

Knapton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Public Meeting held on the 30th October 2023, 6.30pm At the MADRA Pavilion

Present: Cllr Neatherway, Cllr Hall and 4 MADRA representatives (Chris, Peter, Dan and Kayleigh)

Public: 13

Tea and coffee were provided by the Club

Cllr Neatherway opened the meeting and introduced the representatives from MADRA.

Chris from MADRA addressed the members of the public and briefly outlined what they were hoping to do over the coming months, which included Football screenings (if they are able to find the funds to provide these), family days, darts nights, snooker nights, entertainment, quiz nights and were open to suggestions for other events.

Questions raised by the public included "What happened to the previous management and were they likely to come back?" The response from MADRA was that the previous management had signed everything over to the new Trustees and there were no plans for the previous management to return. The new Trustees were now registered with the Charity Commission and were awaiting the accounts to be passed over to them.

After receiving praise regarding the appearance of the building, MADRA went on to say that the club was open to everyone, they hope everyone would come and use the facilities, there would be no membership fee, but they were considering offering discount cards which would allow people to received 10% off at the bar and they were in talks with other organisations about expanding the discount so that it could be used away from the club.

The club is currently open on Fridays 7 till 11pm, Saturdays 12 till Close and Sunday 12 till 6pm. The football season runs from September to May, with some warmup matches in August.

Concerns raised by the residents over excessive noise and bad language were addressed by MADRA, they would try and ensure that matches were monitored more closely and speak to the players and coaches about resolving the issues. The FA are launching a new 'Respect' initiative and it is hoped that this will feed back into the club. The club would try and restrict the use of the outside areas after dark and the Parish Council said that they would look into signage for the play area restricting its use after dark.

Additional concerns regarding the volume of traffic entering and exiting the site were also addressed. MADRA said they would be looking into signage for the entrance/exit, that they were already marshalling their visitors' cars coming in and out of the site in busy periods and

that they would be communicating with all members and visitors to be respectful of how they drive in the village.

Members of the public would like to see other sports held at the Club, MADRA said that they were open to suggestions from the public regarding other sports and would do their best to implement them.

During a discussion regarding the use of the pitches by the public MADRA confirmed that all the pitches were available to use by the public at any time unless matches were in progress or the goal areas were too churned up to use.

MADRA would like to address any concerns that the public have regarding the club and asked that they please come and talk to them.

Suggestions from the public included a MUGA area, dirt bike track and outside games areas, like huge chess boards. MADRA said they would consider these suggestions, but they would need to look at finances and funding.

Meeting Closed 7.55pm

Hall Road Traffic Issues

Cllr Neatherway handed out maps of the area that covered Hall Road

After the installation of the new junction on the 27th November 2023, it was hoped that issues on Hall Road could be addressed. The speed limit for the road had recently been reduced but traffic was still exceeding this causing safety issues.

Cllr Neatherway has recently met with the County Council's Highways team and discussions were held regarding suggested measures for the road. These included Chicanes which would cost in the region of £45,000 and Belisha Beacons costing £150,000. Another suggestion was to install a footpath at the side of the Village Hall, opposite School Close and Point Cottage, the cost for this would be in the region of £35,000, this would reduce the width of the road and slow the traffic down as it entered the village. There was also a discussion about movable road humps and pretend policemen.

The speed of traffic travelling along Hall Road is currently being measured, if numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit is high enough Highways may consider putting in an island opposite the entrance to School Close at the widest point.

The opinion of most of the people at the meeting preferred the option of a footpath along the side of the Village Hall. Funding into this project would be investigated further.

A discussion was held regarding some new speeding initiatives that were currently being investigated by Duncan Baker MP and Cllr Neatherway, but this was only at the initial stages and would likely be something to consider in the future.

Cllr Neatherway went on to discuss the recent flooding in the area, Cllr Hall had extensively photographed and videoed the areas affected and copies of these would be shared with Highways to see if there was any way to alleviate the problems in the future.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm