

Knapton Parish Council

Notes of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held at the village hall on May 1st, 2007 at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: Peter Holtam (Parish Clerk)

David Spencer - It is with great regret that we record the sad death of David yesterday afternoon in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich. We take this opportunity to send our condolences to Pat, his wife, and to all members of his family. David was a dear friend and colleague and for many years, a member of this council. His presence will be sadly missed by us all.

3 members of the public.

Declarations of interest: Norman Dodd – MADRA, Sally Dodd – MADRA, Peter Kaye – Pigneys Wood

Minutes: No minutes of the last meeting were presented. These will be prepared from notes taken and presented at the next meeting.

Matters Arising: None.

Elections: It was recorded that the Parish Council elections would have to be postponed following the sad demise of David Spencer and that further guidance was awaited from the Returning Officer of NNDC as to the date, time and procedure to be followed for the new election.

Clerks Remuneration: It was proposed by Norman Dodd and seconded by Sally Dodd that the clerks remuneration in the sum of £108.33 be agreed. This was carried unanimously.

Parish Precept: It was noted that the 1st tranche of £2125 was credited to the Parish account on Tuesday 1st May (three working days after April, 26th).

Correspondence:

Draft Dog Control Order. A letter received from the District Council was tabled at the meeting and it was agreed that it should be circulated to all councillors for comment at the next meeting. It was noted that the District Council required a response.

Reports:

MADRA - Norman Dodd reported that the AGM was held on April, 30th and that it was well attended. Several new committee members were elected as officers with David Bishop-Leggett being re-appointed Chairman, Sally Dodd as Treasurer and Norman Dodd remaining as Secretary.

It was recorded that there was still a shortage of volunteers to run the bar and that a lot of interest was shown by football members to form a sub-committee to promote the use of sports facilities.

Homewatch – Sally Dodd reported that she had been having difficulty making contact with Ted Gill in his office and proposed that he be invited to attend the next meeting of council. She also reported that there were some technical glitches in the system that prevented a not inconsiderable number of people receiving police messages via the internet. It was hoped that co-ordinators would also attend this meeting.

Village Hall Big Lottery Fund Application: Peter Kaye reported that the application had been submitted by April 30th and acknowledged. It was pointed out that this could be the first of a number of applications to this source.

Village Plan: Tricia Doidge reported on the progress made on the village plan and that the target for completion was before the years end. The current members of the Steering Group are Richard Elliott-Smith (temporary Chair), Tricia Doidge (Secretary), Bea Gatfield and Pat Spencer. It was agreed that it is important that we get other villagers involved in the Village Plan, and will encourage them to do so via the newsletter.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council are currently holding a fund of approximately £800, specifically allocated to the creation of the Village Plan. The Steering Group should contact the Griffin Area Partnership to enquire about further funding.

We all agreed it was important for us to carry on with, and make a success of the Village Plan, in David's memory.

Newsletter: Tricia stated that the first issue of the newsletter would be ready for publication before the end of this month. By general agreement it was decided to withhold publication and distribution until after the new elections had been held in order to include the names of the newly elected council members by way of introduction to the parishioners. The method of distribution was under consideration and it was likely that means of delivery would be a mixture of hard copy and by email where possible and acceptable. The first issue would be distributed as hard copy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on a date to be specified following the election.

Signed _____

Chairman