

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30 pm in Knapton Village Hall**

**Present:** Alan Young (Vice Chairman), Mary Allen, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

Alan Young took the chair in the absence of Chairman DBL.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** David Bishop-Laggett, Bea Gatfield.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting** held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were agreed and signed by AY (proposed PK seconded MA).
- 3. Matters Arising:** (i) SW would go to the Community Transport and Forum Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- 4. Finance:** The clerk reported a credit balance of £4246. The precept (£2125) was due at the end of April.
- 5. Correspondence:** Had all been forwarded by e mail.
- 6. Development of the Millennium Field:** The time allowed for the application for the field to become a village green had been extended. In the meantime AY had spoken to Faith Davies of Victory Housing. VH were looking again at the categories of people who might need the homes, and understood the requirement of the village for bungalows rather than houses to be built. It was agreed DH should write to Andrew Claydon to thank him for his regular mowing of the field.
- 7. Footpath to Mundesley:** It was suggested that AY and PL should walk the proposed path. This could be followed by a `village` walk which would flatten out a simple path. If this subsequently got a good use, further action could be taken to improve the path.
- 8. Land at Fourways, Mundesley:** A suggestion had been made to Mundesley PC that they might like to buy the land. Following a meeting, they had declined the offer. The land could be offered to the neighbour (AY to visit to enquire). In the meantime some tree work needed to be undertaken. AY and SW to contact tree surgeons who could undertake the necessary work and issue a certificate to that effect.
- 9. Madra:** No response had been received to a letter requesting the names of the Trustees but PL had two names which he could contact. He suggested drawing up a simplified new five year rolling lease. He understood that the maintenance of the play area was a problem for MADRA. It was agreed that an offer should be made of a 50/50 PC/MADRA share of the costs (proposed PL, seconded PK). PL and another PC member would then take the new lease to a meeting with MADRA.

**10. Any Other Business:** It was believed that the Mens Club was being used as an additional changing room for MADRA and that electricity had been connected. It was agreed there was nothing the PC could do about this.

Councillor Graham Jones (NNDC) (i) circulated a list showing new Council Tax charges. (ii) GJ told the meeting that car parking fines reached £2.2 million last year, which represented one third of the Councils` income. The number of fines was having a detrimental effect on visitors, especially to evening events. (iii) GJ suggested the PC should ask Mundesley Parish Council to share the cost of a footpath. This had already been done (see Minutes December 2013).

**11.The Date of the Next Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm