

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on

Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Alan Young
- 2. Co-option of new member of Knapton Parish Council:** held over until the September meeting.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2017:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed AC, seconded MA. The Minutes of the two May meetings were also agreed and signed, proposed MA, seconded AC.
- 4. Matters Arising:** There were none.
- 5. Cllr Nick Coppack:** (i) Nominations required for Environmental Awards (details from NNDC). (ii) NNDC is supporting a film festival bring old film footage of our resorts , to be screened at four North Norfolk coastal villages. (iii) Police Public Engagement meetings are open to the public and held on a quarterly basis during August at Fakenham, Holt and Wells. (iv) Small businesses are being warned to be wary about signing contracts promising to secure a reduction in business rates, but ending up costing thousands. Applying for small-business rate relief is free and can be done via NNDC at any time. Any small business suspecting they may have signed such a contract should contact Citizens Advice.
- 6. Finance:** The clerk reported a current credit balance of £4272 after all accounts paid. These were: Knapton Village Hall, Rent £132.00, Robert Heydon £100, cutting of footpath to Mundesley, Clerk salary for July, office expenses £22.08, repayment for Dog Bin (£85), £260.63. NNDC £199.68, empty dog bin. HM revenue and customs £9.60 tax due on salary.

7. Planning Application PF/17/0876: No objections from the PC. Handed to Peter Kaye.

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8. Millennium Field: It was believed that a new Planning Application was imminent. Until it was received, the PC could do nothing.

9. Madra Lease: was understood to be ready to sign and awaiting the address of the third of the three Madra Trustees needed to sign the lease. It was agreed that a time limit be set for the signing of the new lease, or the PC would have to consider what to do with the land. Alan Young to be asked to write to Graham Quinton to request the address. It had been agreed at an earlier meeting that the new lease should be signed before Trunchonbury took place at the end of August. PL pointed out that the land was being kept in a tidy condition by Madra, saving the PC the cost of upkeep. Equally, were Madra to give up the land, they would have to re-instate the fence between the land and School Close, which would be costly. PL would speak to Graham Quinton in AY`s absence, to try to obtain the third address.

10. Possible new Home Watch: The original NW scheme had ceased. PL asked Georgina Neatherway whether she would be prepared to set up a new scheme. She would. DH to pass the file to GN.

11. Correspondence: (i) Local Green Space Designation: to be considered at the next meeting. (ii) Community Pond Project: to be considered at the next meeting. (iii) Offshore wind farm letter: to be considered at the next meeting. (iv) A letter enquiring about possible about a family called Roberts, who used to live in Knapton, was read out. No one had any knowledge of the family. Parish records might show something.

(v) letter received from Mark Herbert-Okey of School Close, Knapton. There was some discussion with MHO about the content

of the letter and to what had brought it about. This was that a note had been given to all occupants of School Close, asking them not to carry out `gardening` on the KPC land behind their houses. Other issues, such as the signing of the Madra lease, and mention of sale of the KPC land to Victory Housing Trust for building, as an alternative site to the Millennium field were raised. After some discussion, DBL apologised if he had upset anyone. He then handed the clerk a letter of resignation from membership of the Parish Council. DH and Nick Coppack both

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regretted his decision and said what a pleasure it had been working with him. All PC members in agreement. DBL said that one of the main reasons for his resignation was the frustration at the lack of satisfactory response from NNDC to anything raised by the PC.

12. Any Other Business: None

13. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm.