

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on 6th June 2023 in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Neatherway (Chair and NNDC), Jackie Hall (Vice-Chair), John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Alan Young (Fete Committee)

1) Apologies for Absence: None

2) Declarations of Interest: **None**

3) Cllr Ed Maxfield: had sent his report. PN had nothing yet to report

4) Minutes of the Meetings held on 9th May:

Parish Council minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair, proposed JL seconded LW. Annual Village Meeting minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair, proposed JSH, seconded LW.

PN invited AY to speak. AY asked about the cost of grass cutting as the PC had approached the Fete Committee with a request for them to fund this. The grass had been cut by ALS very promptly following a request from PN. The PC would inform the Fete Committee of the cost when known. Suggestions were made that there may be someone willing to do the work on a regular basis for the cost of the fuel. JHS would ask someone from The Pines in The Street and from Trunch, and PN would approach Andrew Claydon. JHS would also put it on Facebook.

5) Matters Arising:

a) Repair/replacement of slide. PN and JL would look at this again. AY would also look at it.

b) New dog waste bin had arrived. David Jackson had agreed to install it and DH would advise of exact position.

6) Parish Councillors Reports:

a) JSH reported an overgrown footpath. These were being cut.

b) LW had so far received £1,500 from the Gas Site companies. One more contribution awaited.

7) Planning Application IB/23/1121: erection three poles in Knapton by County Broadband:

This application was advisory and PS would find out more from NNDC. County Broadband were installing fast fibre in some properties. There was concern about the positioning of the poles. None would be on private land.

8) Coronation Mugs: There were some remaining. LW would advertise these in the Knapton News and any left could be offered for sale at the Fete.

9) Financial Report: Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation had been circulated, showing a current credit balance of £6,157.

Payments since the last meeting:

PN for Bins	£60.00
PN for BBQ Gas	£54.00
Farmhouse Baker	£84.00
J M Hall	£55.50
S J Kemp	£220.00
Marmaduke Ltd	£95.00
Mal Lees	£223.35

All of the above all were for the Coronation celebrations and funded by grant.

ALS Mowing £200.00 |

D C Holroyd – Clerk £178.55 |

Business services £287.13 (Insurance) |

10) Village Sign: currently in a barn. AY would ask Steve Hammond if he could stain it. It would then need repainting and re-erecting with a stainless-steel base. AY would give estimate for cutting off dead wood, preserving and sourcing stainless steel.

11) Any Other Business:

- a) DH would write to Steve and Carol at Knapton Hall to ask them to once again hold the Musical Evening in their garden
- b) JL said the seat at the top of The Street needed painting
- c) PN had arranged for Steve White of Highways to attend an open meeting in the Village Hall on 11th July at 6.30 to discuss the proposed alterations to the junction of Hall Lane, The Street and the B1145. He stressed that this would be only to receive suggestions and no decision would be made until SW had reported back to Highways. PN would get large copies of the original plan showing bollards, a sign and alteration to the kerb as a starting point from which to work. LW would put this date in the Knapton News and JSH would put it on Facebook.

12) Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 4th July.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Questions from the public.

- a) AY was concerned that work being done by County Broadband might damage drainage systems on the B1145. Highways would have been informed.
- b) AY suggested PC write to Andrew Claydon and John Puncher to thank them for their work in draining to a pond an area of Hall Lane, previously prone to flooding.