

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4 Sept 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Alan Young (in the Chair)
Peter Kaye
Karen Herbert-Okey
Bea Gatfield
Clyte Venvell
3 members of the public.
Graham Jones NNDC

1. Apologies

Norman Dodd, Sally Dodd.

2. Register of Interests

Peter Kaye (Pygneys Wood)

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was proposed by Karen Herbert-Okey and Seconded by Peter Kaye that the minutes constituted a true record of events. This was carried.

4. Matters arising

Millennium Garden

Peter Kay stated that he had sought a professional opinion from a contact at Pygneys Wood and the upshot of this was it would cost £1500 plus to rectify and around £800 per annum to maintain. The village was not in a position to financially support this. After some discussion it has been decided to try and keep on top of it by getting a working party together from the village, supported by the Parish Councillors.

The hedge surrounding the village green and millennium garden was in need of trimming. The Parish Clerk stated he had made several attempts to obtain the services of a local contractor but to no avail. The Chairman of MADRA stated he knew of someone who might be interested in doing this work. The Clerk will try to contact him.

Village hall car park

The Clerk stated that he had received a letter from NNHT regarding the possibility of using the car park to ease the parking situation in school close. It was emphasized that this was the Village Hall car park, and was for the use of persons attending this venue,

and not for general use. The Parish Council will review the use of this car park over the next six months and if necessary make it more secure if the need arises.

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. However, due to Norman and Sally not being present it was proposed by Karen Herbert-Okey and seconded by Clyte Venvell that this be carried over to the October meeting. This was carried unanimously.

Councillor's responsibilities

The Chairman stated that in view of the fact Clyte Venvell could not be present at the last meeting when councillors each took on their own area of responsibility; he had asked if she would be prepared to sit on the North Walsham Griffon Area Partnership committee. Clyte had kindly accepted this position and gave the council a quick update on what had taken place.

5. Financial Report

The Parish Clerk being the RFO stated that Knapton Parish Council currently has £669.71 in the current account and £4,045.47 in the Deposit Account. The next precept was due later this month at which time the Council would have to consider what precept to apply for in the 2008/2009 financial year.

6. Planning

Peter Kaye updated the council on the recent planning application that had been submitted for 'The Nook' in The Street, Knapton.

7. Correspondence

The Clerk stated that this was on circulation. At this time the Clerk asked all present to pass the circulation folders around as quickly as possible as often the deadline – especially with planning applications, is rather tight.

8. Village matters

Clyte Venvell outlined several complaints made to her regarding parking in 'The Street', at the corner of Hall Lane, also Parrs Farm and at the Butterfly walk. We would like to remind all concerned to park with due consideration to others to prevent an accident occurring in these areas. The grass in the lane opposite the Butterfly walk was badly in need of cutting. The Clerk would get in touch with Highways about this.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the floor

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's)

Pat Spencer recounted a cautionary tale regarding TPO's and updated the council on the situation on the land adjoining the bottom of her garden.

A lively discussion ensued regarding what involvement the Parish Council should have in this particular instance. The Chairman and Clerk plus others undertook to visit the site with the District Councillor the very next day, and the Clerk would seek clarification from NNDC regarding the happenings so far and get clarification on current legislation regarding TPO's. He would update the Council at the next meeting.

Knapton Newsletter

Tricia Doidge asked for clarification regarding the grant money for Knapton Village plan. The reason being she was seeking some funding for the Newsletter which had previously been paid for out of her own pocket. The Chairman stated that this money was ring fenced for the production of the Village Plan but if she were to contact the Clerk to get the funding issue placed on the agenda for the next meeting the Council would look at the possibility of funding. On behalf of the Council and Knapton Village as a whole, the Chairman thanked Tricia for all her hard work and the effort that she and the Steering Group had put into producing the bi-monthly newsletter and the work done in getting the Village Plan underway.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed _____

Alan Young (Chairman Knapton Parish Council)