



Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held in Knapton Village Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chair), Jackie Southwell (Vice-Chair), Monika Kemp, Pat Lee, John Lawton, Nicky Page, Elizabeth Winter, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), three members of the public.

Before the meeting opened Cally Keohane thanked the Council for getting the bollard in the lane behind the Village Hall reinstated by Anglia Water.

1) Apologies for Absence: None

2) Declarations of Interests:

None.

3) Cllr Ed Maxfield, Greg Hayman:

EM had sent his report which had been circulated. Concerns were raised about additional proposed closing hours for the recycling centre at North Walsham. Councillors were invited to fill in the Online Survey enclosed in the report. A question was asked about the available Jubilee trees. Knapton already had trees ordered.

4) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October and amended Minutes for 6th September November:

These were agreed with one amendment (item 7) and signed by the Chairman. Proposed JL, seconded NP.

5) Matters Arising:

Playground Maintenance: MK confirmed ALS had completed repairs. Refurbishment should result in no further repairs being needed.

Halloween Party: MK and NP were congratulated on a hugely successful party. The Village Hall had looked wonderful and photographs showed the guests clearly enjoying themselves. Some photographs would go into the Knapton News.

Wine and Cheese Party: This would be on 10th December. Advertised by flyers, Knapton News and word of mouth. Plans were well in hand.

Parish Plan Funding: Costs would be high, funding is available. A survey of residents' requirements would be needed, although historically there had been lack of enthusiasm for follow up. A committee of two people from each of the Parish Council, the Fete Committee, the Village Hall Committee, the PPC and MADRA would ideally take it forward. NP suggested funding as seen on the Rural Funding Digest.

The previous Village Plan had been funded by NNDC. JL would look into their current funding and PN had a meeting with an NNDC representative on Monday. Results to be discussed at the December meeting.

Speeding in The Street: PN had not received feedback showing this was a big problem. It would be monitored and addressed in twelve months' time. A request for a speed sign to be placed near the top of The Street and in Hall Lane had been put to Steve White of Highways. PN consulted two residents who might be affected by the light of the sign. They confirmed they were content.

6) Parish Councillors Reports:

PL – a few allotment rents were still due. PL had been unable to get a contact for Gas Site Meetings.

MK – confirmed playground repairs had been completed.

JL – Knapton Angels had received one call and the ring round system was updated.

LW – had spoken with Anglia Water. Pond Lane would be closed on 2nd November for two weeks and the compound has been cleared. This was the last week of traffic lights on the B1145. Verges had been reinstated but sadly driven over. Hall Lane closure as far as MADRA would start on 7th November and last for 6 weeks (LW to inform John Claydon of Cargill farms). Test drillings may result in open cut trenches having to be used.

AW would write to all residents with an update in November. All residents that have signed up to mains sewerage should receive a letter in mid-Nov advising them that the end is in sight etc. and to start to make plans for their connections

Then approximately a month later (mid-Dec) when we expect to be complete residents will receive a letter inviting them to connect. They will also receive a plan showing them where their laterals have been installed.

LW reported that sadly old Mr Puncher had died. The funeral would be on Friday 11th November in Knapton Church. DH to order flowers.

LW had contacted AW to request their paying for two Christmas trees. PN had sourced two large trees for £150 and would hopefully arrange transport. Hadfield and North Walsham Garden Centre were suggested for an alternative quote. New lights were needed at Knapton Green. PN and PL would follow up a residents offer to put lighting into the bus shelter.

JL had walked the footpaths and all was well. The Knapton Facebook page was being well used and getting a lot of response. PN would like the Knapton Parish Council Facebook page to be used more often. Information could be shared, depending on the content.

A letter to MADRA was suggested, to say that following vandalism experienced on the playground, the PC would invite someone from the police to visit the site with regard to possible placement of a security camera. All agreed. DH to compose and circulate a letter for approval.

NP and the MADRA Committee hoped to give feedback at the February meeting. To be discussed at the January meeting.

7) Financial Report: PN went through two draft budgets. One showing items the council had to pay for and the second with additions which could be included. PN would circulate these to the councillors for discussion at the December meeting, when the Precept would be set. It had been agreed that the Precept would keep pace with inflation, currently 10%.

NP queried the cost of mowing. This was done by a trusted team.

8) Purchase two Christmas Trees: see item 6.

9) Possible joining of NALC by the PC: PN was keen to promote training within the PC of which much was available from NALC. PN asked whether councillors wished to go on training courses. NP had expressed an interest in doing two courses available from Norfolk PTS, to whom the PC currently subscribed. Some courses were free, others not. PL thought NNDC offered training. JL suggested training in grant application would be use

10) Sustrans Charity for promotion of easier travel within the county: NP would complete the Mobility Transport Survey questionnaire with the information gathered from the parish to feed into the Transport East Survey

11) Any Other Business:

Our district councillor had not attended PC meetings nor sent a report. DH to write to NNDC to draw their attention to this.

PN had met with Steve White about speed restrictions for the four parishes and would forward Steve White`s response when it arrived.

PN confirmed outside funding would be needed to cover cost of speed reduction in Pond Lane.

A speed camera situated in Pond Lane was suggested. Camera positions had to be agreed with Highways.

Kerry Quinton had requested a litter bin for the playground. Decision to be deferred until the December meeting.

A Poppyland Radio presenter had suggested promoting Knapton events, such as the Halloween party. PN would ask Mundesley PC about their involvement with Poppyland Radio.

County Broadband were again canvassing for customers in Knapton. The PC had taken care not to promote CB.

A request was made for the grass at the bottom of Lawn Close to be cut. DH to contact Highways.

Funding from Knapton News was currently sufficient for one more issue. It was not known whether Gas Site funding (£800) would continue, but even this would not cover costs. Allowance might have to be made in the budget

12) Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 6th December 2022

13) The meeting closed at 9.10pm.