

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 1st September, 2015 in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

The Meeting closed to allow Councillor Nick Coppack (NNDC) to make his report: (i) NNDC had been developing a Corporate Plan during August, this would be published and was binding until 2019. (ii) NC had spoken to Councillor John Rest who would be approaching Victory Housing re the Millennium Field development. NC was confident this would go ahead. (iii) NNDC Planning Committee had approved a development of 68 sheltered houses in Cromer and 52 in Upper Sheringham. (iv) NNDC was looking into improving transport for those in need and nine possible special housing developments. (v) NC was looking forward to Knapton Fete.

Meeting re-opened 7.45pm.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July: Were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising: (i) Cats in School Close, Knapton. DBL had spoken to Victory Housing. Anyone with a complaint should write direct to Victory Housing as they would not respond to a complaint made by the PC. There were now two beehives on the property. PK suggested obtaining a copy of the tenancy agreement for Victory Housing. (ii) The overhanging hedge in the lane leading to the Village Hall had not been cut back. This was not a Highways responsibility but that of the owner of the property. (iii) The PC were not happy with recent verge cutting. **DH to write** to Steve White at Highways.

4. Finance: The clerk reported a credit balance of £3931.91 with no outstanding invoices.

5. **Millennium Field:** Mrs Sheila Oxtoby (Chief Executive NNDC) and Councillor John Rest would attend the next PC meeting on Tuesday 6th October. To start at 7.00 instead of 7.30pm.
6. **Footpath to Mundesley:** AC had spoken to David Payne and Steve Hammond, owners of the land over which the path would go. A strip of land had been left for the path. It was agreed the path should be put in place on a one year trial basis, with an `opening ceremony` for the first walk and information in the **Knapton News**. It was agreed that AY would ask Trevor Fuller to cut back the hedge (budget of up to £200). If the grass was cut once it would not need attention during the winter months. It would then be seen whether the path was well used and if it was the Council would be asked to take it over.
7. **Land at Fourways, Mundesley.** The Clerk had received a Transfer of Title form which would be circulated to the PC for approval. Subject to this, the transfer could go ahead.
8. **Madra:** The options were to sign a lease for the land with Madra and take responsibility for the play area or to take back the land. It was agreed that taking back the land was not practical due to cost of maintenance and fencing. **DH** to obtain cost of new three seater swing and slide for next meeting. PK to check charitable status of Madra.
9. **Request for second Dog Bin in Knapton:** Purchase cost from £84, additional cost of £3 week to empty. Current cost £3 per week. It was agreed not to go ahead.
10. **Possible work on The Scrape, Knapton.** An invasion of Pigney's Wort was blocking the Scrape. A resident had offered to spray this, the PC to meet the cost (£20) of the spray. Spraying on someone else`s land could only be done by a certified sprayer. DH to try to find suitable person. Once the weed was eradicated, some excavation work would be necessary.
11. **Speeding in The Street, Knapton.** No progress had been made.

12. Any Other Business: (i) PL would cut back a low branch in Green Lane. (ii) Correspondence was circulated, no action needed.

13. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 6th October 2015.