

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 7 Nov 2006 in the Village Hall.

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

1 member of the public

1. Apologies

Wyndham Northam, Brenda Lancaster

2. Declarations of Interest

MADRA – Karen Herbert-Okey and Norman Dodd.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held in September were reviewed. Karen Herbert-Okey proposed that these minutes constituted a true record and that they be accepted. This was seconded by Peter Kaye and was carried unanimously. The Chairman initialled and signed these minutes.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Notice board

This was discussed and consulted with the Clerk. The Chairman will report back.

Action: The Chairman

(b) Hedge cutting

Mathew Lambert had nearly completed this task, only small areas of hawthorn needed to be trimmed back to the same height as the rest of the hedge, at which time the Clerk was authorised to pay the money.

Mathew would like to express his profound thanks to MADRA who allowed him to dispose of the cuttings on the bonfire, thus saving him time and the village money for he did not need to hire in any machinery.

Action: Parish Clerk

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(c) **Vandalism**

Recently acts of vandalism had taken place at MADRA, as well as in Mundesley and Bacton. The Community Policing Team would be consulted on this matter to keep abreast of what was being done to curb these events

Action: Parish Clerk/Karen Herbert-Okey

(d) **Millenium Garden**

The Parish Council had a long discussion on the options available. It was thought that the precept may have to be raised to cover the ongoing cost of what was once viewed as a little or low maintenance project. This and the surrounding area was wasted, it could be put to much better use by holding future fund raising events on this and the area around the beacon.

It was proposed by David Spencer that the whole subject of the Millennium garden (and trees opposite) upkeep be deferred to the village via the Village Plan. This was seconded by Peter Kaye and carried unanimously

Action: Village Plan team

(e) **Village Plan**

The Chairman thanked all concerned for their efforts so far. Funding and Grants were discussed, with the Chairman and Parish Clerk making some enquiries, and will report back at the next meeting.

Action: Chairman & Parish Clerk

(f) **Parish Precept**

After much discussion and ever mindful of the increasing costs incurred in the general upkeep of the village it was proposed by Peter Kaye that the 2006/2007 precept should be kept the same. This was seconded by Norman Dodd and carried unanimously. The Clerk said he would review the budget and report back.

Action: Parish Clerk

5. Finance Statement

The Parish Clerk outlined the current financial situation. With all known bills paid there is £2,481.42 in the current account, and £1,739.21 in the deposit account.

The Clerks remuneration was agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

6. Planning

Nil.

7. Correspondence

On circulation.

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8. Village Matters

Some feedback about the general condition of the road and pavement area near the phone box was that this was now much improved. Also after continued pressure from the Clerk and also David Spencer, the chevron was now back in place on the Mundesley road bend on the B1145.

The Chairman asked for care to be taken regarding the verges in the village. Parking and leaving vehicles/trailers etc on the grassed areas did nothing for the general appearance of the village, and did not allow our contractors access to keep these areas cut.

9. District Councillors Report

Our District Councillor Graham Jones spoke about the Local Government White Paper titled Strong and Prosperous Communities and urged the PC to go for Quality Council status thus allowing the village more control over where our money is spent.

10. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Next meeting to be held on Tues 5 Dec 2006, at 1930 in the Village Hall.

Signed _____

Chairman

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