

## **KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall, Knowstone on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** S. Beeney (Parish Clerk), Cllrs J. Smith (Chairman), D. Morgans, B. Barfoot, C. Howe, R. Howe.

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public and County Cllr Yabsley

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs A Vigus, J. Stanbury and District Cllr Eric Ley.

**2. Minutes:**

Amendments were made as follows: (amendments in red)

14. The first line should read " the inner moor fence repairs have been completed".

12. Should read East Hill Farm

Cllr Smith put forward a proposal to allow amendments to be raised with the clerk before the meeting so that the minutes can be signed after all amendments have been made. This will also save time at the meeting. The clerk will send draft minutes in plenty of time to allow amendment to be raised and have the amended minutes ready for the next meeting. A copy of the draft minutes will be put on the notice boards with the agenda's. It was resolved by 5 votes to 0 to proceed with this proposal.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** There were none recorded.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes (not already on the agenda).**

9.2 Planning Application 56306 Agricultural building on land near Wiston Cross. After the site visit two cllrs had no comment and one had reservations therefore it was resolved to make no comment.

9.6 Department of Energy and Climate change has replied to Sarah Childs (Chair of Rackenford & Creacombe Parish Council) letter re. community benefit. They have replied stating that they will be producing further guidance soon.

**5. Police Report**

PCSO Rozputynski attended on behalf of the South Molton & District police. He reported that farmers who have had wind turbines erected on their land appear to be the targets of vandalism and they are doing their best to support these farmers and the Crime Prevention Officer has been helping them with security issues. Some of the instances of vandalism have been very costly to the farmers involved. (Cllr Morgans objected to the implication that the wind turbines might be to blame, and did not think that the police should jump to such conclusions). PCSO Rozputynski also reported that there had been the theft of a pedal cycle and also a ladder from BT.

**6. Correspondence.**

6.1 A letter from Mr and Mrs Brookes expressing an interest in purchasing some land at East Hill Farm was noted.

6.2 Richard Sables reply to concerns over safety issues at Hillside was read out. Cllr Morgans offered to speak to the owners of the Mill re. his reply.

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6.3 Mrs Newtons letter was read out asking whether planning had been applied for the mobile home that had appeared at Roachill Farm. Cllr Morgans supported the questions posed by Mrs Newton. The Clerk has looked into this and it has been referred to the enforcement officer at NDDC.

6.4 The Council has received a letter stating that they are removing certain villages from their mobile library stops due to a lack of support. East Knowstone is on the list to be dropped.

6.5 There is a Highway Safety Awareness Training being held in December. It was thought that Cllr Vigus may wish to attend.

#### **7. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)**

7.1 The amended route for the community bus was raised. In future it will no longer stop at Woodburn Cross on either route. The Mill Bridge stop on the South Molton run has been taken out and the bus will now go up Traceys Hill and along the link road.

7.2 It was asked if the time available in Barnstaple could be extended but this would entail a longer day for the volunteer drivers and might not be manageable.

7.3 Western Power will be checking cables in the next 2 or 3 weeks and cutting back any foliage that may cause a problem.

#### **8. Finance**

8.1 The Clerk presented the monthly finance report which was accepted.

8.2 Accounts to settle

Clerks salary and expenses £99.30

VOSA - £26.00 for bus route variations. Previous cheque No. 000139 for £26 made payable to EVCBus to be cancelled and shredded.

Donation for memorial wreath. It was resolved by 5 votes to 0 to send £25.00 to the PCC towards the memorial wreath.

P3 footpath clearance – nothing at present

HMRC £65.00

8.3 Precept 2014. It was resolved by 5 votes to 0 to request the same as for 2013.

#### **9. Planning**

9.1 There were no applications received after the preparation of the agenda.

9.2 East Hill Farm, Knowstone: the NDDC plans for this development were discussed. The green area on the plan has been offered to the Parish along with the sum of £10000 towards developing the area for parish use. It was resolved by 5 votes to 0 to accept the offer of the green area land and the lump sum. The Clerk to write and confirm our acceptance and to ask if we could have sight of the redrafted S106 agreement so that we are aware of what might be coming forward as planning applications.

9.3 Blackerton development: Nothing new to report.

9.4 Bommerton Solar farm application: Cllr Morgans attended and reported that there were some very good presentations. The vote was a tie and the Chairmans casting vote was against giving permission so it was turned down.

#### **10. Review of housing need**

Colin Savage from the Exmoor Park Authority is hoping to attend the next meeting if his superiors give him permission to undertake this for us.

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**11. TAP funding.**

Cllr Yabsley confirmed that this can be applied for capital funding but not ongoing costs. Cllr Smith will talk with Oakford and also Rackenford and Creacombe parishes to see if there is anything they could do to benefit the parishes together.

**12. Report from District Councillor.**

Councillor Ley was unable to attend and had sent his apologies.

**13. Report from County Councillor.**

Cllr Yabsley spoke about TAP funding and the type of things that it is available for eg. Winter tyres for the community bus. Cllr Morgans praised the repairs made to the A361.

**14. Highways and Footpaths.**

**14.1 Highways:**

The repairs to the A361 have been completed within the time scale allowed and the new stretches of tarmac produce very little vehicle noise which is much appreciated. The new signs alerting HGV drivers to the unsuitability of the Knowstone village roads were ordered in September .

The ditch at the bottom of Holy Moor Lane needs to be cleaned out. Clerk to notify the Lengthsmen. They are due at the beginning of December.

Snow Clearance: to be discussed when snow warden present.

**14.2 Footpaths:**

The Footpath P3 autumn workshop is taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> November at Yarnscombe. Cllr Smith is attending and there is another place available.

**15. Moors Management Report.**

There has been an application for an extension to grazing rights. Search and Rescue did use the moor for training exercises.

**16. PCC report.**

Cllr Howe reported that the harvest festival was a great success raising a total of approx £1555 minus £240 costs. £167 has been donated to the Air Ambulance and the rest to church funds.

**17. Members Reports**

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

Cllr Morgans raised concerns over the removal of a small section of the wall between the School House and the village hall. He felt that this was contrary to the original plan.

**18. Date and Time of next meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm.

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