

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young (Vice-Chairman), Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Mary Allen.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2015:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman (proposed PK, seconded AY).
- 3. Matters Arising:** None.
- 4. Finance:** The clerk circulated accounts showing expenditure during the past year of just over £4000. The current credit balance was £3,794 with the first half of the precept due later this month.
- 5. Declarations of Interest:** PK, Pigneys Wood. SW, Footpath to Mundesley.
- 6. Election 2015:** The clerk had taken all six nomination papers completed by the members of the present PC to NNDC and had had them checked. NNDC would inform the clerk if any more nominations were put in. The present PC would stand down on 11th May and the new one to be in place on that day.
- 7. Madra:** DBL and PL had had a good meeting with Madra. They were happy with the new lease, with the exception of the play area, which Madra could not afford to maintain. DH to ask Rospa to do an early safety check, which PL and AY would hope to attend. Depending on the result, the play area might have to be closed until the PC was able to obtain funding by grants for replacement equipment. A new lease would not be in place until the results of this report. An alternative would be to ask Victory Housing to fund a play area, possibly on part of the Millennium Field.
- 8. Footpath to Mundesley:** No progress.
- 9. Millennium Field:** Awaiting information from NNDC .

10: Speeding in The Street, Knapton: A NCC grant for 50% of the cost had been obtained. Fund raising would be needed for the remaining £1,300.

11: Lighting of the Beacon, VE Day, 8th May 2015: AY would check safety and provide fuel. PL to help. It was suggested that there might be an opportunity for fund raising on that evening. DH to approach Lucy Wade to ask about catering in the village hall.

12: Correspondence: was circulated.

13: Any Other Business: (i) Land at Fourways. DH and Gillian Kemp had completed statements to the effect that there had been nothing historically to show the land belonged anywhere other than to Knapton Parish Council and these had been sent to the solicitor dealing with the transfer. (ii) DH to ask the Road Rangers on their next visit to (a) mend the potholes outside Pigneys Wood in Hall Lane. (b) Clear the drain on the corner of The Street and Hall Lane, which was blocked and causing flooding. (c) Clear the drain they put in between `The Pit` and the Grove, which was blocked. (d) Clear the drain on the main road by Knapton House. (e) PL asked about cutting of footpaths. DH to ask NCC whether this would be done only on request.

14: Date of Next Meeting: 7th May 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

NNDC Councillor Graham Jones: reported (a) that Hopkins Homes were building 30 new houses but none of these would be affordable homes and they were putting very little into the local infrastructure. GJ had asked questions which had been ignored. He would pursue this and passed notes of his actions so far to the PC. (b) GJ thanked the current members of the Parish Council for their contribution to the village.

NCC Councillor Wyndham Northam reported (a) there would be a very small increase in Council Tax. (b) that the proposed closure of the household waste site near North Walsham on three days a week

had been postponed until September and that the £2 proposed charge had been dropped due to government policy. (c) Fire Services were proposing further strikes, but emergency calls would be answered. (d) Teams helping to keep children out of care (cost per annum of £45,000 for each child in care), were proving successful and at a cost of only £4,500 for each child).

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Notes from the floor:

(a) Liz Winter, would the clerk ask the Road Rangers to repair the bank between Pond Lane and The Street. (b) LW suggested that the footpath to Mundesley could include `game cover strips`. This would not be possible as no one was allowed to walk on these strips. (c) Judy Arnold asked if there had been any development on the Millennium Field proposed building. DBL said at the moment the only thing known was that NNDC had applied to take the land back in a year`s time. (d) LW asked if the dead tree in Lawn Close could be removed. PL would do this. (e) LW said that Roger McPhee`s ashes were to be buried at Knapton the following day and that all were welcome. (f) LW said the next fund raising event for the church would be a musical evening on 23rd May. (g) A service would be held in Knapton Church on 21st April at 10.45 to commemorate Margaret Hicks, who had sadly died at the age of almost 101. (h) A question was asked about the proposed siting of the VAS sign, should one be obtained. NCC would advise.