

# **Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council**

## **held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

### **in Knapton Village Hall**

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**Present:** Peter Neatherway (Chairman) Pat Lee (Vice-Chairman) Andrew Claydon, John Lawton, Alan Young. Dee Holroyd (Clerk). One member of the public.

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**1) Apologies for Absence:** Liz Winter

**2) Cllrs Ed Maxfied, Greg Hayman:** were not present. Cllr EM had sent a written report, which had been circulated to the PC.

**3) Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September** were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed PL, seconded AC.

**4) Matters Arising:**

- I. Faded signs at the entrance to Knapton from the B1145 had been replaced and grass cutting carried out.
- II. Came & Co had been contacted re playground insurance cover. Public Liability cover was in place for all land owned by the PC.
- III. Village Sign. Jan Ellmore was unable to take on the restoration. A resident had offered to do this but it might be a specialist job. PL to contact Pearl Eve, who knew of a possible restorer.
- IV. It has been confirmed to NNDC that the name of the new road on the Land off School Close development, should be Wild`s Way. NNDC are currently unable to include apostrophes on signs.

**5) Parish Councillors Reports:**

- I. PL reported that one allotment had been vacated but taken by a Knapton resident. All allotments now taken.
- II. PN reported that he had had discussions on the MADRA lease and would report more fully at the next meeting. The choice was either for the PC to take back the land or taking legal action which would be expensive. Something needed to be done.

- III. DBL reported that he had spoken to the Land off School Close builder. It was not known when the Village Hall car park would be open as a wall had yet to be built close to the perimeter. All footings were now in place.
- IV. AY reported that Alison`s Loke had now been cut. There had been one planning application, see below.
- V. JL reported he would attend a meeting with the police, who had now approved the proposed speed watch in Knapton. JL and PN had had a meeting with Highways and a police liaison officer about road signs and siting of a SAM2 machine. The cost of the sign, including posts (it has to be moved monthly and may not return to its original position for two months), would be about £3,000. JL to confirm. As there was sufficient money to complete the playground, it was hoped the Victory Housing Trust would meet this cost. If the machine was to collect speeding data, the cost would be higher. Data would inform police of times when speeding was an especial concern, i.e. school run times.
- VI. PN reported that the playground matting had been delivered. This would be laid by ALS Fencing, probably over a two-day period.

#### **6) Planning:**

PF/19/1498 – confirmation has gone to NNDC that the PC has no objection.

#### **7) Finance:**

The clerk reported a current credit balance of £4676 after all invoices paid. The precept was still to come (£2126) and VAT of £111 to be reclaimed. The clerk wished to close the deposit account which earned only 57p last year and was superfluous. All agreed. The clerk would contact Lloyds Bank re on line access to statements as these were slow in arriving by post. A £50 donation to Mario, who had spent two evenings training residents in the use of a defibrillator, as well as a visit a few years ago, was agreed. Cheques were signed for the clerk £158 and matting £666 including VAT.

#### **8) New gymnastic equipment for the older resident:**

This has been suggested by Liz Winter. To be discussed at the next meeting.

## **9) Correspondence:**

Streetscene Inspectors were due to visit Knapton. AL reported a blocked drain in Hall Lane close to the Butterfly Walk entrance and overgrown trees and hedge close to the Anglia Water building in Hall Lane. JL suggested that their next visit should be published on the village website so residents could make their own requests.

## **10) Any Other Business:**

- I. PN reported that at the meeting with Highways it had been suggested that the land at the top and on the left of The Street as approached from the B1145, be brought forward. The land on the corner of the Millennium Field could then be cut back, to form more of a bend when approaching Hall Lane. Some similar alteration had been made in the past. It was not thought it would improve the speeding situation.
- II. There was discussion about moving the bus shelter to a safer position to the wide verge on the right of the B1145 in direction of Mundesley. PL reported that the developers were planning to move the shelter back onto the Land off School Close. The shelter could then be safely accessed, using the footpath within the Land off School Close.
- III. PL reported that while the PC had allowed £250 for the cutting of the grass on the east side of the church yard, he believed that, as a wildlife area, the church might be receiving funding for this piece of land. To be clarified at the next meeting.
- IV. AC reported that a planning application had been put in for the barns in the farmyard at Old Hall Farm, Knapton. He suggested that when these were received by the PC, they should be closely looked at as there were concerns about conflict with farm traffic.

## **11) Date of next Meeting:**

It had been suggested at earlier meetings that during the winter months, bi-monthly meetings should be held.

The next meeting was agreed for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and following that February 2020. If progress was made with funding of a SAM machine, an earlier meeting, with proper notice, could be arranged.