

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), Pat Lee (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Keith Lawrence, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk) , Andy Brooks, resident.

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1. Apologies for Absence: Alan Young, Tracy Smith, Cllr Ed Maxfield (NCC)
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. Cllr Ed Maxfield had sent in his report which had been circulated. PN asked the councillors to read the report on potholes and send any comment to DH.
4. Minutes of the Annual Village and Annual Parish Meetings held on Tuesday 1st June: were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed LW seconded KL.
5. Matters Arising: None
6. Parish Councillor's Reports:  
PL said the Allotment Committee would shortly do an inspection and holders of two allotments would be given time to tidy them or they could be asked to give them up.  
LW reported that Anglia Water would not now start work on mains drains in the village until September. This was due to damage caused to their infrastructure earlier in the year, but was causing problems to some residents who were waiting on the work commencing. LW would put a report in the Knapton News.
7. Highways Streetscene Inspectors visit on 12<sup>th</sup> July:  
Councillors were asked to report any potholes and other problems to DH who would pass them on to the Inspectors. LW reported a pothole in Lawn Close which needed re-repairing.
8. High Speed Broadband Project:  
JL gave an overview of the Parish Council project and explained how the PC is trying to generate enough interest from parishioners so that it can work in partnership with BT to bring "Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband" to the village. PN explained that the project was subject to cost and that Government Grants were available to all private households (£1500) and businesses (£3500) who declared an interest. JL had written an information page which had been included in the last Knapton News. People need to sign up in order to bring this to the village. It was decided to put a flier with a return slip, printed on yellow paper and written by JL, in the next edition of the Knapton News (due out in early August) and for councillors to collect them a week or so later. KL was happy to do this. Others would help.
9. Charging point for electric cars:  
LW had noted from Ed Maxfield's report that funding might be available for a charging point. PN had investigated this but advised that the VH Car Park might not be an ideal location and it was agreed that currently these were not needed in the village and could be looked into at a later date when problems had been ironed out.
10. 30mph speed restriction on B1145 between Knapton & Swafield:  
Requests had been received from Swafield PC to help to extend the 40mph on the B1145 towards Knapton, Mundesley PC to extend the 30mph limit on the B1145 towards Knapton and from a resident to extend the 30mph limit on Pond Lane in the Mundesley direction. LW suggested a

meeting of the three PCs involved. PN would draft a letter to Mundesley and Swafield PCs and include Cllr Ed Maxfield and Duncan Baker MP. In the meantime DH would confirm to PCs that KPC was supporting their requests. Criteria for a 40mph limit was needed.

#### 11. Any Other Business:

##### Pond and Path to Knapton Green

KPC had been unable to discover the owner of the land behind the pond on Wild`s Way over which the proposed path to Knapton Green would pass and PN felt that the path should be implemented now anyway. KL pointed out that crops would be harvested soon so landowners concerned would need confirmation that the planned path would go ahead. It was understood that funding might be available from NNDC. PN said that a `dip` would need to be levelled out, KL said he had contacts who could do this. The dip could be draining farm land so PL would consult Steve Hammond. DH to confirm with Came & Co that councillors doing any work on the path were covered by insurance.

##### Knapton Angels

The council unanimously decided to maintain the Knapton Angels on a permanent basis as it was felt that the service has become relied on by many parishioners.

##### Grass Cutting

It was agreed that PL should obtain quotes to cut the grass areas around the village.

#### 12. Finance :

the clerk reported a current credit balance of £3,400. Of this £2,000 was earmarked for the balance of the cost of the 30mph extension in Hall Lane to Butterfly walk. Precept £3,125, was due in September.

#### 13. Any Other Business:

As there was to be no Fete this year PN proposed holding a Bonfire Night on MADRA, lighting the Beacon and combining this with a hog roast and some of the stalls from the Fete. It was agreed to hold this on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00, subject to agreement of the Fete Committee. In the meantime the Beacon had to be erected. This required digging a hole (Andrew Claydon) and concreting in. The Fete Committee might fund this.

LW asked about cars in School Close. The PC is awaiting report from Court Action taken by the Victory Housing Trust.

A suggestion was made of holding a Village Garage Sale. This was agreed for 31<sup>st</sup> August, KL would organise and maps which would be distributed at the top of The Street. DH to try to find the banner used when NNDC visited the Land off School Close. Householders would pay £5 to sign up. A flier would go into the next Knapton News.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

#### **Public Questions:**

Andy Brooks of Wild`s Way asked why the Defibrillator at MADRA was not working. This was due to current issues.

Andy Brooks asked whether a Community Speed Watch could be put in place to monitor speeding on the B1145 and in Hall Lane. JL explained that this had been set up two years ago but failed due to lack of access to training by the Police.