH to ask Highways to collect a dumped tyre and to mend potholes on the B1145.

11. Date of next Meeting: This would be the AGM and the Parish meeting on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.