

**Minutes of an Annual Knapton Parish Meeting held on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm in Knapton Village Hall**

**Present:** David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman Knapton PC), Mary Allen, Andrew Claydon, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

Cllr Nick Coppack

Members of the public: Liz Winter, Vi Haynes, Marian Sayer, Angus Robertson, Susan and Johathon Sayer, Bea Gatfield, Chris Heath, Peter Gray.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Peter Kaye.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Village Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016:** had been signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Address by the Chairman of the Parish Council:** The Chairman reported that (i) no further planning application had been put in on the Millennium Field. Following a presentation by Victory Housing Trust last year, comments received from the village included a request for more bungalows, rather than houses to be built. Once a planning application has been put in, the village will be fully involved. (ii) A path to Mundesley was now in place. There had been a walk on 1<sup>st</sup> May and the path was in a reasonable state. The Parish Council would arrange for it to be cut. Last year there had been four cuts. PL reported rubbish which would need to be cleared and asked for the entrance to the path opposite the Elephant Barn to be more apparent.
- 5. Reports on the Fete, Madra, Pigneys Wood, Knapton News, Allotments.** (i) AY reported the Fete had been a success due to the generosity of the Hammond family in allowing their garden to be used, and had raised about £1000. There was about £9000 in the bank, which was available for good causes in the village.

Playground equipment had been suggested. (ii) Madra: PL reported (a) that the PC had taken over responsibility for the play area. New bark was in place and a new post had been delivered. The next items to address were the climbing frame and the slide. (b) Trunchonbury would go ahead. It was well organised with good security in place. As a family event, no trouble was anticipated. Access from Hall Lane would be for emergency and service vehicles only, with all other access being from the B1145, with Highways agreement. (iii) Pigneys Wood: PK was not at the meeting had asked that it be reported that volunteers were needed. (iv) Knapton News: Liz Winter reported that the four planned editions had been achieved with funding help from the Bacton Gas site. Printing was done by East Coast Plastics and the bank balance stood at about £1000. Tricia Doidge was kindly putting the magazine together (letter of thanks from the PC to be sent) and Karen Herbert-Okey had a delivery team in place. LW requested matter for the next edition to be in by 18<sup>th</sup> June, this would cover the church coffee morning and the fete. The Chairman thanked LW for her hard work which kept the magazine going. (iv) Allotments: Peter Gray reported that he had had an allotment since 2001 which had taken a year to clear. The land had been donated to Knapton PC by Miss Robinson and comprised 12 strips of land, each to be divided into three. These were now fully let providing an income for the PC in 2016/17 of £180 . New tenants paid a £20 refundable deposit, ensuring their allotment would be left in a tidy state. Allotment rents are passed to the parish clerk by PG together with a map of current lets. There is no running water or other facility on the land. PG said there were good relations amongst the tenants, and Pat Lee in particular was extremely helpful to everyone there. There are no current vacancies. (v) Bacton Gas Site: AY had attended the last meeting. The Gas Site would be venting on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The coastal path would be diverted. Only four complaints had been received in the past year.

- 6. Financial Report:** The clerk reported spending last year of £3890 and a current credit balance of £5385. Accounts were always available to be seen and would be put on the website.

**7. The Future of Knapton Village Hall.** MA reported that the Chairman of the Village Hall, Nicholas Holroyd, had asked that the PC take on a long

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8. lease of the hall, so funding could be applied for. DBL pointed out that this would mean the PC taking long term responsibility for the hall. £120,000 was needed to upgrade the hall, which would remain in the ownership of the Diocesan Board. AY suggested the Men`s Club, which was available to the village, would be a better alternative. Madra was not considered suitable. It was agreed that the PC would apply for a fifty year lease. If another, more suitable venue was found, the lease need not be taken up. DH to write to Rev Andrew James.

Cllr Nick Coppack reported (i) his disappointment in the state of the Millennium Field and hedges and the failure of Steve Blatch of NNDC to respond to a letter sent in January. This was despite frequent reminders from Cllr NC. (ii) He was surprised by the number of cars parked in School Close. (iii) Due to coming elections, there had been few meetings at NNDC and there was nothing to report. Cllr NC left the meeting.

**9. Public Questions:** (i) Marian Sayer asked about a possible speed limit in Pond Lane. Speeding on small roads was a widespread problem. Susan Sayer asked about a speed regulating sign. The PC had agreed to obtain a grant to match fund for one to be situated in The Street, but no fund raising had been done by the people making the initial request. (ii) Susan Sayer reported that the local bus service was very poor. Connections with Mundesley or North Walsham were difficult. There were no amenities in Knapton so people without cars needed buses to reach shops, doctors etc. She asked whether the PC could write

to NCC and ask for the Sanders No 5 bus to be combined with the No 34 through Trunch and Knapton. DH to write.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.