

Notes of a Meeting held with Paul Pitcher, MD Wellington Contractors in Knapton Village Hall at 6.00 on Tuesday 16th July 2019.

Present: Peter Neatherway (Chairman Knapton Parish Council), Pat Lee (Vice-Chairman), Denise Black, John Lawton, all KPC. Dee Holroyd (Clerk), 13 members of the public.

Peter Neatherway welcomed everyone and introduced Paul Pitcher, MD Wellington Contractors, contractors to Victory Housing Trust for the development of the Land off School Close.

PN also hoped those present had had a chance to see the Knapton Playground, which was had received new equipment and was looking very good. Sadly a harness to one of the baby swings had already been stolen. It would be replaced.

Help was needed with clearing the churchyard. PN asked for anyone interested in volunteering to leave their name on a list by the door.

The village now has a defibrillator although not yet functioning. Two training sessions were planned, again a name sheet by the door for anyone wishing to attend. Times would be advertised and go on the website.

Land off School Close

There was concern about lorries trying to access the site via School Close. Paul Pitcher (Wellington) reassured the meeting that they would do all they could to keep disruption to a minimum. Lorries would use the access off the B1145. Signage would be in place. Banksmen would be on the road and lorries would not arrive either before 9.30 or after 4.00pm. Wheel washing facilities would be on site. No `banking up of delivery lorries`. MADRA was offered as spare parking for either workmen or waiting lorries. A question was asked as to whether a temporary speed limit either side of the entrance would be possible. Wellington would amend their schedule not to clash with busses.

School Close residents were concerned about the new entrance to the Village Hall Car Park. This would not allow certain residents to park outside their own houses. PP confirmed that Wellington would be prepared to cover the cost of lowering the kerb in School Close to allow more parking.

Conflict between delivery lorries and local agricultural vehicles was a concern. Very large deliveries, such as roof trusses would have to come via Bacton. Paul Pitcher reassured the meeting that Wellington wanted to cause as little disturbance as possible and their aim was to complete the building work and be off site in ten months. The road would be cleaned on their departure.

Paul Pitcher would check who was responsible for cutting the hedge and verges, now overgrown.

A question about the timing of the opening of the Village Hall Car park was asked. A final signature from NNDC was needed. Again MADRA was offered as an alternative in the meantime.

Was the development to go onto the mains sewerage system. PP believed so.

A `Farm Entrance` sign should be in place outside the White House Farm entrance on the B1145.

PP asked that anyone experiencing disruption should talk to Site Manager, Bob. He left the meeting at 7.00pm

Peter Neatherway introduced John Lawton as the Parish Councillor in the role of liaison officer as the PC was keen to create a close relationship with the village. A new website was being set up.

John Lawton said people could get in touch with him via twitter or face book or e mail and. He had left contact forms by the door for people who wished to be kept informed of village affairs.

A litter collection in Hall Lane and close areas, was held in June. A satisfactory amount of litter was cleared.

A photographic competition for under 16`s would be held in the village. Anyone with ideas for an event, to contact JL.

PL confirmed that the playground was nearing completion. The gates to Hall Lane had been mended and a spring clip closing added. A new swing seat would be fitted and it was hoped to repair the very old slide. A bench would be fitted on the playground. It was hoped to fence in the small children`s play area.

Robin ? asked about moving the bus shelter to its original, safer, position at the corner beside Hall Lane, The Street and the B1145. PN would find out the procedure for moving a bus stop and report at the next PC meeting in September.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm