

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on

Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall

Present; Alan Young (Chairman), Mary Allen, Andrew Claydon, Michelle de Vries, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Peter Neatherway, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** none.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed PK, seconded MA.
- 3. Matters Arising:** none.
- 4. Councillor Nick Coppack:** (i) Land off School Close. NC had been in touch with the case officer. The Planning Application by Victory Housing had been returned to VHT due to the high number of houses applied for. Road safety issues had been raised by Highways. No further action can be taken until VHT has responded. People were encouraged to write to members of the Planning Committee to voice any concerns they have with this proposed development. All letters received would be published by NNDC. MdV asked whether a different developer could be found for the land. As it is owned by NNDC this was unlikely. NC believed VHT had been chosen because they are local. MvV asked the purchase price of the land. This was not known, but could be obtained once the sale was completed. PN asked how NC thought things might develop. NC thought VHT was likely to put in an application for a lower number of houses. NC confirmed that an application of this nature would be automatically called in. AC confirmed than more cars on the road meant more disruption to farm vehicles trying to work in the area.
- 5. Finance:** the clerk reported a current credit balance of £5000. A cheque for £190 was signed for the clerk and two months office expenses. A cheque for £137 for hire of hall was signed.
- 6. Planning application PF/17/1675: Land off School Close:** had been dealt with above.
- 7. Madra Lease:** AY would try to talk to Graham Quinton. The situation at Madra was not known. MdV asked whether it might

be taken over. It was possible that either a charity or Mundesley PC might do so.

- 8. Proposed Closure of Mundesley School Swimming Pool:** the pool was in need of considerable funding due to structural defects. Pupils would continue with swimming lessons at the Victory Pool in North Walsham. No one was happy to see the pool close, but funds were needed by the school elsewhere.
- 9. Cllr Ed Maxfield:** had sent a written report which was forwarded to the PC. This was mostly about planned cuts. There would be a budget meeting on 11th February. Central government are making some more money available to councils. (About one million pounds for Norfolk). Money would be spent on improving broadband ahead of the switch from land lines. There was concern as to how people without broadband would receive telephone coverage and about the loss of all telephone use during a power cut.
- 10. Correspondence received:** a letter had been received from Mr Witham of Edinthorpe concerning the cutting of footpaths. DH to acknowledge.
- 11. Any Other Business:** (i) PL reported that water was still collecting at the junction of Hall Lane and the B1145, and could cause an accident. DH to report to Highways. There was a pothole outside the Old School. DH to report to Highways. (ii) PL reported that the path to Mundesley was looking good. It was agreed that the PC should pay for it to be cut four or five times during the year. PL would get quotes. (iii) AY would again contact the owner of the house with the protruding hedge at the top of The Street, and ask for it to be cut back. (iv) AY had contacted Andrew Cann of Planning Direct, re possibly writing to NNDC re the PF/17/1675 but the cost of such a letter would be £475 plus VAT. It was agreed not to go ahead. (v) MdV asked about a Village Plan. MdV would contact Cllr NC. (vi) PL asked about moving the seat. AY would do this.

12. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 6th March.