

Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 in Knapton Village Hall

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Bea Gatfield, Peter Kaye, Sue Wilkins, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Alan Young, Pat Lee.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July:** were signed by the Chairman, proposed PK, seconded MA, all agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Finance:** The clerk reported a credit balance of £2541 after all accounts paid. The completed Audit had been returned by Mazars.
5. **Declarations of Interest:** MA, Griffon Area Partnership and PCC. PK Pigneys Wood and SW, footpath to Mundesley.
6. **Madra Lease:** PK had been to a solicitor who would charge about £250 to draw up a new lease. PK would take the existing lease and a copy of the Conveyance of Land from D Cargill to the solicitor next week. DBL to obtain a list of trustees, at least one, besides the Mr & Mrs Quinton, to be named in the lease.
7. **Land at Fourways, Mundesley:** The clerk had had an e mail from Mundesley PC to say they would discuss this at their next meeting in September.
8. **Footpath to Mundesley:** AY and PL were not present – so this was left until the next meeting.
9. **Correspondence Received:** (Chairman training day and waste disposal) was circulated.
10. **Any Other Business:** the clerk reported that the ditch connecting the scrape with the small stream and thus taking overflow from the field behind, was silted up. DH to ask Andrew Claydon if he could clear it, otherwise PK to ask a contractor.
11. **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 7th October.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Councillors Reports:

Councillor Graham Jones (NNDC) (i) A decision on the Millennium Field/village green situation would be hopefully be reached in the next two months. (ii) The Griffon Area Partnership, which was very regularly used in North Walsham by vulnerable people, was seriously short of funds after cuts. GJ asked the PC to consider the Partnership when minded to give any funding, and to support a Quiz Night at the end of the month. MA had asked the Methodist Church to consider some funding. (ii) NNDC had suffered serious cut back in funding. GJ was asked why the NNDC offices had had so much money spent on them. WN said this was because of health and safety which needed to upgrade the building, but it was generally agreed that money had been wasted and the NNDC was `top-heavy` staff-wise. GJ offered a tour of the NNDC offices which PK, SW and BG would like to take up. (iii) All County Council funding for public rights of way had been withdrawn as part of the cuts. (iv) Care in the Community was suffering due to reduced funding.

Councillor Wyndham Northam (NNDC) reported that (i) The state of education in Norfolk had much improved. (ii) Very good work was being doing in the area of dementia care. (iii) There was an opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste on 20th/21st September at the Mayton Wood Recycling Centre, Little Hautbois, Coltishall.

DBL asked WN why Highways were failing to, in particular, re-paint fading white lines cut back overgrowing hedges and effectively fill pot holes. GJ suggested asking Steve White at Highways to do the necessary work and to report to WN if the work was not done within two weeks. Grass cutting in Knapton had been very badly carried out. SW suggested that Highways should withhold payment to contractors until the job was well done. PK asked whether, if the councils were currently managing on much smaller budgets, they had been over spending before the cuts. WN left the meeting.

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Notes from the floor: Liz Winter reported (i) the Knapton weekend in August had raised £1962. (ii) A bat survey of the church had been done, which revealed only three bats. (iii) Initial funding for an exploratory survey was available and an architect was being sought. (iv) The Remembrance Sunday Service on 9th November was combined with the Royal British Legion Service this year. 10.30 start. (iv) Deadline for the next issue of the Knapton News was 1st October. (v) Fly tipping had occurred on the road from Knapton to Trunch and reported it on the website. It was agreed that the planned closure of the local tip would greatly increase fly-tipping. GJ confirmed he was opposed to the plan for that reason.