

# Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Peter Neatherway (Chair and NNDC), Jackie Hall (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Ten members of the public.

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**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Ed Maxfield

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

PN opened the meeting and asked for questions. There was concern that footballers had been training on the field owned by the PC and leased to MADRA. Their goal backed onto the gardens of the houses in School Close. This was causing noise and nuisance to residents, but the footballers refused requests to move it. There was plenty of other space and the residents only required the players to move a bit further away. PN and JSH had had a meeting with the new chairman of the MADRA, who had shown himself very keen to co-operate with the village and to return MADRA to a venue which could be used by the village. PN would try and arrange a Public Meeting with the new management of MADRA, possibly on 19<sup>th</sup> Sep, so they could introduce themselves and how they saw the MADRA working with the village. PN would also review the terms of the lease to MADRA which had become terminated, brought about by the retirement of Mr & Mrs Quinton and the forming of a new MADRA Committee.

A question was asked about the incident on 19<sup>th</sup> August. PN would do a full report for the VHC.

Revised plans for the re-shaping of the junction had been received from Highways and PN had arranged a Public Meeting for 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall to discuss and hopefully agree them so that work could commence as soon as possible.

**Cllr Ed Maxfield:** Cllr Peter Neatherway: Cllr EM had sent his report. Cllr PN had nothing to report.

**3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 4th July:**

Parish Council minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair, proposed EW, seconded JL.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Repair or replacement of the slide. No progress. To go on October agenda. An application to the BBC Children in Need fund for replacement play equipment was suggested.

**5. Parish Councillors Reports:**

- a. JSH reported that the footpath over the railway bridge was very overgrown. DH to report this and a fallen tree at the south end of Green Lane
- b. LW reported that funding was in place for the Knapton News and invited people to produce suitable reports for inclusion in the October issue
- c. LW reminded the meeting of the fund-raising Rock 'n Roll evening to be held in the church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**6. MADRA Representative:** Until April next year there would be only a temporary committee in place at MADRA. A representative from the PC would attend the committee meeting in April 2024.

**7. Flagpole:** A new flagpole should be purchased. Proposed LW seconded JL. All agreed.

**8. Financial Report: Budget comparison:** Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation had been circulated, showing a current credit balance of £4,579. Of this £1,524 was Coronation expenses.

Bank statement and reconciliation had been sent to JL, finance monitor, and be approved.

Payments made since the last meeting;

ALS Lawns & Fencing	240.00
ICO (Direct debit)	35.00
Robert Brown – Village Sign	200.00

D C Holroyd – Salary/office	193.80
Mrs Mal Lees – Coronation	40.00

**9. Any Other Business:** The question of the damaged metal fence between MADRA and The Old School had been resolved with the new MADRA chairman agreeing to take responsibility.

**10. Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The meeting closed at 9pm.