

130611 Meeting with Victory Housing: Knapton Village Hall, 6.00pm

1. Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman Parish Council), Alan Young (Vice-Chairman) Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Dee Holroyd (clerk). Eight members of the public. Robert Ashton, independent
2. Robert Ashton from Jossil Juwberry was present to meet “one or two” people from the villages affected by Victory Housing’s affordable home scheme, and to relay their concerns to VH. “Exception sites” such as the one in Knapton were intended to provide affordable housing with priority for people with a connection to the village. It seemed likely the building would go ahead by 2015, whatever local feeling was. For this reason RA wanted to get the best for Knapton. The preference of the meeting was for bungalows, as originally planned, and not houses. Two bedroomed bungalows offered to elderly people or young couples could free up larger houses for families. It would also enable elderly people to stay in Knapton. It was very desirable to have some green space left, especially as some of the housing would be for families. Issues such as roads, drainage etc. were not worth raising in any objection to the building, as these would be dealt with when Planning Permission was put in. VH is a non-profit making organisation with assets being re-invested and the buildings would be “asset locked” so they could not be sold at any time in the future.

DBL would contact VH to ask for another meeting with Phil Rose (Community Land Trust Development Manager, Foundation East). DBL would also put forward the preference for bungalows.

People were encouraged to write to or to e mail their thoughts/objections/support to the PC. These letters would be kept on file to support any future action by the village. RA would feed back to VH any such information.