

## Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 in Knapton Village Hall.

**Present:** David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Pat Lee, Alan Young (Vice-Chairman), Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Graham Jones (NNDC), Wydham Northam (NCC) (8.40) and eleven members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Peter Kaye, Sue Wilkins.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting** held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January were agreed, proposed PL, seconded AY.
- 3. Matters Arising:** A small amendment to item 8 which should read future sales rather than future planning permission.
- 4. Finance:** The Clerk reported a credit balance of £4087 after current bills were paid.
- 5. Madra:** Nothing to report. A decision should be made in March as to what further action to take.
- 6. Footpath to Mundesley:** Nothing to report.
- 7. Millennium Field:** DH to write to NNDC to confirm that the PC to take an active interest in the planning application and the use of all of the land. Proposed AY, seconded MA.
- 8. Speeding in The Street, Knapton:** The meeting closed at 7.35 to allow PCSO Bill Kerr from North Walsham to make his report. He confirmed that a Community Speed Watch, manned by volunteers, of which there were already seven in place (a minimum of 6 was the requirement), could go ahead. This would be subject to the approval of the Parish Council and a CRB check on all volunteers who would then receive training. Once this was completed they would receive the necessary equipment and could operate in areas of a 30 or 40mph limit, probably Hall Lane and The Street. PC Kerr recommended that the speed watch be run regularly and over prolonged period. The police had also been asked to do speed checks in the village. PC Kerr left the meeting at 7.55pm.

Councillor Graham Jones confirmed that he had been trying to resolve the speeding issue. He reminded the meeting that this was an agricultural area, with consequential movement of farm vehicles. He had been in touch with Bacton Gas site and the traffic did not appear to be coming from there.

Under the Parish Partnership scheme NCC would fund up to 50% of the cost (£4000-£5000) of a SAM2 flashing unit, subject to the approval of the Parish Council, and the parish meeting the NCC requirements. The PC would then assume responsibility for the maintenance (fairly minimal) of the sign. The Community Speed Watch volunteers would do some fund raising.

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The PC meeting re-opened at 8.20pm. (i) It was proposed that the PC support the community speed watch. Proposed MA, seconded AY. All agreed. (ii) MA proposed that the PC support the initial application for a SAM2 flashing unit, seconded PL, all agreed. There was no financial commitment from the PC required at this stage. DH to contact Steve White at Highways.

**9. Correspondence Received:** All had been circulated by e mail to the PC.

**10. Any other business:** (i) MA said that Liz Winter had printed some of the footpath leaflets (about 20) and taken them to the Trunch Village shop. These had all been taken up and more were requested. AY offered to print some more. (ii) PL reminded the meeting that there was still one vacant allotment. (iii) DH circulated Register of Interest forms to be completed by the Parish Councillors.

**11. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Councillor Wyndham Northam** gave his report: (i) The County Council is succeeding in reducing the number of children in care. (ii) A new fly tipping law comes in to force in the spring giving stronger powers of vehicle seizure and larger fines plus imprisonment powers for this offence. (iii) Winter gritting was in action, covering some 2000 miles of road at a cost of about £40,000 per episode.. (iii) Mobile phone detectors are in place. Use of a phone whilst driving would result in a £60 fine and 3 points, with higher penalties if such resulted in a court case. (iv) Figures for library use put Norfolk at the top in the country. (v) PL asked about the intended closure of the household refuse centres. WN confirmed that from April these would now close on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, rather than at weekend. The meeting agreed this would lead to increased fly tipping.

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