

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall.

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chairman), Pat Lee (Vice-Chairman), David Bishop-Leggett, Andrew Claydon, John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Cllrs Greg Hayman (NNDC), Ed Maxfield (NCC), four members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Cllr Ed Maxfield, Cllr Greg Hayman: Cllr Greg Hayman introduced himself. NNDC was introducing a, widely questioned, Corporate Plan resulting in a slow start since the May elections.

- a. The Government Development Plan requiring new housing in Mundesley would impact on Knapton by increasing traffic on the B1145. Plans yet to be released.
- b. NNDC was seeking co-operation from local bodies, councils, schools etc to plant eleven thousand trees in Norfolk.
- c. NNDC assets should be financially sustainable and available to the public as much as was possible.

Questions:

PL - `Could new (road) infrastructure be put in place prior to new development?`

No. The new development might not follow.

LW said new doctors could not be attracted to the area.

JL `Were the houses to be built by developers`

Yes. NNDC was trying to build to meet local needs. NNDC would like to build more homes, especially to reduce the cost of temporary housing, sometimes in hotels, born by the taxpayer.

DBL `Should Highways not be consulted about development. There are already traffic problems on the B1145`

Highways were consulted.

Asked if NNDC could refuse to find sites for house building GH replied that in that case the Government would simply designate land without

any local consultation. New housing was currently aimed at areas with better transport, i.e. North Walsham.

PN. `We are looking to get local traffic control, can the PC expect NNDC support?`

Highways are NCC.

PL `Was the Land off School Close sold to VHT at current market price? ` *This was before GH was elected. Any such money would be ring fenced for future housing needs. `*

AY `What is the tree planting plan, trees planted in Knapton had subsequently been cut down for development`
NNDC needs co-operation to locate suitable tree planting areas. Highways Allotments (shown on a NNDC interactive map), would be suitable. Any new planting would have to have a watering system in place.

JL `Would there be funding for trees and hedgerows? ` *Hedgerows were not currently included in the current scheme. Some trees might be available.*

Cllr Ed Maxfield: EM had sent his report ahead of the meeting he added:

- a. People should question their new MP, when in place, about GP recruitment.
- b. EM was trying to get NCC to take a more strategic position in local traffic problems, particularly in villages. Currently any input resulted from the number of incidents recorded.
- c. NCC has a legal responsibility to ensure enough school places. New housing could lead to temporary increase of space in existing schools, before new ones were built.
- d. PN asked whether there could be funding for local schemes to slow traffic. Cost of five schemes wished for in Knapton would be about eighteen thousand pounds. EM, only the existing fund. Possibly some money for village gates. EM would meet PN to discuss further. DH to arrange.
- e. A Full Council Meeting had discussed the new environmental policy, including tree planting. Boundaries were to be altered to try to get roughly the same number of voters in each ward. Comments can be made up to mid-February.

- f. NDR – had overspent and there were safety issues. Information on the NCC website.
- g. Early age grants were in place for anyone providing services for 0-2 year olds.
- h. Funding was in place for Pocket Parks.
PN `would land with no road access be suitable.
EM `yes`.

CLLrs EM and GH left the meeting (8.10pm).

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on October 8th: were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed LW, seconded AY.

5. Matters Arising:

- (i) PL asked about sharing the cost of cutting the path to Mundesley with Mundesley PC. They had been approached twice and refused. DH to write to ask them again.
- (ii) Draft licence for Car Park to be discussed under item 9.
- (iii) Playground matting had been laid. Playground inspection carried out. There had been some minor vandalism, a removed screw, replaced by PL. PL asked whether those will to do a recommended weekly inspection could have a days` training, shared perhaps with Paston and Southrepps. DH to find out. MADRA had suffered some vandalism. A night time security camera was suggested. PN had a meeting with MADRA scheduled for 7th December and would know more after that.
- (iv) DH to contact Mundesley PC to ask again for help with the cost of cutting the path to Mundesley (£500 annually). This had been refused twice. DH to request reason for refusal if given again.
- (v) Speed Watch update: JL reported Stage 2 of Civilian Liaison had been passed by the 7 volunteers in place. A Risk Assessment meeting would be held in January with a view to carrying out the watch in the spring. JL was providing PC support.
- (vi) The Churchyard had been cut and the Parish Council had paid £250 to the Knapton Church Fund.

6. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

AY:

- a. Plans had been received for the Barns at Old Hall Farm. AY had visited neighbours. AY was concerned about the access on to Hall

Lane. It was hoped the 30mph speed restriction would be extended to beyond this. (PN confirmed this could be done but cost to the PC would be £7000).

- b. AY had met with Sharon Garth at NNDC, who was happy with playground spending. DH to write to thank NNDC. A plaque should be put on the site – action AY.
- c. AY had been to the Bacton Gas Site meeting. Nothing to report.

LW: Footpaths were in good order.

DH to ask for a street sweeper in Knapton.

DBL: reported building was progressing well on the Land off School Close. He was concerned about the western border and hedge cutting.

DBL would remind VHT that this was their responsibility. AY asked about siting for the beacon. Nothing yet decided. AY suggested it could go back to MADRA. For decision at the February meeting.

JL: showed the meeting pictures of two possible speed reduction signs. Both battery powered, battery life about two weeks. Could be sited on the main road. Data collection was possible. Cost £3695. PN and DH to investigate grant funding.

- 7. Finance, Budget and Precept for 2019-2020:** the clerk circulated a budget showing a predicted small overspend. The budget was agreed by all. Precept to remain at present £4250. Precept Application was signed by the chairman and the clerk. A cheque for £208 for clerk, office and travel was signed.
- 8. Operation London Bridge:** the clerk had attended a NPTS training day. Operation London Bridge is the code name for action to be taken in case of death of the sovereign.
 - a. A flag flying code during the days of mourning is in place. DH to advise DBL when necessary.
 - b. A book of condolence could be placed in the church. This should be loose-leaf and on bespoke paper (cost about 10-15p per sheet, to be bound at a cost of about £40). LW suggested some pages should be put in the church and a decision on binding made when use had been identified. All agreed.
- 9. Car Park Security:** A draft licence had been received from Victory Housing Trust. PL said locking the car park was not practical. There were two uprights to be padlocked and no-one would want to take on this responsibility. After discussion, it was agreed that DH would write

to VHT to ask whether they would release the car park keys without a Licence in place, for a trial period of three months. All agreed.

10.Any other business:

- a. AY suggested a plaque to be placed by the Defibrillator. Action AY.
- b. LW asked about adult gym equipment for the village. It was agreed that the upkeep would be too expensive, and the plan was shelved.
- c. LW asked whether hedging removed for access to the Land off School Close would be replaced. Yes.
- d. LW asked about the old footpath from Knapton Green. VHT would not replace the section over their land but there would be access to the bus stop through the new development.
- e. PL asked about a security camera for the allotments. A camera could be funded from deposit money not returned. No progress. A sign `Allotment Holders Only` would help prevent walkers on the site.

11.Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th February.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.