

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1 December, 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Alan Young (in the chair), Clyde Venvell, Sally Dodd, Karen Herbert-Okey, Peter Kaye, Lorraine Shakespeare, Tricia Doidge and 4 members of the public.

County and District Councillor: Graham Jones (not present, apologies rendered)

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Register of Interests:

Clyde Venvell (Griffon Area Partnership, Village Hall), Karen Herbert-Okey (Homewatch and Police Liaison), Peter Kaye (Planning Liaison and Pigneys Wood), Alan Young (Bus Shelter), Tricia Doidge (Newsletter and Footpath)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

After reviewing the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 Oct, with one correction regarding 'Your Parish' (insert Community Amenities) it was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Clyde Venvell that they represented a true record of events. This was carried.

4. Matters arising:

Bus Shelter

The Chairman had been in touch and the siting had been discussed with Highways. This will be progressed in the New Year.

Action: Chairman and Parish Clerk

Playground

The Chairman had been in touch with the MADRA Chair and the Playground was discussed. It appears that things are being progressed with regards to the fence posts surrounding this area; the posts are currently being treated and will be fitted shortly.

Action: Chairman

War Memorial

Clyde Venvell asked what progress had been made regarding the restoration of the War Memorial in the churchyard. The Clerk reported that along with his wife he has tidied up the memorial before the Remembrance Parade last month. Longer term a combination of English Heritage, the Wolfson Foundation and the War Memorials Trust had been approached for advice.

The Clerk would report back both to the Council and also the RBL in due course.

Action: Clerk

Mains Sewerage

This is an ongoing subject, however Tricia Doidge pointed out that from the questionnaire conducted prior to establishing the village plan, 45% of the respondents stated that they would be prepared to pay the charges associated with being connected to mains drainage if it was available in the village. The Clerk pointed out that records show that the village was canvassed by Anglian Water some 5+ years ago, but they stated there were not enough takers for it to be economically viable for Anglian Water to undertake the project. Latterly the Council had approached Norman Lamb MP for assistance in trying to get the village included in the Trunch scheme. In fact Norman Lamb had written to Anglian Water supporting this proposal. The answer was the same; in short if the take up was sufficient it could be considered again, but it would require another questionnaire. After discussion, it was decided that Sally Dodd and Tricia Doidge would look at the legal ramifications, and the Clerk would again contact Norman Lamb to seek his support. We will report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk/Sally Dodd/Tricia Doidge

5. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported that the balances in the deposit and current accounts with Lloyds TSB as of December 1 2009 were £6331.48 and £480.78. The Clerk stated that he had received the latest Annual Audit Report from Mazars. All was fine; however they had stated that the report was delivered late but a revised submission date had been agreed, so the Clerk stated he would make this point when he paid the fee of £80.50 if it was agreed. This bill is down on last year which was over £100.

The Clerks remuneration of £132.28 was agreed.

It was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Sally Dodd the financial report be accepted. This was carried.

6. Planning:

Nil.

7. Correspondence

An invite had been received to attend and briefing and guided tour of Bacton gas plant had been received. Peter Kaye and Sally Dodd expressed an interest in attending. They will represent Knapton Parish Council at this event.

Knapton Christmas Fayre

The Chairman stated that he had heard this was a very successful event. To date the sum raised was nearly £1,000 which was going to Methodist Church funds. Knapton Parish Council stated that they would like to thank the organisers of this event for having the

foresight to organise this event to coincide with people shopping for their Christmas presents, it was lovely to see the village hall packed out with shoppers!

The Chairman opened the floor to the villagers present. Items discussed were the use and topping up of Salt Bins, and the overhanging shrubbery at Point Cottage, minor flooding at Knapton Green and Hall Lane.

8. Councillors reports

- **GAP (Clyte Venvell)**

There has been a lot of activity in this area; Voyager in particular has been a great success. Clyte commended the latest Newsletter (of which she has a hard copy) which will be circulated in due course.

- **Pigneys Wood (Peter Kaye):** The Trustees of the wood were currently investigating obtaining some trees free of charge, but the information would not be forthcoming until around Jan or Feb next year. This information could be shared with Knapton Parish Council. Currently the Wood has firewood for sale if anyone is interested.
- Karen Herbert-Okey – a piece about Police/Neighbourhood Watch was in the latest edition of the Knapton Newsletter. The footpath sign at the point where it goes into No 7 footpath has fallen down.
- Sally Dodd: Sally stated the footpath in Green lane has remained very good this year since the drainage had been sorted out.

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a merry Christmas and all the very best for 2010. The meeting was closed at 2115. The next meeting will be held on Tues Jan 5th 2010

Signed _____ Alan Young (Chairman Knapton Parish Council)