

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: Alan Young (Chairman), Andrew Clayton, Michelle de Vries, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Peter Neatherway, Dee Holroyd (clerk), Cllr Ed Maxfield.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Nick Coppack.
- 2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st May:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed AC, seconded PK.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Ed Maxfield was asked to request Highways to repaint the dotted lines at the north end of Hall Lane.
- 4. Finance, Cash Book and Audit:** the clerk reported a current credit balance of £5566. Cheques were agreed £346.42, clerk/office for two months. Mowing path to Mundesley £100.00. The Audit was signed by the chairman and the clerk and the cash book was circulated and signed by the chairman, clerk and one parish councillor. New bank signatory mandates were signed by AC and PN.
- 5. Mr Peter Evans, Neighbourhood Watch.** Mr Evans explained that the scheme was designed to improve interaction between neighbours. Crime reduction had been found to be in NW areas. Signs were available, large rigid ones for £15, large stickers for £2 and small window stickers were free. The Co-op offered a ten percent reduction to any member of a NW scheme. Membership was free. The scheme received no funding and speakers paid their own travel expenses. The PC agreed that £200 would be put aside to spend on signs to support the scheme, to be publicised in the next Knapton News. MdeV suggested Bacton Gas Site might help with funding and Cllr EM would consult NALC. 101 was the number to dial in case of need. A response from Bacton police was more likely than from North Walsham, where only four police officers were stationed. The local organised could hold names of local male residents who might be willing to deter any suspect by simply walking past. Local organisers were covered by NW insurance. AY thanked Georgina for organising the

visit from Mr Evans and Knapton`s Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Mr Evans was thanked for his talk and left the meeting.

- 6. Land off School Close, PF/17/1675:** AY asked whether everyone knew about the Planning Committee meeting on 15th May, where permission to build 14 houses on the land, had been granted. Minutes to be available on 15th June. MdV would like to know the names of those who voted against the scheme, so they could be thanked. An archeological dig had been carried out, a few artifacts found and sent away for expert identification. More would be known in about the end of June. AY had received a call from the architect for the scheme, Richard Pike. There had been discussion about more flint being used and leaving the 71 trees planted in memory of people of Knapton. AY had had been asked about the positions of specifically dedicated trees. It was not certain one existed. MdV said the letters of protest sent to NNDC had at least achieved some improvements in the scheme . AY had written to John Dougan (NNDC) about Section 106 agreement to confirm that all houses to be built would be affordable homes not to be sold on the open market. MdV was concerned that, due to parking in School Close, a fire engine would not be able to pass. Apparently in emergency, a fire engine would push cars aside. PK thanked all those who had spoken at the Planning Committee meeting on 15th June.
- 7. Madra Lease:** nothing to report. The meeting closed to allow discussion on continuing removal of trees and other activities being carried out on the land behind school close, belonging to the PC. This was currently being mown by Madra. It could not be sold and Madra had an obligation to replace the fence between the land and that owned by Madra, if they wished to give up the land. Georgina Neatherway asked whether the Madra land could become a caravan site. MdV suggested approaching the Charities Commission.

8. Any Other Business: (i) AC confirmed that the trees on the B1145 which had caused concern, were to be felled. Temporary traffic lights would be in place during felling. (ii) AY reported that NNDC had made an error when renewing the Precept. This resulted in an extra charge of £2.59 per annum per house in Band D. At the April meeting the PC had decided not to accept the increase. AY had received a letter from Duncan Ellis (head of Finance at NNDC) offering a one off payment of £4000 to pay for play equipment, if the PC accepted the current Precept. It was unanimously agreed to accept this offer. DH to write. (iii) AY suggested the PC press for a speed limit in Hall lane. (iv) DH asked for the legs of the sign supporting the Knapton Village and Church signs, to be repainted, using funding from Cllr Ed Maxfield`s allowance. EM also asked to consult Highways re flooding at the north end of Hall Lane. (v) A new PC member was needed. The position had been advertised and Steve Hammond would be co-opted at the July meeting. (vi) MdV asked for anything for the Knapton News to be with her by 15th June.

9. Date of next Meeting: 3rd July

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.