

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 6th September 2022**  
**at 6.00pm in Knapton Village Hall**

**Present:** Peter Neatherway (Chair), Jackie Hall (Vice-Chair), Pat Lee, Monika Kemp, John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Cllr Ed Maxfield, two members of the public.

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1. Apologies for Absence: None

Co-option of new member of the Parish Council:

PN welcomed Nicky Page who was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council and joined the meeting. Proposed PN, seconded LW.

PN opened the meeting for public questions.

Cally Keohane asked when the bollard, temporarily removed from the lane behind the village hall for drainage purposes, would be replaced. PC to put a temporary purple barrier at either end of the lane. The PC to ask Highways for a permanent `access only` sign at each end of the lane.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Cllr Ed Maxfield:

EM had nothing to report for the month of August when the Council were mostly on holiday. PN had asked for a meeting with Steve White of Highways. JH asked who was responsible for cutting back foliage on banks as those on the Knapton to Paston road were very overgrown. This is a Highways responsibility.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July:

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

5. Matters Arising:

- a. LW asked whether a permanent `Unsuitable for heavy vehicles` sign had been requested for the south end of Hall Lane. DH confirmed Highways had agreed to put one up.
- b. Textile Bin – would be in place about the end of October.
- c. Playground repairs: the most expensive equipment had been repaired at a cost of £1,250. More repairs would be carried out but would be at a lesser cost.
- d. Telephone Box: would not be returned.
- e. Environmental issues: waste water had been pumped onto a field where children played. PN had contacted the Environment Agency and had been unable to progress this issue. Contacting MADRA, the NNDC and the Department of Health was suggested as substances in the waste could pose a real health risk as well as a lingering smell of sewage. Any human waste put onto agricultural land had to be injected under licence. It was understood that the cause of the waste was from the caravans, camping at MADRA and emptying their waste into the MADRA system. If this was the case MADRA should be paying for their tanks to be emptied. PN would follow up.
- f. Insurance Claim – fallen branch in Hall Lane: this had been deemed an act of God by the insurance company. DH had requested an estimate for the repair. The excess on the insurance was £250, so it might be the cheaper option for the PC to pay. DH would ask Alan Young whether Freemantle could do the work

6. Parish Councillor's Reports:

- a. PL said an allotment inspection was due shortly and one or two allotments which are not being cared for might be taken back. Mostly the allotments were well looked after and the

atmosphere among holders was good. PL confirmed that Knapton residents took priority on the waiting list.

- b. MK had done her August inspection and was pleased with the way the playground looked now.
- c. JH confirmed most footpaths were in good order.
- d. LW said Anglia Water had sent a letter to every household. The Street was now open but would be closed again for two weeks. Most re-surfacing had been complete. LW would report unsurfaced area outside 22 Lawn Close. Paston Road was currently closed, Pond Lane next then Hall Lane. Anglia Water had had complaints about the length of time taken. PC would send a letter of support to Anglia Water, copied to the Eastern Daily Press. It was agreed that Anglia Water had done their best to complete the project and had been nothing but helpful and polite within the village.

#### 7. Financial Report:

The Parish Clerk reported a current credit balance of £1,330. Precept was due at the end of the month. VAT would also be reclaimed. A current cash book had been circulated. Payments since the last meeting had been:

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| Grit Bin              | £95.79    |
| Mouse                 | £8.32     |
| ALS Lawns             | £150.00   |
| Hansells solicitors   | £380.00   |
| Dog bin               | £139.00   |
| Knapton Vill Hall     | £43.50    |
| Clerk salary / office | £228.15   |
| ALS Lawn              | £1,250.00 |

#### 8. Possible Halloween Party:

MK would not go ahead with this. NP suggested a pumpkin carving competition for Knapton children only. Judging to be on Wild's Way and baked potatoes (kindly given by JH) and a drink would be offered. MK and NP would arrange this with a budget of £50. There was no Knapton News before the date, so posters would be put up. All agreed.

#### 9. Any Other Business:

- a. PL asked about speed restrictions on the B1145. PN confirmed that together with Mundesley, Swafield and Trunch Parish Councils it was intended to implement speed restrictions: 50 mph from the Mundesley de-restriction sign to the Knapton 40mph sign. 40mph from this to the Swafield 30mph sign, 30 mph down Pond Lane and 40mph on the road from Knapton Green to Trunch. The Clerk of Mundesley PC is putting a framework document for the application which it's hoped would be at no cost under current Highways scheme allowing for speed restrictions on roads not normally qualifying, i.e. by not having houses on either side.
- b. MK expressed concern about the safety of people leaving the camp sites on the B1145. DH to ask why no planning application for the camping sites at Alford Barn had been received by the PC.
- c. JH asked for speed restriction signs to be put up near the entrance to Knapton Hall and one near the church. A new post and brackets would be required. PL suggested asking Alan Young if Freemantle could supply these. PN would ask Highways for permission to put in the posts on the verges. All agreed, proposed LW, seconded PL.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

#### 10. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.