

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held in Knapton Village Hall On Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk) Cllr. Ed Maxfield NCC, one member of the public.

1) Apologies for Absence:

Pat Lee, Cllr Greg Hayman, NNDC

2) Declarations of Interest:

none

3) Cllr Ed Maxfield reported:

- a) Steve White was the NCC person to approach re cutting of verges. PN asked whether Knapton PC could do the cutting and get repaid by NCC. This was possible, with NCC specifying the verges they would normally cut. PN to contact Steve White to identify these. EM confirmed that this year NCC had cut fewer verges across the county, reason given to encourage wildlife and flowers. Currently there was no flexibility, but it was hoped over time verges obscuring visibility would be cut. EM would try to identify these areas. PN confirmed that they were mostly in the `quiet lanes`.
- b) PN will talk to Steve White about the extended 30mph speed limit.
- c) Extension of 30mph speed limits across Norfolk: would not be implemented before 2023. A backlog of current work meant an 18-month delay before starting. LW reported that Swafield PC wished to meet with Knapton PC to discuss the extension of the speed limit between Swafield and Knapton. EM would investigate the criteria for extending the limit to the North Walsham end of Hall Lane.
- d) EM would attend a meeting between Victory Housing Trust and Knapton PC when it could be arranged.
- e) PN invited EM to attend a meeting between Knapton PC and Duncan Baker MP on Friday 10th September

PN thanked EM for attending and he left the meeting at 7.40pm.

4) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th July:

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

5) Matters Arising:

- a) Untidy allotment had been tidied and re-let
- b) Potholes in Lawn Close had been reported but still not repaired
- c) High Speed Broadband: this might come in 2025. In the meantime, 32 households had registered interest of which 7 were businesses. Private houses would attract a £1,500 grant and businesses £3,500. JL believed more interest was to come. PN would like to have around 50 but would approach BT to discover what was a viable number and whether BT might carry out a survey to present a cost proposal.
- d) 30 mph speed restriction B1145 from Swafield to Knapton: KPC were happy to meet with Swafield and Mundesley PCs and suggested inviting Highways to meeting.

- e) Path to Knapton Green: Chris heath had offered use of his digger to clear woodland on the path, which would offer a safe alternative to the busy B1145
- f) Proposed bonfire night at MADRA: PN asked whether the PC wished to go ahead with this. The beacon would not be put on land owned by MADRA. PN and PL had found a safe alternative.
- g) Flagship (VHT) action on unauthorised parking in the Village Hall Car Park: no information to date
- h) Village garage sale: would not take place
- i) Defibrillator at the Village Hall was checked weekly and in good working order

6) Parish Councillor's Reports:

- a) PL had asked for an update on the faded 30mph signs. These had been reported, no action yet
- b) LW reported that Anglia Water would start work on mains drainage in Knapton in October. Initial work will be at the pumping station so traffic to Paston will be diverted down the Paston Road. PN asked when the junction at the top of The Street, Hall Lane and the B1145 would be dug up. This might not happen as the pipe might be taken behind White House Farm, avoiding the junction. More information would be available later. A public meeting was suggested at a time to be advised by LW.
- c) JL reported there had been no calls on The Knapton Angels. LW confirmed that she was still doing deliveries and the telephone calls to people living alone continued.
- d) AY raised the lack of hedge cutting by VHT around Wild's Way. PN would raise this with Duncan Baker MP. VHT are entirely responsible for this work.

7) Finance

Financial Report: The Clerk reported a current credit balance of £4,300, the second Precept due this month. £2,000 was allocated to cost of reduced speed limit in Hall Lane, a further £5,000 coming from the Fete Committee.

8) Verge Cutting in Knapton:

This had already been discussed (item 3)

9) Any Other Business:

AY asked about the state of the hedge surrounding Wild's Way and suggested the PC cut it and invoice the Victory Housing Trust. PN explained that the PC was in touch with VHT about this and the matter would be referred to Duncan Baker MP at a meeting later in the week.

LW asked whether a public meeting should be held in the church, which was a larger indoor space and had a speaker system recently installed.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th October.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm