

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.00 pm in Knapton Village Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ed Maxfield would try to get to the meeting later
2. Co-option new Member of the Parish Council: Monika Kemp was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council and joined the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest: none

4. Cllr Ed Maxfield: Greg Hayman: As above
Cllr EM had sent his report (attached)
5. Address by Alex Cole of County Broadband: Would be held at a later date at a public meeting.
6. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March:
These were agreed, and signed by the chairman. Proposed LW, seconded AY.
7. Matters Arising:
 - a. Speed restriction data: Swafield and Mundesley Parish Councils had joined with Knapton with an aim to get a speed reduction on the B1145 between Mundesley and Swafield, It was also hoped to include Pond Lane. Data was being collected and collated. So far this had covered two months, but due to road works the figures may be not be a true record. Highways have a two year period when they will undertake projects outside their normal remit. This project would come into the second year, beginning October 2022. JL would send collected record of speeds to the police who might take action if they saw a problem with speeding. PN would make room on the website for the figures to be published.
 - b. Playground Maintenance Contract (Item 9): PL had received a quote from ALS Lawns & Fencing. Work needed to be done and wood prices in particular had risen steeply. JH had spoken to her brother who could do playground repairs. Three quotes were required. A four weekly inspection rota was set up, results to be recorded (PN to design record sheet). DH to check on insurance with Came & Co. MK suggested applying to Children in Need for match funding. PN would approach Sonia at NNDC.
 - c. Transfer of ownership of Car Park to Knapton PC: Had been completed that day. Volunteers to tidy weeds etc on the car park, would be needed.
 - d. Friends of Knapton Church: was not discussed.
 - e. Erection of Beacon within the churchyard. The beacon was registered for lighting on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm. LW was cong
 - f. PN congratulated LW on having received permission for the beacon to be erected in the churchyard. The Victory Housing Trust would cover the cost of about £250. Before this could happen ALS would clear the site. All dead grass had to be removed. The beacon will be brought to the site. PN to talk to Andrew Claydon, about helping with this.
 - g. Jubilee celebrations. PN congratulated LW and JH on their very efficient work in setting out a programme of events, which would go into the Knapton News. The cost of the weekend to the council would be in the region of £250 for mugs, £150 for the children`s tea party and a small amount for new bunting. Barbeque vouchers would be delivered to residents nearer to the date.

8. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

PL reported all allotments let and extra demand had resulted in some being halved in size, which suited those wanting less space. PL asked for hawthorn hedging to replace the old hedge on the east boundary. This should be available from October.

JL: Community Speed Watch, JL had four names and needed six to send to the police so they could be trained.

LW: the Knapton News was done. Jubilee on target. Carol Malony is providing a bar, Mal Lees, the barque, to be on one side of the church. The positioning of the bands in the church was sorted and ladies were in place to do the flowers. MK had the street party in hand, the village hall would be open for teas and coffees. PL will do the village walk.

PN and JH will be distributing double leaflets with vouchers and lists of events and times two week before the event.

9. Quotation for Mowing and Playground Maintenance: dealt with under item 6.

10. Purchase Permissive Path sign for path to Knapton Green: PN circulated details of the proposed signs. All agreed to purchase three, cost about £80.

11. Anglia Water Support Scheme: not discussed.

12. Report on closure of underfunded churches: not discussed.

13. Financial Report: end of the year cash book had been circulated showing a current credit balance of £5,028. Payments agreed were Clerk/office March £175.75. Jubilee Mugs £257. DH was re-appointed RFO and Andy Weston Auditor. All agreed.

14. Any Other Business:

PL asked whether the council would accept the quote for additional mowing from ALS. This was for £50 per mow. Currently ALS were paid £500 for five mowing of the path to Mundesley of which Mundesley P paid £250. All agreed.

LW thanked PL for getting a District Councillors report. LW asked whether anything had been heard about the newly constructed exit from The Old Rectory onto the road to Trunch. AY would chase this up. Highways should take action if the exit is thought to be dangerous. The Easter Sunday service would be for all Benefices at 10.00 on Sunday 17th April.

PN thanked LW and JH for taking responsibility for the Jubilee Celebrations and stressed that this was a really be responsibility. PN thanked the Fete Committee for their help in funding the extension to the speed limit. Increase in Precept had allowed this and PN told the meeting that the PC would now only need £4,500 from the Fete Committee and not the £6,000 originally agreed.

LW asked about advertising what Knapton is doing for the Jubilee in the hope of bringing in people from outside the village. This would raise funds for a charity, yet to be nominated.

15. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd June. This is the date of the Village Meeting which will start at 6.00. PN hoped members of the Parish Council would attend.

Open Meeting: AY said there is no `give way` sign at the entrance to Wild`s Way, endangering people using the pavement. This should be addressed by the Victory Housing Trust.