

**KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall, Knowstone on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm.

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

**In Attendance:** Cllrs E. Ley (District), J. Yabsley (County) and 6 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes:** The agreement to have "correspondence" as a permanent agenda item had been omitted from the minutes. Cllr Barfoot should have been included as a signatory for the new bank account.

The minutes were then signed as a true record.

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

There were none recorded.

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

The Sydeham Farm hearing takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cllrs Morgans and Barfoot are attending as individuals.

7. It has been arranged for a small group to walk the East Hill Farm fields on 12<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm.

**5. Police Report.**

No police in attendance and no report sent.

It was stated from within the meeting that the White House had been broken into.

**6. Correspondence.**

Letters sent or received since last meeting were read out.

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

There were no questions.

**8. Finance.**

8.1 Finance report: Cllr Smith presented the monthly report which was accepted. It was also agreed that it would be sensible to change the statement date to allow cheques time to clear each month to allow easier reconciliation.

8.2 Accounts to settle.

Cheques were raised and signed for the following:

Clerks Salary - £85.65.

8.3 Change of bank account to Nat West.

This is ongoing.

**9. Planning**

9.1 Applications received after preparation of the agenda.

56034. East Bowden, Knowstone. It was resolved by 7 votes to 0 to make no comment.

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9.2 55919. Little Moor Farm, Molland. Applicant was present to answer cllrs questions and present her reasons for the application. It was resolved by 7 votes to 0 that the Council had no objections if North Devon District Council feel it's financially viable and complies with NPPF, Local Plan 2006 and relevant legislation and planning policy.

9.3 55897. Lockett Wood. Variation of conditions to planning 54622. Applicant was present to explain the variations. It was resolved by 7 votes to 0 to make no comment.

9.4 55967. Whitmore Farm, Knowstone. It was resolved by 7 votes to 0 not to raise any objections.

9.5 54402. Bommertown. It was agreed to write to ND Planning re. the new proposal for screening the project from the B3227 which would take several years to mature enough to have the desired effect.

9.6 Councillors were asked if they would meet with Rose Ash and Rackenford parish councils to discuss community benefits fund monies and ensuring that the developer complies with planning conditions. All Cllrs felt that this was essential and a meeting will be arranged.

#### **10. Knowstone Horse Show**

Due to an outbreak of equine herpes the show had to be postponed at short notice. This led to a 50% drop in entries. Although the Snells are happy to accommodate the show the feeling is that a new field will need to be found due to the close proximity of the proposed wind turbines. More committee members and volunteers to help on the day are needed.

#### **11. Report from District Councillor**

The Bommertown application was discussed and a query was raised as to the grading of the ground. Cllr Barfoot to check the grade given in the application. It was agreed that a member of the council would be happy to speak at the planning committee meeting.

#### **12. Report from County Councillor**

The recent Highways meeting raised a lot of issues re. South West Highways and asset management who delegate the jobs that need doing. Maternity Services are having to make cuts to their budgets of approx 2.3 million.

#### **13. Conservation Management Plan**

At the recent meeting with J. Bates his swot analysis was discussed and an action plan was produced.

#### **14. Healthwatch Devon**

It was agreed that we would make the leaflets available but there was nothing else that we could do.

#### **15. Highways and Footpaths**

##### **15.1 Members Report (Highways)**

HGV signposting: R Sables has spoken with Cllr Smith re. the inadequate signs leading to Knowstone village. He had received a number of letters from parishioners re. the problems caused by large lorries trying to come through the village. He reported that he had no budget for new signs but was happy to use his supplier to

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produce signs of our choosing if the council paid for them. Approx cost £200.00 per sign. Following a discussion it was resolved by 7 votes – 0 that the council was prepared to fund up to 3 signs.

Cllr C. Howe will liaise with Mr Sables and interested parishioners and come back to council with a proposal.

#### 15.2 Members Report (Footpaths)

Nothing to report.

#### 16. Moors Management Report

The broken gate latch next to the cattle grid near Knowstone Moor Cross has been reported for repair.

#### 17. Members Report

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

The PCC Parochial charity has now been wound up. The money will be spent on the churchyard.

**18. Date & Time of the next meeting:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

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