

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2005 in the Village Hall.

Present: Alan Young (in the Chair)
David Ross
Dennis Watmuff
Norman Dodd
Karen Herbert-Okey
Peter Kaye
Annemarie Coe

NND Councillor Graham Jones

Two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Nil.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes:

Karen Herbert-Okey proposed that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on 7 June, constituted a true and correct record. David Ross seconded and it was unanimously agreed. The Chairman initialled and signed these minutes.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Village Hall Car park

Karen Herbert-Okey stated that the grass bund surrounding this car park was looking very untidy, and needed attention. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to approach the Village Hall Committee to discuss this matter, along with the general upkeep of the field and garden in general.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from a parishioner regarding the securing bar at the entrance to the above car park. After discussion it was decided with immediate effect, to leave the pole in the upright position for a trial period of eight

weeks. If this proved successful then consideration be given to either removing the pole completely or fitting a security chain across the access.

Update: The Clerk had received further complaints, so with assistance has removed the pole completely.

(b) Millennium gardens

The Clerk stated that he had now prepared an open letter to Village organizations, and sought the guidance of the Council members on just who should be approached. The Clerk was instructed to contact Knapton Ladies and Knapton Womens Own.

Action: Clerk

(c) Planning

The Clerk stated that he had received a letter asking if the Rural Community Council could help the Parish Council develop a long term plan for the development of the village. After discussion the Clerk was tasked with contacting this agency to find out if an advisor could come and give a presentation on how they can be of assistance. This was to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman then opened the meeting to the General Public. Two members of the Fete Committee addressed the Parish Council.

The following topics were discussed relating to the Nelson Bi-Centenary celebrations which are due to held on the Fri 21 October.

Flag Pole – permissions had been received for the erection of the flagpole in the corner of the field. It was proposed by David Ross and seconded by Annmarie Coe that the Parish Council be the trustee of the pole, with the Village Fete Committee being responsible for the installation, purchase, and upkeep along with the purchase of the requisite flags. This was carried unanimously.

Ceremony – Lighting of the beacon, lights, naval theme, were all discussed. However, it was realised that this could only be achieved if we held a further meeting on this subject. It was proposed to hold this meeting in David Ross's house at 1900 on the 19 July.

The Parish Council was reminded that the proposed date of the village fete would be Sat 4 Sept.

5. Finance

(a) **Dog Bins** - The Clerk outlined the current financial situation and then stated that the costing for the dog bins recently agreed by the Parish Council had been

revised. The cost now was £60 per bin per year for a three year period, after which the Parish Council would have to re-negotiate. The £60 covered the erection of a bin on a post. There would be an additional cost of £2 each time the bin was emptied. After discussion it was proposed by Karen Herbert-Okey and seconded by David Ross that one bin now be sourced, and placed in The Street near St Peters Close. This was carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk

- (b) The Clerk's remuneration of £125.36 was authorised.

6. Planning

- (a) The Clerk plus Peter Kaye had attended an NNDC Planning presentation in North Walsham. The Clerk outlined the format of the presentation and how informative it had been.

7. Correspondence

- (a) Carried over from last meeting was a letter from Mundesley School asking for a Parish Councillor to become a Governor of the school. Annemarie Coe expressed a wish to take up this offer. The Clerk has passed the contact details to Annmarie who will now contact the School Governors direct.

Action: Annmarie Coe

- (b) The Clerk stated he had received a letter from 'Awards for All' (who had donated £700 towards the Village Hall Car Park) stating it was remiss of the Parish Council not to have written a completion report. The Clerk has requested a form and will complete and return in due course.

Action: Clerk

8. Village Matters

- (a) Norman Dodd asked about a recent article in a local newspaper regarding the extension of mains sewerage from Walcott to Trunch via Paston. The Clerk had the article with him and outlined the content to the Parish Council. The Clerk undertook to contact Anglian Water to get full details and report back.

Action: Clerk

- (b) The Clerk informed the Council that he had been approached by someone in the village who wished to have an allotment. The Chairman reminded the Council that since the resignation of Henry Wilde, currently nobody had been appointed to look after the Allotments.

After discussion Norman Dodd volunteered to under take this role. The Clerk stated that he had a pack on this and would pass this on the Norman who in turn undertook to contact Henry to get up to date information.

Action: Norman Dodd

The Clerk reminded the Council that his records reflected that the annual revenue from the allotments was in the region of £50 and urged the council to think about realising a realistic rent for each allotment.

9. Reports

- (a) **Homewatch** – currently 64 people had signed up and will be getting a Welcome pack later. It was stated that a Magistrate had offered to give the Council\Homewatch co-ordinators a presentation on the effects of crime. This will be scheduled for sometime possibly in September.

Action: David Ross/Peter Kaye

- (b) David Ross reported that some of the footpaths were in need of attention. It needs Mr Peter Dugdale to be contacted.

Action: Clerk

10. Date of next meeting and agenda items

No meeting planned in August, next meeting to be held on Sept 6, at 1930 in the Village Hall with agenda items as highlighted in the above minutes.

Signed _____

Chairman

Please Note:

The Parish Council have received information that Sanders Coach Services Route Numbers 34 and 735 will now stop in Knapton en-route to Norwich. Your attention is drawn to the Sanders Timetable on display on this notice board, and in the Village Hall. Please note that the timetable lists Knapton Green as the pick up and set down points, however after clarification Sanders have said that the driver will pick-up any passengers that flag the bus down. From recent experience, the drivers will also set down passengers wherever requested along the Mundesley road.

The message from North Norfolk Council is quite clear; if this service is not well supported it may be withdrawn in the future.