

## **Knapton Parish Council**

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2007 in the Village Hall.

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

Graham Jones (District Councillor)

5 Members of the Public including 2 incoming (July) Parish Councillors.

**1. Apologies – None.**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

MADRA – Norman Dodd, Sally Dodd.  
Pigneys Wood – Peter Kaye

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the last two meetings held in April and May were reviewed. Peter Kaye proposed that these minutes constituted a true record and that they be accepted. This was seconded by Sally Dodd and carried unanimously. The Chairman initialled and signed these minutes.

**4. Matters Arising**

(a) **Dog control order**

This order had been circulated to the PC but the general feedback was that it was unclear and needed clarification especially Schedule 1. The Clerk was asked to write to NNDC for clarification.

**Action:** Parish Clerk

(b) **Millennium garden**

Karen Herbert-Okey outlined the current problems with this area, and it is often brought up and discussed with respect to its long term future. Currently the hedges need cutting and in some cases trees replaced. The ongoing problem is the expense incurred by the village. The Chairman opened the discussion to the floor and many different points were aired. It was proposed by Karen Herbert-Okey and seconded by Norman Dodd that we have another working party with as many people as possible and possibly blitz this over the next two weekends – weather permitting. This was carried unanimously. Longer term, the Council will consult with Parish Plan Steering group on how best to proceed. The Clerk asked Councillor Jones to explain the interaction of the Steering group and Parish Council and how it was working in other villages in this locality.

Meanwhile the Parish Clerk will obtain some quotes for dealing with the hedging.

*(Please note: due to the inclement weather this has now been moved to Sat 7 July (again weather permitting) but more details about this at the AGM).*

**Action:** Parish Clerk, All Councillors plus any other interested parties

## **5. Finance Statement**

The Parish Clerk outlined the current financial situation. With all known bills paid there is £2383.19 in the current account, and £3,019.39 in the deposit account. The Clerk suggested that the current account was a little high and consideration be given to transfer £1,000 into the deposit account during the month.

The Clerk asked for the council to approve the expenditure of £487.26 for the renewal of the Council Insurance policy. The payment has increased this year since the Council included the play equipment under this policy. Ever mindful of the Parish Council's responsibility towards this area, the Clerk stated that the ROSPA inspector would be doing his inspection later this month.

The Clerks remuneration was agreed.

It was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Sally Dodd that his be done. This was carried unanimously.

**Action:** Parish Clerk

## **6. Planning**

None

## **7. Correspondence**

On circulation.

## **8. Village Matters**

### **Village Newsletter**

Peter Kay said that he would like to publicly thank Tricia Doidge and her team for the work that had been undertaken on producing an excellent newsletter. This was endorsed by the whole council.

### **Reports**

#### **MADRA**

The Chairman stated that the recent biker's event was a success, with only a very small number of complaints. It was thought that maybe there would more understanding locally if people were made aware of the aims and objectives of the event.

## **North Norfolk District Council**

Councillor Graham Jones reported:

That he had been re-elected with an increased majority and was very grateful for the confidence shown in me by the electorate. The Liberal Democrats were re-elected with the same majority as before and therefore form the new administration again.

He has also been re-elected me back into the Cabinet which has been reduced by two members and now consists of Leader, Deputy, and five other Cabinet members. Graham's portfolio includes Democratic Services, IT, Communication, Procurement, Human Resources, Customer services and Business Process Review.

Graham is trying to organise a meeting between the Police, Highways and Parish Councils in the ward to discuss traffic through villages and in particular speeding.

He has also been active in changing the image and format of the Councils "Outlook" news magazine - you may have noticed the new format and he that it would be seen as an improvement.

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

Next meeting to be held on Tues 3 July 2007, at 1930 in the Village Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**