

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council by video link on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chairman), Pat Lee (Vice-Chairman), John Lawton, Keith Lawrence, Tracy Smith, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Cllrs Ed Maxfield (NCC) and Greg Hayman (NNDC).

1. Apologies for Absence:

Tracy Smith

2. Declarations of Interest: PN and PL Item 5 (b)

3. Cllrs Ed Maxfield, Greg Hayman :

GH reported:

- a) Tree planting scheme to plant 110,000 in North Norfolk in four years was on track. AY reminded GH that the parish council had applied for some trees. JL said he would like to see roadside planting.
- b) NNDC budget was in better shape than many councils. GH urged people to take up Council help available on benefits and social housing issues.
- c) NNDC would support more local businesses than many councils. Some businesses were unaware they were eligible.
- d) Covid was now known to be in the area with eighteen clustered cases. This might push Norfolk towards a higher tier system due to the role played by Norfolk & Norwich hospital.

Questions:

- a) PL confirmed the PC had received a response to the queries re ownership of houses on Wild's Way, and would look further into this.
- b) PL asked why we could not be told of the location of the Covid outbreak. GH confirmed this was due to current track and trace and testing. PL pointed out that the outbreak featured on social media.

GH was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 7.50pm

Ed Maxfield:

- a) Asked if all were aware that the deadline for registration of footpaths was January 2026. Of the current 130 applications received only 30 had been processed. Registration took about four years but it was believed could be completed in time. EM confirmed this was being done at County Hall.
- b) A Cabinet Meeting to be held next week on coastal and river flooding. More details to follow. EM asked if any local issues.
- c) EM asked for update on Knapton road safety issues. PN confirmed he was in contact with Highways and Anglia Water, due to bring mains drainage to Knapton in the new year., hopefully to work concurrently with Highways on junction alteration.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September:

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed: KL, seconded LW.

5. Matters Arising

- a) Chris Hicks and Steve Hammond were happy for the path to Knapton Green to run across their land, but this could not happen until after harvest. The PC would be responsible for

the path running behind the pond. NNDC would be asked to fence off the pond. Two or three exits would be needed onto the B1145. AY suggested clearing the land at the back of the pond. Path creation to go on February agenda.

- b) DH to ask Highways to clear the ditch leading from the pond. The Water Tower overflowed into the pond. The pond used to be pumped out by Anglia Water, but that was no longer the case.
- c) PN congratulated PL and KL for their input into getting permission for the path.
- d) Allocation of rent monies to Allotment Committee:
As discussed at the last meeting, all agreed that this money (£255) should be made available to the Allotment Committee who would account to the PC.
- e) Christmas Trees:
These had been very kindly selected and delivered by Tracy Smith and David Bindly of Knapton Green, who were donating one tree. KL and AY to put up on 2nd December. AY had lights for one tree and Steve Kingston, of Knapton Hall would provide a second set. Ted and Sue Bullock had kindly agreed to supply the electricity.
PN thanked all involved. DH to write to TS and David Bindley, the Bullocks, Steve Kingston and KL and AY to thank them for their input.
- f) Christmas Day meals:
Ceri and Mark Quinton had very kindly offered to cook for any Knapton resident living alone. To gbe advertised in the Knapton News, and currently on the website. Numbers by 12th December. A map showing possible candidates was suggested.

6. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

- a) JL: the speed sign had been moved and JL had taken data off which he would pass to PN and the police.
JL had a list of PPE available.
- b) LW had located 38 children in Knapton and had delivered all Advent calendars which were very well received. LW had thanked Waitrose for their donated calendars.
- c) PL wanted to make sure that everyone delivering for the Angels had access to sufficient PPE.
- d) PN had been asked about a local handyman. He wondered if we could add names of any such person to the website and possibly Knapton News. PL suggested simply putting their contact details and the fact they lived in the village and offered their services. Councillors to give details of anyone local and willing.
- e) AY confirmed outline planning application received from Anglia Water regarding mains drainage installation. It was hoped that landscaping on completion would screen any infrastructure. JL asked whether the PC was going to comment on the planning application. AY also reported cutting of and reducing in height, the hedge at the old Men`s Club.

7. Finance: the clerk reported a current credit balance of £5,100. The Precept application was due to go in shortly.

8. Budgeting Process for Projects: the clerk confirmed that any expense exceeding £100 and not allowed for in the budget, would have to be put on the Agenda and agreed at a subsequent meeting.

9. Zoom Costs: A cost of about £14 per meeting was agreed by all.

10. Knapton Angels: had been covered under item 7.

11. Highways Inspection: DH had reported potholes in Hall Lane and blocked ditch by the B1145. LW asked for a pothole near Knapton Green to be reported.
12. Any Other Business: A resident had asked permission to install a light in the bus shelter at Knapton Green. TS to ask him for a simple plan to go to Highways for approval.
13. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd February 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm