

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd
March 2015 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Alan Young (Vice-Chairman), Mary Allen, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).
Councillor Graham Jones, seven members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Sue Wilkins
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2015** were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed AY, seconded PK.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The last allotment had been let.
- 4. Finance:** No change since the previous month, apart from payment to the Clerk and for the website.
- 5. Declarations of Interest:** Peter Kaye, Pigneys Wood.
- 6. Madra:** It was agreed that as Madra had still not come forward with trustees willing to sign a new lease, the use of the land should remain with them until after the May election, when the situation could be looked at again.
- 7. Footpath to Mundesley:** Currently parts of the proposed path were very muddy. AY to speak to Steve Hammond about cutting back of the hedge.
- 8. Millennium Field:** Nicola Turner of Victory Housing had asked for an informal meeting with a member of the Parish Council. DBL would contact her.
- 9. Speeding in The Street, Knapton:** To be left to the end of the meeting.
- 10. Correspondence:** One planning application. No objections. DH to inform NNDC.
- 11. Any Other Business:** (i) AY asked if the PC would like Andrew Claydon to continue to mow the Millennium Field. All agreed that they would. (ii) DH to ask the Village Hall Committee to look at cleaning the heaters, which were blocked with dust. (iii) PL raised the question of the meeting in Trunch on the 23rd March at 7.00 to

discuss the proposed possible funding of PCSOs by the Parish Councils. DBL to attend. (iv) DH reported that progress was being made of the gift to Mundesley PC of the land at Fourways.

12. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 7th April.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm to allow for discussion from the floor.

- (i) Speeding in The Street, Knapton. Questionnaires had been delivered in The Street and response was awaited. Volunteers to train for community speed watch were needed from Hall Lane. AY to ask a neighbour. The application for funding for a VAS sign had been put in and a decision was expected by the end of the month. It was generally agreed that solar lighting would be preferable to batteries. BL asked whether Madra might be available as a venue for fund raising events. It was felt that the Chairman of Madra would be willing and helpful and the land owned by the PC was available on six days in a year. There was discussion on the possible location of the sign. GJ reported that in the feedback he had seen from the village, the overwhelming opinion was that a speed restriction of 20mph should be in place in The Street. BL asked for the 30mph sign at the top of The Street to be slightly turned round to make it more visible. GJ had spoken to the Jane Bailey at the Bacton Gas site and she had reported that their vehicles were not using The Street.
- (ii) GJ reported his concern that the application from Weatherspoons would result in only 50 poorly paid jobs and would not benefit the immediate area. He would like to see high tech, skilled jobs created in the area.
- (iii) Hopkins Homes, which was putting up 176 houses on the Norwich Road, was building no affordable housing and the cost to the County Council and the local community of providing schooling etc. would be high. Planning issues were

becoming more difficult to object to because of rule changes and financial benefit to the district councils. GJ had asked for an independent investigation into the provision of schools by Hopkins Homes and warned those present to be very aware of future planning applications.

- (iv) Liz Winter reported that Shell funding had come to an end for the Knapton News. She had received two quotes of £135 for colour and £85 for black and white. Some funding would be coming from two other companies at the gas site, but it was possible that some could also be required from the PC.
 - (ii) Asbestos had been found in the church which would cost £12,500 to remove. The Heritage Lottery had been impressed by the application of the PCC for extra funding and hopefully a decision would be made soon. In the meantime the tower was closed. The next fund raising event would be on 23rd May, 2015.
- (v) LW reported that the village hall was now owned by the church but would still be run by the Village Hall Committee, which could now apply for funding.
- (vi) Karen Herbert-Okey reported that the new flag was more difficult to repair than the old one and for that reason she had been taking it down during very windy weather. It was currently flying.