

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council

held in Knapton Village Hall on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), Pat Lee (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). One member of the public.

1) Apologies for Absence:

Jackie Hall, Ed Maxfield NCC.

- a) County Councillor Ed Maxfield's report had been circulated.
- b) NNDC District Councillor Wendy Frederick had kindly sent her report in the absence of one from Cllr Greg Haymen. This had been circulated and PN congratulated PL on obtaining it for the PC. NNDC had spare trees. PN would follow this up to try and arrange delivery.

2) Declarations of Interest:

None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February:

These were agreed with one amendment. The Transfer of the Car Park had not been signed and was awaiting amended transfer from Hansells. Minutes were signed by the Chairman, proposed LW, seconded JL.

4) Matters Arising:

- a) New Housing in North Walsham: awaiting report from Cllr EM. DH, with references supplied by JL, would draft a short response supporting the Local Plan, in particular affordable housing, and opposing second home ownership and asking about infrastructure to support new housing. This to be in by 7th March
- b) County Broadband: nothing further to report
- c) Speed restrictions B1145: Traffic count data was being collected by Knapton and Swafield PCs
- d) Playground repairs and maintenance: PL would ask ALS Lawns and Fencing to quote for immediate repairs and a maintenance contract in line with the recommendations from the Play report
- e) Transfer of Car Park to Knapton PC: had been covered in item 4
- f) Friends of Knapton Church: to be discussed later in the meeting

5) Parish Councillor's Reports:

- a) PL reported all allotments taken with a waiting list of local residents.
- b) LW
 - i) LW had had an email from Anglia Water. Work on the mains drains was progressing well. The Street would be closed between 9th May and 6th June
 - ii) LW had written to ask for permission for the beacon to be erected within the churchyard. PL had obtained a quote of circa £200 for this. LW proposed and JL seconded
 - iii) All councillors agreed that PN should approach Flagship to fund this but if they refused the PC would fund it

6) Finance Report:

The Clerk reported a current credit balance of £5,500. Two payments, Clerk/office £178.75 and Flagpole repair £40 had been made since the previous meeting. A copy of the accounts to date had been circulated.

7) Friends of Knapton Church:

PN reminded the meeting that it had agreed to set this up, after which the PC should step back. PN would draw up a plan for approval at the next PC meeting, making the point that he felt it was important draw the distinction between support for the building and not for the religion. There may be some costs involved.

8) The Queen`s Platinum Jubilee:

LW and JH had put together a plan to celebrate this. AY confirmed that the Fete Committee would cover the cost of the proposed barbeque, kindly operated by Mal Lee, together with disposable plates and cups. Wine and other drinks would be available in the church. There would be displays in the church, a Street Party, bands and lighting of the beacon, DH to register this. It was agreed that DH would invite Knapton Village Hall Committee, the PCC, MADRA, members of clubs which used the village hall, Katrina of the Knapton Facebook Page and volunteers to meet during the second week in March to discuss. PN would source 50 commemoration mugs to be given to children of the village or sold.

The churchyard had to be mown and cleared before the event.

9) Planning Pf/21/2906 Hunters Light:

An objection had been sent in by the PC.

10) Any Other Business:

- a) AY asked whether PN had approached MADRA to join the Committee. PN was drawing up a letter to circulate the PC for approval before sending to the other six parishes involved, those being; Paston, Mundesley, Trunch, Trimingham, Gimingham and Southrepps.
- b) LW asked if the footpath signs were being put up and PL clarified that he was waiting for a response from one of the landowners. It was agreed to put them up as soon as possible
- c) PL asked whether the PC was going to cut the path to Knapton Green. It was agreed that ALS should be asked to quote for this as well as the path to Mundesley
- d) LW said direct access to Trunch would be blocked in April for drainage works
- e) PN would like to contact Tracey Smith to ask her to return to the PC as a councillor. All agreed

11) Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th April

The meeting closed at 8.45pm