

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2 Sept 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Alan Young (in the Chair), Peter Kaye, Bea Gatfield, Clyte Venvell, Norman Dodd, Sally Dodd
Karen Herbert-Okey, 4 members of the public.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team presented themselves to the meeting and gave an interesting perspective on their job and the crime issues affecting this local area. They are keen to receive feedback from the community and to this end we will look at making some feedback forms available possibly in the area of the village notice board.

1. Apologies: Graham Jones, Wyndham Northam.

2. Register of Interests

Bea Gatfield (Newsletter), Clyte Venvell (GAP), Norman & Sally Dodd (MADRA).

3. Minutes of last meeting

After having reviewed the minutes of the last meeting it was proposed by Sally Dodd that they represented a true and accurate record of events, this was seconded by Bea Gatfield and were carried unanimously.

Matters arising

There was a discussion on the subject of the War Memorial. The Clerk stated he was in consultation with the Vicar and also the RBL and would report back later.

There was a long discussion about the maintenance of the Millennium field. There was no support for spending a sum in the region of £1500 for the refurbishment of this area. However, Clyte Venvell will consult with other parties next week on this issue and obtain further quotes and info on grants.

Additionally: The Clerk has recently contacted NCS to supply a quote for the work required along with the maintenance of the hedges surrounding the field.

4. Financial Report

The Parish Clerk being the RFO stated that Knapton Parish Council currently has £1,381.65 in the current account and £4235.25 in the Deposit Account. The Clerks remuneration for the past month was submitted. There is an outstanding bill for £70.50 which needs to be paid for the annual inspection of the play area near MADRA.

It was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Karen Herbert-Okey that the accounts, bill and expenses be accepted. This was carried.

Action: Parish Clerk

5. Planning

None

6. Correspondence

On circulation was the letter from Bacton Gas site regarding the compilation of emergency planning organisation and local membership.

7. Village matters

Youth Club

Bea Gatfield brought the Council up to date on the plans for the Youth Club. This could start in October; there will be 2 groups covering an age range of 8 -17 year olds.

Lottery Grant

The idea of applying for a lottery grant this year was discussed, and carried over to the next meeting.

Hedge (MADRA)

The possibility of applying for the equivalent of a Tree Preservation Order, except applied to a hedge was discussed and discounted.

Sewage

There are still some minor problems at the bottom of The Street, however this should be overcome by the ditches being cleared beyond the bridge on the field side. There was a discussion about mains drainage as well.

Reports:

Peter Kaye appraised the council about the meeting he had recently attended with regard to the local transport plan. Peter also reported on the recent mindless vandalism that had been experienced in the area of the tables. Around £600 of damage had been done to one table, and some valuable young trees had been stolen. The Committee were now considering moving the other tables to a more visible area of the wood – near the car park. Peter Kaye also presented information of the forthcoming Village Walk and Hog roast being held on Saturday the 20 September.

Boundary Commission

Local councils are being encouraged to write to Hazel Blears the Minister concerned with regard to this revamp for Norfolk. The Council will put a letter forward when all the information has been circulated and reviewed. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

MADRA

This is going from strength to strength, currently a BBQ/Hog roast is being planned to raise some money for the much needed refurbishment.

Homewatch

3 New members had recently joined the scheme.

Website

It was reported that this is still work in progress.

Compost

Our Compost Rep (Bea Gatfield) has tried to get on the training course, but due to other commitments this will now be done later in the year.

The Chair opened the meeting to the floor:

Water Tower

The Clerk explained to the meeting that a complaint had been made to Clyte regarding work being carried out on the water tower. The Clerk investigated this report and also contacted other agencies for details. This was then relayed to local residents, and the District Councillor. One of the local residents has also reported this to Graham Jones (District Councillor). The local resident concerned outlined to the council her particular concerns. The Clerk was then asked to make representation to NNDC to express our great displeasure in being left out of the information loop. The Clerk will report back in due course.

Speeding

Another local resident complained of the speed of vehicles (agricultural vehicles in particular) along The Street. A particularly bad spot is the junction of The Street and Lawn Close, could the signage be improved?

The Council will contact the Police team and get a high visibility presence and possibly get a speed camera on the scene

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

Signed _____ Alan Young (Chairman Knapton Parish Council)