

## D R A F T

### **Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

**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.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 ,**  
  
were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed MA, seconded AC.
- 3. Matters Arising:** DBL reminded the meeting that he wished to retire as Chairman of Knapton PC, this was largely due to frustration with trying to contact people at NNDC. Despite numerous promises, calls, were never received. DBL agreed to remain in the chair for one more meeting, after which he asked the PC to consider his replacement.
- 4. Finance:** The clerk reported a current credit balance of £4913 after all payments made.
- 5. Knapton Village Hall:** A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee re the future and funding of the Village Hall. This is owned by the diocese and needs approximately £120, 000 funding to bring it up to date. The way forward was to form an Incorporated Charitable Organisation with local trustees and members. This would take a long (30 year) lease of the hall and would then be in a position to fund raise. The feeling of the PC was that it was a big responsibility and the ICO was to fold, the PC could be left responsible for any debts incurred. The meeting was closed to allow Liz Winter to clarify the situation. LW told the meeting that funding was available on this basis even though the ICO would not own the building. SW thought that if this was the only way to get funding, it should be investigated. AY suggested building a new

village hall on the land owned by the PC and currently used by Madra. A referendum for such a building could be held in the village. Any money raised but not used for this cause would have to go back into the village. MA proposed that Nick Holroyd, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee be invited to attend the February meeting to explain the procedure to the PC.

The meeting remained closed to allow Cllr Wyndom Northam to give his report:

- 6. Parish Council and Planning:** (i) A letter from NNDC outlining changes to the Planning Service in 2017 had been circulated to the PC. (ii) A Planning Application for change of use of the Elephant Barn from a play barn to a house, had been received. The Elephant Barn was a business, employing one local person. It would be preferable to have a continued business use, but failing that, conversion to a house would not affect anyone else, as there were no neighbours.
- 7. Playground Bark:** AY confirmed that he would arrange for this to be delivered as soon as the ground had dried out.
- 8. Correspondence Received:** Correspondence had been received on the Boundaries Review. DH to check exact boundaries on line.
- 9. Any Other Business:** (i) AY had checked the Minutes of “Officers Reports to Development Committee - 23 Jan 2014. This included Knapton -PO/13/1310 - erection of eight dwellings; Land off School Close for Victory Housing Trust. It clearly states in these Minutes the Design and Access Statement ” indicates that the area to the west of the site will be gifted to the Parish Council for potential housing development and/ or open space. Three dwellings have been indicated on this area of land, but do not form part of the application”. AY suggested that Cllr John Rest should be asked to explain later denial by the NNDC of this Minuted indication of gift of land. (ii) DH to write to Steve White of Highways about water lying in Hall Lane.
- 10. Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.