

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 6th April at 7.30 pm by video link**

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

Apologies for Absence: Tracy Smith

1. Declarations of Interest: none

2. Cllr Ed Maxfield: Greg Hayman:

Cllr EM had sent his report (attached)

- a. there were no local changes to Polling Stations affecting Knapton
- b. PN asked that EM liaise with AY re trees/hedges for autumn planting
- c. PN asked whether the proposed 30mph limit for Hall Lane was progressing and EM promised to follow up
- d. AY raised the question of possible double yellow lines at the School Close junction. EM would give any help needed

EM left the meeting at 7.35pm.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March:

These were agreed with one small amendment and signed.

Proposed AY, seconded LW.

4. Matters Arising:

- a. £250 towards cost of mowing path to Mundesley had been received from Mundesley PC
- b. Parking in School Close & Acquisition of land on Wild`s Way;
PN asked to move these items to 11.
- c. Registration of Footpaths: A definitive map could be found on Norfolk Footpaths Definitive Maps. This showed all footpaths, bridleways etc. LW would check that all Knapton Footpaths were shown. Any not shown must be registered by January 2026.

5. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

- a. KL had a contact with a motorised pressure washer who would probably be able to clean the graffiti from the railway bridges if National Rail did not.
- b. KL and TS were liaising over the Welcome Pack for new residents and would circulate their proposal.
- c. AY asked whether there had been an application to convert The Elephant Play Barn. There had been a few years ago.
- d. LW confirmed that Anglia Water were planning to start work in Knapton in midsummer. A new BT box had been installed at the B1145 and Trunch road junction.
- e. The path to Mundesley had mostly dried out and was being used.
- f. PL confirmed all allotments in use with two people on the waiting list.

6. Finance:

Expenditure for the year ending 31st March had been £11,263. Income received £10,387. Balance carried forward at year end £2,414. The Audit and cash book could be signed at the May meeting.

7. Knapton Village Hall Car Park:

to be discussed under item 10.

8. Improved Broadband for Knapton:

discussion postponed.

9. Improved digital update for Knapton: GDPR compliance:

discussion postponed

10. Any Other Business:

Acquisition of the car park and land on Wild`s Way

- a. PN had carefully read and circulated the land transfer from Victory Housing Trust to Knapton Parish Council, confirming that the legal costs of the transfer would be just over £1,000.
- b. VHT had imposed a number of easements which could not be removed. These included 15 annual grass cuts, no building on the land, other than for recreation, and responsibility for hedges surrounding the area. This would leave the Parish Council with expensive maintenance costs for land they were unable to utilise.
- c. The Village Hall car park was included in the transfer
PL raised the question of the Licence Agreement between Victory and KPC. This provided use of the car park whilst building by VHT was under way. This expired on completion of building. The car park was essential to the village once the Village Hall was open again.

PN presented three clear options:

- a. To take the land as offered by the Victory Housing Trust - **All against.**
- b. To continue to negotiate with VHT for better terms - **All agreed.**
The PC believed VHT would be unwilling to retain the land due to the expense of upkeep. It was suggested that if they did retain the land, they might build one or more dwelling on it. This was unlikely as no access except via the car park.
- c. To take on the car park only - **All agreed** that this was necessary to the Village Hall users.

PN and KL would re-open discussions with VHT as soon as possible.

11. Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th May to be held in Knapton Village Hall (subject to approval by the VHC)

This would comprise of;

- a. Annual Parish Council Meeting - start time 7.00pm.
- b. The monthly council meeting for May - start time 7.30pm