

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall Knowstone, on 26th February 2013, starting at 7.30pm

Present: S. Beeney (Parish Clerk), Cllrs J. Smith, D. Morgans, R. Barfoot, C. Howe, J. Vigus (8.05), M. Hart (as from co-option)

In Attendance: District Cllr E. Ley, County Cllr J. Yabsley and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr J. Stanbury (lambing)

2. **Minutes:**

Amendment: 8.1 should read "Cllr Morgans asked Cllr Ley"
The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

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

Batsworthy Appeal is to be heard in Bristol on 19th April 2013.

8.1 Sydeham Appeal is ongoing.

11.1 Cllr Morgan was referring to the link road and not the local lanes.

15.0 £516.50 was collected for Mr and Mrs Camps leaving gift. This was divided between a decanter and glasses, flowers and a lump sum. Thanks were given to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the party.

16.0 Cllr Smith asked that Cllrs give some thought to a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting.

5. **Police Report:**

There was no one present to report. A member of the public reported that a man on a motorbike had been seen in the area and appeared to be looking for possible properties to rob in the future.

6. **Public Questions**

It was asked if the grit box on Tracey's Hill was being refilled. North Devon Council has been notified that this needs to be done.

7. **Co-option of new Councillor.**

The Chairman had received an application from Mr M. Hart to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This application was discussed and it was agreed by all Councillors that Mr Hart should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Smith welcomed Mr Hart to the Council.

8. **Finance:**

8.1 Finance report: Cllr Smith presented the monthly finance report.

8.2 Accounts to settle: Cheques were raised and signed for Clerks salary and expenses, DALC invoice, Community News and for the registration of the bus route.

8.3 Precepts and Grants: Nothing new to report.

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8.4 Audit Preparations: These are ongoing.

8.5 New signatory forms for the Council Bank were signed due to the resignation of Cllr Blackburn.

9. Planning:

James

9.1 The Council has not been consulted at all by ~~Tim~~ Tim Bates re. the Local consultation on conservation boundary.

9.2 Cllr Hart offered to attend the Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on March 7th.

10. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Morgans asked if Cllr Ley had been able to find out anything re. the use of an extra exit out of the Boar Farm but he had been unable to locate the exit that Cllr Morgans was referring to.

11. Report from County Councillor

11.1 Cllr Yabsley reported that there will be no increase in the North Devon Councils part of the Council tax.

11.2 He is still working to achieve a favourable outcome re. East Hill Farm.

12. Discussion re. Local Plan.

Cllr Smith welcomed comments from councillors re. the Local Plan and how it would affect Knowstone Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would draft a letter stating the feelings of the meeting and send it round for Cllrs to comment on.

13. Highways and Footpaths

13.1 The road repairs at East Knowstone have been completed.

13.2 The cattle grid at Sidemoor has been replaced with a new one.

13.3 Sam Jeffcoat has emailed to say that he intends to do a full inspection of the parish in the next few weeks and then he will send us a copy of the work schedule before work starts. He feels that this will bring about a lot of improvements.

14. Moors Management Report

Fire breaks cutting is underway.

15. Members Reports

The Knowstone Bus Project: the route has now been registered and training for the volunteers who have agreed to drive the bus has been organised so everything is on track for the April start.

16. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2013 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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