

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held in the Church of St
Peter and St Paul, Knapton, on
Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.30pm**

**Present: Peter Neatherway (Chairman), Pat Lee (Vice-Chairman) Keith
Lawrence, John Lawton, Elizabeth Winter, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Greg Hayman.
2. **Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Greg Hayman:** were not present. ED had sent a report. GH had sent a report on the proposed merger between Norfolk County Council and North Norfolk District Council.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July:**
were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed LW, seconded KL.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Letters to Farmers: It was now proposed that permission be sought to install a path to Knapton Green. Currently Knapton Green residents were forced to walk to Knapton on the busy B1145. A path had once existed. KL to talk to Steve Hammond (local farmer) and if a path or trod could be put in place, the PC would look into funding when available. PL pointed out the cost of maintenance of a trod, which had to be wheelchair friendly.
 - b) Transfer offer to KPC of Land off School Close: The Victory Housing Trust expect to have documentation ready next week. Deeds would be ready for signing at the October meeting. An extra piece of land was to be included. A quote of £320 for grass cutting fortnightly and one annual hedge cut was in place. KL would ask neighbours for their opinion on reducing the hedge height by about three feet. PL to ask Peter Waplinton whether he is intending to progress with hedge cutting now.

- c) Children`s Playground Inspection: PL had inspected 31st August. The roofing to the swings was in place. PL would obtain suitable preservative staining.
- d) Speed signs update: all on hold due to Covid 19.
- e) Churchyard clearing: had been done and would be done again in October.

5. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

JL: had nothing to report.

LW: (a) there are still three residents being looked after by the Angels. How much is the PC prepared to spend on PPE? It was agreed that a supply of disposable gloves, face masks, visors and hand sanitisers be bought in. PN would order these and each Angel would have a supply.

(b) Full funding was now in place for the Knapton News.

PN: (a) confirmed that all allotments were now taken.

(b) The VHT had donated their Harris Fencing to the PC. This would be stored at MADRA.

(c) The VHT would attend to the cleaning of windows of the finished houses on Wild`s Way. NNC are to drop the kerb in School Close.

(d) There are two local people wishing to rent a Wild`s Way property. VHT has no control over prospective tenants. They should have a tie with Knapton, but the catchment area covers a three mile radius of the village. The PC would help, as far as they could, any prospective tenant with a tie to Knapton.

AY: (a) no planning applications to report.

(b) It was important that during the repair to the Swafeld bridge, due in October, Hall Lane should not be sign posted as an alternative route.

KL: was still hoping to bring Knapton residents together but this was difficult with Covid 19 restrictions. Maybe next summer a cricket match and bar b q.

6. Finance:

- a. The clerk reported a current credit balance of £4,700. A cheque for £176, clerk and office, was signed.
- b. Possible return of the £1,000 Covid 19 grant. It was agreed that this might well be required during the coming winter and therefore should be retained, at least for the present time.

7. Madra Lease: PL was much praised. Due to hard work by PL and PN, the lease had at last been signed by both parties and was to be delivered to the solicitor the following day. It was hoped a much closer relationship with MADRA could now be forged.

All agreed the newly restored beacon can be put up in a place at MADRA where it could be safely lit.

8. NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund: was not relevant to Knapton.

9. Path to Knapton Green: was dependent of getting permission from the owner of the land on the south side of the B1145. The path would need to go behind the pond. Walker would have to cross on the Knapton Green bend.

10. Knapton Angels Update: had been covered.

11. Possible re-cycling credits: It was agreed Knapton was too small for this to be viable. AY asked people to use the bottle bank at MADRA, rather than their green bins.

12. Silver Sunday: It was agreed too little information was available to set this up.

13. Any Other Business:

- a) PL reported that the new sign at Knapton Green looked very good.
- b) The meeting was closed (9.05) to allow Andrew Lubbock to report an issue with rubbish on The Green and with the new dog bin not being used. It was agreed that five signs should be put up encouraging people to use the litter and dog bin. LW would ask SP print for a quote for simple signs.
- c) The meeting re-opened (9.10): AY reported a pothole in Hall Lane opposite Hall Farm Cottages. DH to report to Highways. Plans for a compost collection were rejected as it would involve a few people doing all the work..
- d) KL would be away on 15th September (Battle of Britain Day). He asked for a volunteer to put up the bunting.

14. Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 6th October.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Members of the public: A request was made for a litter bin in Hall Lane. DH to find out cost of purchasing and emptying of bins. Siting could then be decided.