

# Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 6 Mar 2006 in the Village Hall.

Present: Alan Young (in the Chair)  
David Ross  
Peter Kaye  
David Spencer  
Norman Dodd  
Karen Herbert-Okey

District Councillor: Graham Jones

1 member of Knapton village

## 1. Apologies

None.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

## 3. Minutes:

Peter Kaye proposed that the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on 6 Feb 2006, constituted a true and correct record. Peter Kaye seconded and it was unanimously agreed. The Chairman initialled and signed these minutes.

## 4. Matters Arising

### (a) Village Bench

The Chairman (Alan Young), stated that with a little help, he will re-instate the seat back in The Street from where it originated.

**Action:** The Chairman

### (b) MADRA

The Vice Chairman (David Ross) stated that MADRA now had a totally new very ethical committee. The correct License would be now be in force from Mar 16, at which time the Club would be open for business. A membership flyer will be circulated soon.

The Chairman of Knapton Parish Council (Alan Young) opened the meeting to the floor and a disussion about the refurbishment etc of MADRA took place. It was stated from the floor that with some help, they hoped to turn MADRA around within a year. A request was made to look into the possibility of the Parish Council undertaking to insure the playground furniture. The Clerk was asked to look into the cost of this.

**Action:** The Parish Clerk

(c) **Cleanup**

Karen Herbert-Okey had spoken with George, and they would get things underway possibly May June time. Karen was asked to confirm arrangements and report back at the next meeting.

**Action:** Karen Herbert-Okey

(d) **Village Plan**

The Parish Clerk stated in accordance with a previous action placed upon him, he had contacted Councillor Graham Jones, who in turn had put him in touch with Trunch, and also the local field officer Carolyn Heydon. The Clerk outlined some advantages of having such a plan. The Chairman asked the Clerk to see if a presentation could be organised shortly, so that we could maybe include this in the AGM in May. This has been done and Carolyn will be at the next Parish Meeting, and is prepared to give a presentation to the AGM if this is required.

Councillor Graham Jones endorsed the idea of having this plan and highlighted some of the benefits Trunch had found in going this route.

**Action:** Parish Clerk

5. **Finance**

(a) **Statement**

The Parish Clerk outlined the current financial situation. The Parish Clerk stated that the current account was getting low (around £100) which would not be enough to cover this month's outgoings. He asked that some money be transferred from the deposit account. It was proposed by David Spencer that a sum of £300 be transferred; this was seconded by Peter Kaye and carried unanimously.

The Clerk again outlined the fact that through a little prudence we now had a contingency fund of £1700. However, this could soon get eaten up if the Parish Council has to pay for any elections post the last resignation.

The Clerks remuneration was agreed.

**Action:** Parish Clerk

6. **Planning**

There was to be a presence at the forthcoming Open Forum on Planning. Graham Jones urged the Parish Council to consider producing a village plan. He would forward details to the Parish Clerk on who to contact.

**Action:** Peter Kay and David Ross, plus Graham Jones and Parish Clerk

7. **Correspondence**

Dealt with throughout meeting under individual headings, and items later circulated for information.

## 8. Village Matters

### (a) MADRA

It was proposed by David Spencer, that a sum up to £100 be offered to the above to sponsor a project, thus assisting them to get back on their feet. This was seconded by Peter Kaye and carried unanimously.

**Action:** The Parish Clerk

### (b) Signage

David Spencer outlined the research he had carried out to get a sign done for Robinsons Loke. The cost is very reasonable at a little over £21. The District Councillor was interested to hear this and it could be a way of cutting costs in the future. It was proposed by David Ross and seconded by Peter Kaye, that David go ahead and the Parish Council would look at partially funding in conjunction with NNDC at a later date. This was carried unanimously. David Spencer brought along the sign for Robinsons Loke to show the Parish Council.

### (d) Sewerage

The Chairman asked the Parish Clerk to contact Pat Bonham and inform him the Steve Hems from NNDC should be contacted for an update on using the latest technology to get pipes under The Street.

## 9. Reports:

### (a) Area Partnership Meeting

This meeting was attended by the Vice Chairman (David Ross), who outlined the new legislation information (previously outlined by the Parish Clerk in November 2005) gathered as follows:

- Fixed penalties for abandoned cars and also dog mess. NNDC will employ 2 dog control officers and covert cameras could be employed. Again £75 fixed penalty notices for owners of dogs which foul specific area of the village.
- Litter - a bin will be provided for each Parish, NNDC will arrange collection.
- Dropping litter could incur a £75 fixed penalty notice.
- Waste flytipping, owner of land pays the cost!
- House Alarms, all owners must notify NNDC of keyholder details, a £75 fixed penalty notice for nuisance alarms.

### (b) Conference on Safer Communities Partnership on Tues 21st Feb

This meeting was attended by Karen Herbert-Okey, who outlined the latest information as follows:

This is now in its 3rd year and having a change of title to **Local issues - local solutions**.

Insp. Danny Kett gave a talk on neighbourhood policing. ASBO's are 90% resolved and that domestic violence is the route cause of these. The police are taking on more PCSO's one months training, then 4 weeks with PC's, after 6 months should be fully trained, they would be placed in the areas of Norwich, Thetford, Gt. Yarmouth and Wymondham.

Currently there are:

	Sergeants	PCSO	PC
Nth. Walsham	1	6	2
Stalham	1	5	1
Cromer	1	6	3

Since the new licensing laws were introduced Nth Norfolk has seen no increase in disorder only improvement, things are looking positive, but would need to look at this a year on. North Norfolk is still the safest place in Norfolk to live, granted that not all crimes are reported. The force is looking to keep more Police stations open by community volunteers, and the police to do less pen pushing.

The community Police officer should come to Parish Council Meetings on a regular basis, on the understanding that he could discuss any problems first, as his time would be precious. Sue Lambert then followed with a talk on the Local Area Agreement.

Outlining the 3 year partnerships agreement and a framework for the local Public Service agreement. With an action plan on outcomes, targets and milestones. Outcomes and targets should deliver better quality of life by improving local and national priorities.

Children and Young People - Potential LAA outcomes –

- Educational attainment.
- 14-19 learning opportunities,
- Reduced criminal behaviour.

Healthier Communities and Older People potential LAA outcomes

- Health inequalities,
- Smoking, alcohol and obesity,
- Older people helped to live at home.

Safer and stronger communities potential LAA outcomes

- Reduced crime and fear of crime
- Preventative work with young children
- Cleaner, greener and safer public spaces
- Work continues to develop.

A question and answer session followed, with one of the questions being on local housing and who would be put there. Many people felt that there were too many 'outsiders' coming into the villages, from bigger towns or cities and causing trouble within the community, they were not suited to the quiet village way of life. The housing was not being used for the locals once built and that the Parish Council has no say in who lives there once these have been built. Hence a lively discussion ensued.

### **North Norfolk District Council**

Councillor Graham Jones briefly addressed the Parish Council, and urged them to read the Local Development Framework Progress report which he had given to each Councillor.

## **10. Date of next meeting and agenda items**

Next meeting to be held on Tues 4 April 2006, at 1930 in the Village Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**