

Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th October, 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

1. Apologies:

Lorraine Shakespeare.

2. Register of Interests:

Clyte Venvell (Griffon Area Partnership, Village Hall), Karen Herbert-Okey (Homewatch and Police Liaison), Peter Kaye (Planning Liaison and Pigneys Wood), Alan Young (Bus Shelter).

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

With one addition to the minutes recording the fact that Lorraine Shakespeare was present, it was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Karen Herbert-Okey that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. This was carried.

4. Matters arising:

Bus Shelter

The Council discussed the location, plus picking-up points both for school children and residents alike. The Clerk outlined the fact the paperwork from County also contained a Survey form. Sally Dodd undertook to consult users on this and report back in due course. The Chairman stated he would consult Karl Rand (Highways).

Action: Chairman and Sally Dodd

Circulation notes

The notes from the last two circulation folders were discussed. The Chair stated he would talk with MADRA regarding insurance and the state of the playground.

Action: Chair

Dog bins

The Clerk stated that a bill had been received from NNDC for the emptying of this bin. It was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Sally Dodd that the bill for £69 be paid. This was carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk

Precept

The Clerk was in possession of the forms asking KPC to set the precept for 2010/2011. After discussion it was proposed by Peter Kaye and seconded by Sally Dodd to keep the precept the same, ie £4,250 per year paid in 2 instalments of £2,1250. This was carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk

Standing Orders

Clyte Venvell asked the council to consider reviewing the Standing Orders. The Clerk said as a precursor to this he would send out the current Orders in order to review.

Action: Clerk

5. Financial Report:

The Clerk reported that the balances in the deposit and current accounts with Lloyds TSB as on October 5th, 2009, were £4331.22 and £2,956.45 respectively.

The Clerk explained that NALC had informed him that a 1.9% pay rise had been offered to clerks, and whilst it had not been ratified he was prepared to accept a pay rise of £1.72 per month, backdated to April 2009. It was proposed by Sally Dodd and seconded by Clyte Venvell that this be accepted. With one vote against, this proposal was accepted. The Clerks remuneration of £252.64 for the past 3 months was also agreed.

Vote of thanks:

Knapton Parish Council wish to record their appreciation to Richard Elliot-Smith and Karen and Mark Herbert-Okey for their invaluable assistance in assisting the Clerk in completing the recent audit for the NAO. Also to Sally and Norman Dodd for their efforts in getting the fortnightly Friday Coffee morning up and running and making it a regular feature of Knapton parish life

6. Planning:

Nil.

7. Correspondence – previously dealt with.

8. Village Matters

Co-option of Parish Councillor

There had only been one person to come forward to answer the advert for a Parish Councillor, this was Tricia Doidge who is known to most in the village. Accordingly the Chairman welcomed Tricia to the council. The Clerk will complete the paperwork to make the return to NNDC.

9. Councillors reports

- Clyte Venvell – the village hall has a broken light. Also the cleaner needs to be allocated more hours to clean the hall. Regarding GAP, funding again seems to be in jeopardy. CV was asked to bring up the question of funding/administration costs at the AGM.
- Peter Kaye - Pygneys Wood . The wood recently won a Bio Diversity Award for the best site in Norfolk. The site was also making application to the Lottery Fund for some additional funding.
- Karen Herbert-Okey – Police/Neighbourhood Watch

This report covers meetings along with a Police update on what has happened in Knapton between 01/09/09 – 05/10/09. There are no crimes as such to report, however it must be stressed that all crimes should be reported firstly to the Police on 0845 456456.

The North Walsham Safer Neighbourhood Priority meeting was held at Worsted on 2nd September.

Sergeant Kirsty Brooks gave a report on the activity undertaken in respect of the three priorities previously set by the panel, these were:-

- Midland Road -ASB by vehicles congregating causing noise nuisance and dangerous driving.
- Report - A minimum of 7 Hours of patrol was undertaken around the car park in Midland Road with an additional 4.5 hours of visiting local businesses and local residents.
- Residents highlighted that issues around the NNDC owned car-park and that there is often a problem after midnight.

Two Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings have been issued for driving in an Anti-Social manner and one fixed penalty notice was issued for obstruction.

A survey was carried out amongst local residents who think the removal of a bench at the junction of Norwich Rd and A149 would assist.

Arrangements are being made to arrange a meeting with NNDC to discuss the car-park .

Speeding -Gimingham (through main part of village -30 m.p.h)

Report - A total of 444 vehicles have been checked with 6% of all vehicles found to be exceeding the speed limit. The offending drivers were dealt with by way of verbal warnings, fixed penalty ticket and warning letters

A Site visit carried out in the area that has resulted with a recommendation to the Highways Department to reduce the amount of foliage making the signs more visible.

Speeding- Hall Lane Knapton

Report - During the speed checks carried out at this location 167 vehicles were checked, the drivers of 6 vehicles were given verbal warnings for excess speed.

The new priorities to be addressed are

1. Midland Road -ASB by vehicles congregating causing noise nuisance and dangerous driving.
2. Pigney Woods - ASB/Underage drinking/Criminal Damage. Also we asked if speed checks could carry on as they would be using Hall Lane.

The meeting was closed at 2055.

Signed _____ Alan Young (Chairman Knapton Parish Council)