

# KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Knowstone Parish Hall

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**Present.** Cllr J. Stanbury (ch) Cllr C. Watson, Cllr c. Howe, Cllr J. Smith, Cllr D. Blackburn, Cllr R, Vos  
Six members of the public.

### 1. Public Questions.

Whilst there were no public questions as such, opportunity was taken by members of the public to thank Cllr Stanbury for his efforts in clearing the snow in the village during the recent spell of adverse weather.

The Clerk was asked to send letters of thanks to Cllr Stanbury and Mr. Alan Bray. Also to send an invoice for Cllr Stanbury's time to the County Council Highways Dept.

There was a suggestion that a snow plough be bought between three adjoining parishes. A request was made by Mr. D. Morgans for permission to search the archive for minute books which might contain reference to building agreements along the edge of the Link Road.

There had been a request for funding for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall – new kitchen equipment, varnishing the ceiling and certain areas of timber cladding have been estimated and in addition the roof, windows and fire doors are subject to wet rot. The Parish Hall has £15,000.00 but needs a further £6,000.00 which it hopes to raise from the parish. This was alright as far as it goes but further ideas should be sought as to how such a sum should be spent.

### 2. Apologies.

An apology was received from Cllr Ley

### 3. Minutes.

The minutes of the October meeting were signed after amendment, Cllr Vos voting against.

### 4. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Stanbury declared an interest in the invoice to be sent in respect of his snow clearing work.

### 5. Highways.

5:1 No action had been taken on the pothole near Wadham Farm and the Clerk was asked

to send a further letter about this.

5:2 In response to the letter concerning Harpson/Hittisford Lanes and the erosion, Mr T.Edwards promised that he was 'on the case' and was aware of the erosion of completed work by floodwater. The current thinking involves laying old tyres in deep section and filling on with planings. Some doubt remains about this and whether this will work without effective cross-draining. Unfortunately, this will duct the flood water onto private land adjoining. No start at all had been made on Harpson Lane.

5:3 All the salt/grit bins have been charged but it has come to the notice of the PC that some residents have been using the contents to clear private drives.

5:4 A copy of the May 2006 minutes should be sent to Paul Stewart to reinforce what has already been said about gritting the circular route through the village.

There had been no response from T. Edwards about the tree felling on the picnic site. There had been no regrowth on the larger boles.

## **6. Footpaths.**

The footpaths agreement was no longer in force. The amounts available are smaller, larger amounts have to be bid for. £200.00 was available from Cllr Ley but this must be spent before 1<sup>st</sup> March. Another £200.00 is available in April.

## **7. Planning.**

7:1 There were no reports from Cllr Smith.

7:2 There had been no response about the reports about Johnny Kingdom, the Clerk was asked to send another letter.

7:3 The meeting about Care Village on 14<sup>th</sup> January was cancelled due to bad weather. It was already known that there would be no support from East Anstey PC in using Care Village for housing. They see the site being developed for industrial purposes to offset the seventy jobs already lost on the site.

7:4 Application number 49486, Mr. D. Morgans, Roachill House. Full permission granted.

## **8. Finance.**

8:1 Following protracted discussion it was decided that figures for the 2010/11 precept would be available in the preceding September.

8:2 and 8:3 Cllr Watson proposed ratification of the cheques already made out and payment of the current ones. This was seconded by Cllr Howe.

The request for funding for the parish Hall will be placed on the next agenda. Meanwhile suggestions for alternative uses for the money are to be sought, Cllr Blackburn undertook to place an article in the Newsletter.

## **9. Report from District Councillor.**

An apology had been received from Cllr Ley.

**10 Report from County Councillor.**

The county councillor did not attend.

**11. Parish Development.**

NDDC may support the imposition of a section 215 by the PC against the CC. The PC cannot contemplate dereliction in East Hill. A letter to the CC asking about the future of East Hill Farmhouse will be sent and if no satisfaction gained the section 215 imposed.

**12. Parish Plan.**

No reports.

**13. Windfarms.**

The decision should be published on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

In this connection letters are to be sent to Mr. R. Barfoot, Mr. Richard Delf and Mr. Robert Perry thanking them for their protracted efforts in this matter.

**14. Website.**

Peter Shaw has constructed the website and templates.

Photographs and other material is now needed to embellish this.

**15. Cooption.**

The potential candidate was at present away on business. On his return he has promised to take stock of the situation.

**16. Social Housing Needs Survey.**

At the last count there were 42 school age children in the village. Colin Savage is to be invited to a future meeting.

**17. Land Transfers.**

The documents are away with the other side for signature. Meanwhile the signatories for this PC must be ratified. These will be Cllr R. Vos and Cllr J. Stanbury who were ratified.

**18. Neighbourhood Watch.**

More signs were required here.

**19. Correspondence.**

The printed ephemera was distributed. It was decided that three more notice boards were

required in the village.

**20. Members' Reports.**

The church declared themselves desperate for money for the roof.

The major incident planning officer situation needs re-hashing altogether.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

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