

# **Knapton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2 October 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Alan Young (in the Chair)  
Karen Herbert-Okey  
Bea Gatfield  
Clyte Venvell  
Norman Dodd  
Sally Dodd

4 members of the public including Ellie and Theo (representing the youth of the village).

Councillor John Whitby Chair of Mundesley Parish Council, Mr Wynham Northam (Norfolk County Council).

## **1. Apologies**

Peter Kaye.

## **2. Register of Interests**

Norman Dodd (MADRA, and Newsletter), Bea Gatfield (Newsletter)

## **3. Minutes of last meeting**

Clyte Venvell drew the Councils attention to the fact that there was an error in last minutes. Butterfly walk should be amended to 'Footpath No.7' With this amendment it was proposed by Karen Herbert-Okey and seconded by Bea Gatfield that the minutes constituted a true record of events and were carried.

## **4. Matters arising**

### **Fourways (at the bridge upon entering Mundesley from Knapton)**

John Whitby outlined the fact that the land was owned by Knapton Parish Council, and leased to Mundesley for a nominal rent. However, this area was prone to flooding and Mundesley on occasions had to pay for repairs. What they would like Knapton to do is transfer the ownership to Mundesley who would pay all legal charges.

After discussion the Chariman of Knapton Parish Council thanked John for coming to explain his case, but Knapton would like to think about this proposal and would contact him in due course.

## **Standing Orders**

After Norman and Sally Dodd had attended a recent training session for Councillors, it had become apparent that the current Parish Council Standing Orders were in need of some updating. This was carried over from the last meeting.

The Clerk stated that after doing some research, our Standing Officers stood up quite well against others visible on the web. However, after discussion a Sub Committee was formed to look at what changes could be made and they would report back at the November meeting.

## **Precept**

The Clerk outlined the current precept and stated that the Parish Council had actively sought to keep the precept from rising, thus keeping Council Taxes as low as possible. After discussion it was proposed by Sally Dodd and seconded by Norman Dodd that the current Precept remains the same (£4,250) for the 2008 financial year. With one abstention this was carried.

## **Newsletter**

The Parish Council agreed that it was good to see the Newsletter up and running, and thanked Tricia Doidge for all her efforts. Tricia had up until now funded the newsletters from her own pocket, and had requested the Parish Council consider funding these and the remaining issues on a bimonthly basis for at least one year. It was proposed by Sally Dodd and seconded by Clyde Venvell that the Council fund up to a maximum of £250 for one year. This was carried unanimously. The Clerk stated he had received an invoice for expenses already incurred in the production of the previous newsletters and would settle this with Tricia in due course.

## **5. Financial Report**

The Parish Clerk being the RFO stated that Knapton Parish Council currently has £2634.26 in the current account and £4,054.41 in the Deposit Account. The latest precept had been received and the Clerk proposed to transfer some more funds into the Deposit Account. The Clerks remuneration was reviewed and it was proposed by Sally Dodd and seconded by Bea Gatfield that the financial report and remuneration be accepted. This was carried unanimously.

## **6. Planning**

The Clerk updated the council on the revised planning application that had been submitted for 'The Nook' in The Street, Knapton.

## **7. Correspondence**

This was on circulation, apart from a letter that had recently been received from the Vicar which would be dealt with under Village Matters below.

## **8. Village matters**

### **Youth Questionnaire**

Bea Gatfield outlined the recent Youth Questionnaire and showed the Council a visual presentation of the village produced by them at a recent meeting. Input had been received from 12 children and 7 teenagers. Ellie and Theo were present in the hall tonight to learn what goes on at a meeting of the Parish Council. The Chairman congratulated them on the work carried out and asked them if there was anything they would like to see done in Knapton village. In summary they would like to see a Bus Stop/Bus shelter, access to an allotment, and possibly a Youth Council with input into MADRA?

The Clerk will look at resurrecting the idea of funding from NCC for a Bus Shelter. He will report back in due course.

### **Village Hall**

The Clerk read out a letter that had been received from Roger Mc Phee regarding partial funding for the replacement of the windows. After discussion it was proposed Norman Dodd and seconded by Sally Dodd that a sum of £250 be granted to the Village Hall Committee. This was carried.

### **Reports**

Karen Herbert-Okey outlined a recent meeting with GAP (Community Crime Reduction). At the same time some local concerns were voiced regarding parking in and around School Close.

Whilst many rumours were circulating about MADRA, nothing was discussed due to the MADRA Chairman not being present. It is hope that we can establish the latest state of play with the Chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Sally Dodd stated that she had still not seen the Homewatch file.

### **Norfolk County Council**

The following update was presented by Councillor Wyndam Northham:

Bacton Gas Terminals-By-pass: Tony Mc Nulty, Home Office Minister recently confirmed no proposal had been made for a By-pass.

The Speed Awareness Message SAM has been re launched following a previous successful campaign. Some breakers of the speed limits are local people; perhaps SAM will prick their consciences.

Flood Evacuation Schemes-Flood warning sirens. Consultations are still proceeding and the Police have now agreed to having Flood sirens so progress is being made.

Norwich Unitary Bid. Last March following the submission of the first bid John Prescott said Norwich didn't stand a chance of being successful. There was both surprise and disappointment at the new Ministers decision, no doubt influenced by Charles Clarke an Norwich Labour MP. This will cause concern to Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk District Council staff about their futures. The exercise so far has cost over £0.5 million which we have to find.

Norfolk County Services and Norfolk Property Consultants, two of County Council's wholly owned properties continue to go from strength to strength. Previously reported profits for 2005/06 were £1.5million, for 2006/07 they are £4.5million.

National Chartered Institute of Public Relations, local government group Excellence in Communications Awards, Norfolk County Council Communications Team was named Communications Team of the Year 2007. The team won all five categories of the Award, no Authority has ever won so many categories. Comment from the judges *'The judges are stunned by just how many categories Norfolk has won'*,

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Alan Young (Chairman Knapton Parish Council)