

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: Alan Young Chairman, Andrew Claydon, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Peter Neatherway, Dee Holroyd (clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Michelle de Vries.
- 2. Cllr Ed Maxfield:** (i) NCC Budget was under consultation, shortage of funding being the major concern. The western extension of the NDR was under discussion. EM urged the PC to have their say at public consultation as this would directly affect access to North Norfolk. (ii) EM would try to discover what portion of the `pothole` fund from the government would be allocated to North Norfolk. (iii) EM agreed to report potholes in Swafield, which had been badly repaired and had opened up again. (iv) EM reported that Wyndham Northam, who served as a County Councillor for many years and attended the Knapton PC meetings, had died. Knapton PC recorded their sadness at this news and their deep respect and liking for Mr Northam.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October:** were agreed and signed by the chairman, proposed PN, seconded AC.
- 4. Matters Arising:** DH to contact Bacton Gas Site who can provide and put it in place a bench of the PC`s choice. The preference was for a locally made, no maintenance, metal bench similar to that in The Street.
- 5. Finance:** (i) Budget: a draft budget for November 2018/19 was circulated showing an anticipated expenditure of £4443 (a £129 decrease on the previous year) with an expected credit balance at November 2019 of £5861. The budget was accepted. Proposed PK, seconded AC. All agreed. (ii) The Precept to remain at £2250. Precept request form was signed by the chairman and the clerk. Cheques £156 (clerk November), NNDC £411 (Dog bins), Wayne Beauchamp £100 (web site), £196 (clerk December salary and office plus November office, £60(4 Neighbourhood Watch signs).
- 6. Land off School Close:** (i) an email had been received from Mark Herbert-Oakey (local resident) accusing the Parish Council of holding a meeting with NNDC in January 2017 at which they agreed to the proposed development of 14 houses on the land. No such meeting had taken place. After a verbal discussion, MHO had agreed to go back to his source to try to verify this accusation. A written response from

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Knapton PC asking for an explanation would be sent. The PC is doing a difficult job on an entirely voluntary basis and unjustified allegations such as this are not acceptable.

(ii) KPC had received confirmation that Planning Permission had been granted. Peter Kaye agreed to write to John Dougan at NNDC raising the following points (i) the footpath round the west and north boundary of the land had been omitted. Anyone travelling by bus and walking from The Street, Pond Lane or Mundesley Road would have to walk down Hall Lane, into School Close, across the new development and out onto the B1145. All on roads which was dangerous and unacceptable. (ii) There appeared to be no position for the flagpole on the new plans. (iii) confirmation that previously agreed amendments to the original plan were to be put in place.

7. Playground equipment/fencing Report: AY and PL had inspected the playground following the October meeting. He had spoken to Sonia Shutter at NNDC, who confirmed that money for equipment could be available in 2019. It had been suggested that the playground area should be extended to the Hall Lane boundary. AY produced a plan of the proposed playground improvements. Copies were circulated for the PC to study. AY suggested the PC visit the newly installed Paston Playground. Firm decisions as to fencing/equipment should be made at the January meeting. £4000 was available from NNDC and further funding could be sought. DH to write to Victory Housing Trust to ask for a contribution as residents of their proposed development would use the playground in the future.

7. Path to Mundesley: mowing costs were £500 a year. Mundesley PC had declined to help with costs. After discussion it was agreed that the PC would continue to fund maintenance for one more year.

8. Defibrillator: The Fete Committee had agreed to fund a defibrillator. The telephone box was in a central, lit position. DH to write to BT to ask if one could be placed beside the telephone box and make use of their power supply.

9. Correspondence: had all been circulated.

10. Any Other Business: A plan showing a small amendment to the development of the old Methodist Chapel in Hall Lane had been received. PK asked whether anyone had any comments. There were none and PK would confirm this to NNDC.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.