

(DRAFT) Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council
held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Knapton
on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), Pat Lee (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Keith Lawrence, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Greg Hayman, NNDC

2. Co-option of new Parish Councillor:

The position having been duly advertised, Tracy Smith was unanimously welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council. Proposed PN, seconded LW.

3. Cllr Ed Maxfield reported:

- a) 1000 emergency calls to Highways with 200 trees down after the recent high winds and rain.
- b) EM forwarded Public Health updates on the Pandemic where appropriate and would deal with any queries he received.
- c) EM's proposed Eco Awards scheme had been broadly accepted by NCC and
- d) Budget cuts and the Pandemic at NCC are in place. EM criticised the expansion of the NCC car park and other building, when so few are working there.
- e) Currently plans to restructure local government by getting rid of either local or county councils, are on hold.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September:

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed LW, seconded KL.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Footpath to Knapton Green:

KL had been unable to arrange a meeting between himself, PN and Steve Hammond but hoped to do so this week and would report to the Parish Council

b) Transfer of land at Wild's Way:

The council is just waiting for the land registry documents to be completed by Victory.

c) Six "dog waste" signs:

These were ready to put up. KL offered to help. AY pointed out that the signs should not clutter the village. Signs will be on the playground, Knapton Green and on Knapton Green

d) Litter bin:

A request from a member of the public had been put in for a litter bin at the north end of Hall Lane. KL has one and DH would get an estimate for the cost of emptying based on the bin described. PN asked PC members to come to the next meeting with a decision as to whether a bin was required.

6. Parish Councillor's Reports:

- a) **LW ::** Anglia Water were going ahead with the water sewerage project, but with less money available there would be access points to the system and people might have to pay their own connection charges. St Peter's Close would be accessed from Pond Lane
- b) **TS ::** asked whether the Parish Council held fund raising events. PN said that the council does not normally fund raise but that a one-off planned event had been cancelled due to Covid19. This would be reviewed for next year, Covid19 restrictions allowing
- c) **JL :: Community Speed Watch:** Judith Bathway, Community Speed Watch Officer, had walked the "course" and agreed positions for the watchers. PN asked if these would conflict with the speed signs, once in place but it was agreed that this would not be a problem. Training was not available due to Covid19. PL asked whether training from someone already police trained, could be an alternative. PN would ask our Police Liaison officer, PC Paul Gwynn, if there was an option
- d) **PL ::** All Allotments are currently let. The security camera was most effective
- e) **AY ::** No new planning applications received

7. Allocation of Houses on Wilds Way:

The PC had been approached by a couple who had lived in Knapton for over 30 years and whose daughter, born in the village and currently living in Trimingham, had applied for a house on Wilds Way. She had been turned down as being ineligible, as had the daughter of a School Close resident. At a public meeting attended by Victory Housing Trust before the development was started, the village was told that priority would be given to people with a "direct family links" to Knapton. All the rental houses were now let. The PC had not been kept informed and it was not known whether the shared ownership houses were taken. PN had written to Duncan Baker MP requesting his support in challenging the allocation system. He was being extremely helpful and PN would continue to pursue this as the PC felt extremely strongly that people with a genuine connection to the village were being bypassed. AY asked whether we could get a list of those to whom the houses had been allocated. This might be possible under Freedom of Information. TS said residents of a similar development in Bacton had been asked about their connection to that village.

8. Finance

a) **Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported a current credit balance of £6,500, the second Precept payment having been received. Cheque £175 (clerk/office) and £119 (purchase of dog signs) were signed

b) **Budget for 2020/21**

PN reminded the PC that the next meeting included setting the Budget for 2020/21. The PC had agreed high expenditure this year and he proposed asking for an increase in Precept of £2000. The believed cost to a Band D household of this increase would be £4.50 a year per household. (DH to check this amount was currently correct).

9. SAM2 Camera Installation:

Westcotec contacted PN and said that the camera posts would be installed within the next week.

10. MADRA Lease:

All documents have been signed and returned and the council is now waiting for the solicitor, Jonathan Care of Hansells, to complete the lease arrangements.

11. North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Grant:

The deadline for grant applications is 2nd November. It was agreed that PN and KL would attempt to obtain the farmers and landowners support and permission to convert the current concessionary paths from Knapton to Mundesley and Knapton Green into official "trods", for which grant funds could be applied for. PL was concerned about the cost of upkeep. This would probably be less than current mowing costs of £500-700. KL would try to arrange a meeting between Steve Hammond (who farms the land), PN and himself for his advice and then approach the landowners to try to get their consent before any application would be considered.

12. Highways:

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence Received:

The Parish Clerk advised that all correspondence received had been circulated.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd November

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.