

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish hall Knowstone on 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs J. Smith (Chairman), J. Stanbury, D. Morgans, R. Howe, C. Howe, B. Barfoot.
A. Vigus (part). Wendy Vigus (taking minutes)

In attendance:

District Cllr E. Ley (part) and six members of the public.

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes:

End time added (c. 9.30pm) and Cllr Smith replaced a mention of Cllr Morgans under point 12. The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting.

2a. Declarations of interest:

Added to agenda. Cllr Barfoot declared interest in point 7.2 (CPRE membership).

3. Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda).

12.2 Cllr Morgans asked for an update on claiming VAT back on Village Hall improvements. Cllr Smith to request statement from Village Hall committee.

11. Cllr Smith has asked for advice on TAP funding. Potentially c. £500 available.

17. Cllr Smith has publicised Parish Clerk vacancy on DALC website and local noticeboards. No applications to date.

14.1 Cllr Stanbury confirmed two x one ton bags have been delivered to Cllr Vigus.

4. Police Report:

No up-to-date report. Latest report dated 18th Dec in correspondence file.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 Acknowledgement letter from Cllr Barfoot as secretary of Moors Management

5.2 Acknowledgement email from DALC regards Parish Clerk vacancy ad

5.3 18th Dec police report detailing two unspecified road accidents and one incident at Little Oak *council brown*

5.4 Letter from Parish ~~Hall~~ to Kerr ~~Brown~~ regarding Lower Webbery

5.5 DCC confirming end of the Mobile Library service to the Parish

5.6. Letter publicising Society of Local Council Clerks

5.7. Statement given by Cllr R Howe at Lower Webbery meeting was added to file. File to be circulated.

6. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

Asked if police report specified where the two accidents took place (in report dated 18th Dec). Emerged that they had not given details.

Asked which sign is to be replicated at Ash Mill (point 7) as different ones have been erected. Appearance and wording of sign at Holy Moor X (use of word 'alternative' and overall obtrusiveness) and fact signs are self-funded was discussed.

Agreed to discuss both issues further in Highways and Footpaths section.

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7. Finance:

7.1 Finance Report: Cllr Smith confirmed that the £1525 for donations equals a £25 contribution for the remembrance wreath and £1500 to the Village Hall. Monthly finance report was accepted.

7.2 Accounts to settle:

Approved Parish Online Mapping of £33.60 and CPRE membership of £29.

7.3 Accounts to ratify:

Approved HMRC PAYE payment 3rd quarter and final salary payment to clerk.

7.4 Precept 2014 sorted. Two payments to be received totalling £3651.

8. Planning:

8.1 Notification of Bommertown Solar Panel appeal received. Statement given by Cllr Morgans at original meeting was added to the correspondence file. All voted in favour of Cllr Morgans writing a Parish Council response for the appeal (reiterating stance).

8.2 56814 (attached to 43272) Batsworthy Cross - discharge of condition 20 (archaeology). Cllr Barfoot proposed providing a written response asking for the County archaeologist to be consulted. Unanimously approved.

8.3 55590 Lower Webbery (APP/X1118/A/13/2209168). Cllr R Howe gave an update on his appearance at the meeting (also attended by Cllr Barfoot in his CPRE capacity). Application was unanimously rejected at said meeting. Cllr C Howe gave thanks to Cllr Barfoot for all his hard work opposing application. Cllr Morgans confirmed that he had written a personal letter of opposition. Next stages to be discussed once appeal process has been confirmed.

9. The Devon Best Kept Village Competition:

Cllr Smith confirmed that the Garden Club and the Masons Arms have responded favourably to the idea. Unanimously agreed to submit an entry form for Knowstone village (defined as the area within the Knowstone village signs). Cllr Smith to contact Diana Moyse regards the faults obtained when the village last entered the competition. Noted that the Parish Council should take lead but should not be solely responsible for the project. Cllr Smith to contact local groups to encourage participate and assistance. Budget to be discussed at a later stage but confirmed that emphasis is voluntary contribution.

10. Report from District Councillor:

10.1 Confirmed Blackerton S106 has been signed.

10.2 TAP funding likely to be available for another year (apply in April).

10.3 No update on East Hill S106.

10.4 Boar Farm is now operating illegally as permission has expired.

11. Report from County Councillor:

No Cllr present to provide a report.

12. Highways and Footpaths.

14.1 Members report (Highways)

a. Reiterated that Parish Council were unable to influence wording of sign at Holy Moor X. Cllr Morgans and Cllr Barfoot emphasised that the sign was unsightly and Cllr Barfoot proposed its removal. All agreed that Cllr Smith should write to NDDC to request its removal.

b. Agreed that Richard Sables would be contacted regards wording of sign at Ashmill. Proposed that wording should be 'unsuitable for HGVs'.

c. Cllr C Howe to request that the police specify exact location of accidents.

d. Cllr Morgans stated that gully between Blackerton and Roachill is blocked.

e. Cllr Stanbury raised issue of highway signs at Wiston X needing to be removed as no work is taking place. Cllr Smith to email NDDC.

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14.2 Members report (Footpaths)

Ros Davies has acknowledged receipt of £300 to help with footpath improvements. Parish lengthsman needs weather to improve before conducting further work.

13. Moors Management Report:

Next meeting to take place on February 10th.

14. PCC report.

Annual PCC meeting to take place on February 18th.

15. Members reports:

Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion at the next meeting.

15.1 Cllr Morgans highlighted opportunity to respond to the Department of Transport on local authority parking. Responses to be submitted by 14th February.

15.2 Cllrs C Howe and R Howe to make further comment to Mr Smith regard mud seeping onto lane near link road at Harpson / Kidland junction.

16. Date & Time of next meeting: Tuesday 25th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.56pm

Minutes prepared by Wendy Vigus (stand-in minute taker)

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