

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on

Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall

Present: Peter Kaye (Vice-Chairman), Mary Alan, Andrew Claydon, Michelle de Vries, Peter Neatherway, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). One member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Alan Young, Pat Lee.
- 2. Councillors Ed Maxfield and Nick Coppack:** were not present.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October:** were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman, proposed MdV, seconded PN.
- 4. Matters Arising:** MA asked whether the visit to the Men`s Club had taken place. PK, AY and MdeV had visited and are awaiting further reports on costings. If the PC were to go ahead it may prove cheaper to knock the Club down and build a flat pack village hall. PK voiced concern about the probable lack of use against the future upkeep of a village hall.
- 5. Budget, Precept and General Finance:** (i) The clerk circulated a budget showing a current credit balance of £5441 (after a cheque for £173 for the clerk and office expenses was cleared). An anticipated spend of £4572 would result in an end of year anticipated excess of expenditure over income of £56. Currently the PC is cash rich so no change to the Precept. NCC grant this year would be £238. For the Precept to remain at £4250, an application for £4022 should be made. All agreed and the Precept form was signed by the vice chairman and the clerk. (ii) PN asked for the budget to be looked at item by item. It was agreed that Website costs shown should be reduced from £200 to £50. This would result in an end of year surplus of just under £100. The cost of mowing the path to Mundesley was high (£500 allowed). The two year trial period ended in April. It was agreed to put a piece in the next Knapton News asking people to make it known if they used the path to justify continued cutting. Also to announce a path`walk` to take place on one of the May bank holidays (date to be agreed). MdV suggested the PC apply for funding to make the path a cycle path. This had been looked into, but because Highways would be responsible for future upkeep, the specification they required made the project unaffordable. (iii) MdeV asked why Knapton was paying the whole fee for the Madra Lease. PK stated that MADRA had no real interest in the land as a result of running down their sporting activities (mainly football) but whilst leased to them, they were at least responsible for its upkeep, the cost of which would otherwise have to be met by the village. PN suggested the land could be used for allotments if there was a

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demand, generating an income for the PC. PK said that from what he understood, the demand for allotments was low and that some of the current users were working more than one plot as a result. He doubted there would be sufficient demand for allotments created on the plot of land currently leased by MADRA, but this might change sometime in the future. It was not the first time this suggestion had been made.

6. Development of Land off School Close: (i) the current planning application was waiting to be registered by NNDC. (ii) PK had done a notice to go on the website once the application had been received, inviting residents to comment by visiting the NNDC website. (iii) The planning application was believed to be for 16 houses, double the original number and the taller buildings were believed to be at the Hall Road end, as opposed to the west end as requested by the pc at previous meetings with Victory Housing Trust. (iv) VHT affordable houses tended to be ugly and this development would be at the entrance to the village. MdV was willing to visit homes in Knapton to get support of as many people as possible to hold a referendum on the current unattractive plans. If more than fifty did so, under the Localism Act NNDC would be forced to consider their comments. There is a charity which can help with designing good looking, affordable housing. (v) It was suggested that social media be involved together with the press and possibly television. PK would talk to someone on the North Norfolk News. (vi) Once plans were in it was vital that as many people as possible made their comments known to NNDC and a public meeting should be held to encourage this.

7. Madra Lease: No development.

8. Correspondence received: had been circulated. There was a letter from Vattenfall, who would be putting in some pipework, but it was not expected to affect Knapton. PK would circulate the date of a Vattenfall Road Show to be held in North Walsham, which some PC members might like to attend.

9. Any Other Business: (i) PK asked who might lay the wreath in Knapton on 11th November. (ii) Pigneys Wood had been transferred to Norfolk Wildlife with effect from 14/10/2017. This was largely as a result of the

lack of volunteers needed for essential maintenance. . (iii) two tyres had been dumped. DH to advise Highways. (iv) MdV was still awaiting a response from the police as to how many accidents there had been in Hall Lane. (iv) it was agreed no additional Rospa inspections were justified. (v) There had been a report from Trunchonbury, who had deemed the

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festival a success, but a loss had been made. They would like to hold it again in two year`s. AC said the land might be available, as long as the crop was appropriate. MdV thought that Trunchonbury should make a donation to the village, as promised, even though they made no profit. All agreed it had been well organised and had not impacted on the village. (vi) PN asked about the flag, which needed renewing. A new flag had been purchased. AY was to retrieve this from Karen Herbert-Okey.

11. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 5th September.

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