

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall Knowstone on 26th November 2013 at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: District Cllr E. Ley, County Cllr J. Yabsley and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr A. Vigus (unwell).

2. Minutes:

An amendment was made as follows: (amendment in red)
Item 5. (Cllr Morgans objected to the implication that the wind turbine objectors might be to blame, and did not think that the police should jump to such conclusions). The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Smith said that in an item that would be raised in matters arising (Old School House) he would be speaking as a Parish Council member and not as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

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

4.1 Cllr Morgans stated that he had not yet spoken to the residents at the Mill.

4.2 The Community bus is now using the amended routes.

4.3 Cllr Barfoot explained that if solar panels are on agricultural land then that land is no longer eligible for the single payment supplement.

4.4 A discussion re. alterations to the boundary wall (bordering the Old School House and the village hall drive) took place to decide whether this was a matter for the Parish Council or not. After listening to presentations from various representatives it was resolved by 6 votes to 0 that it was definitely not Parish Council business and no further discussion or action would be necessary. Cllr Morgans asked that the word "dishonestly" (in reference to Cllr Morgans email of 24th October) be removed from Cllr Smith's written presentation. This was agreed.

The chairman concluded the matter by offering the Council's apologies for the trouble and embarrassment that this matter had caused Mr & Mrs Dey, through no fault of theirs.

5. Police Report.

An email was received from PC 6798 Adrian Micallef to say that they had no officer free to attend the meeting.

He sent the following report.:

Logs/Calls – 4 in total.

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3 in relation to the A361, bad driving, a broken down vehicle, 1 single vehicle RTC – vehicle left in the road.

There were no reported crimes.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Mr & Mrs Newton had written with concerns over the proposal to change the priority at the Holy moor lane/Roachill lane junction at East Knowstone. They felt that it should be left the same to avoid confusion. This was discussed later in the meeting under Highways and it was resolved by 6 votes to 0 to ask Richard Sables to decide the best course of action.

6.2 Sergeant David Williams wrote confirming that the lines of communication between the Council and the neighbourhood police have now been rekindled hopefully to everyone's satisfaction.

6.3 A letter of resignation has been received from the Parish Clerk to take effect from the end of December due to relocation.

7. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

A list of potholes needing attention was given to the Parish Clerk to report to highways.

8. Finance

8.1 Finance Report - the Parish Clerk gave the monthly finance report which was accepted.

8.2 Accounts to settle:

Clerks salary and Expenses - £99.65

Donation for memorial wreath - £25.00

Exe Valley Market Bus - £287.60

8.3 It was resolved by 6 votes to 0 to give £300.00 of the Councils P3 budget to Sam Jeffcoat at NDDC to enable him to continue his planned improvements to the Parish's footpaths.

8.4 Precept 2014 – the application form has come and the Clerk will complete and return requesting the same budget as the previous year as agreed the previous month.

9. Planning

9.1 Applications received after preparation of the agenda. – Nothing has been received

9.2 56541 Batsworthy Cross – Discharge of condition 32.

It was resolved by 6 votes to 0 that the Council had no comment to make.

9.3 56512 Lockett Wood – Variation of condition 4.

It was resolved by 6 votes to 0 that the Council had no comment to make.

10. Review of Housing Need.

Colin Savage had contacted the Clerk to say that he would be better placed to do a housing need review for Knowstone and surrounding area in May next year.

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11. TAP funding.

Cllr Smith reported that Oakford was very happy to work with Knowstone to apply for TAP funding. It was resolved by 6 votes to 0 that Cllr Smith should apply for the funding.

12. Report from District Councillor.

The development of the former Blackerton Care is not progressing as fast as expected.

13. Report from County Councillor

There is no further news re. East Hill Farm and Cllr Yabsley is still in discussions re. the purchase of a field for community use.

14. Highways and Footpaths

Highways – the gritters have been out on the A361 due to a drop in temperature for the first time this year.

There was a medical incident on the A361 when the driver of a coach was taken ill and regrettably died later in hospital.

The mud on the road from Bakers Moor to Highway 12 has been cleared.

Footpaths – Footpaths 1 and 3 need inspecting to see what clearing needs to be done.

15. Moors Management

There was nothing to report.

16. PCC Report

There are a number of events being held in December

Sat 7th at 2pm Christmas Fair in the Parish hall.

Sun 22nd at 6.30pm Carol Service

Weds 25th Christmas Day Service at 8.45am

17. Members Reports

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

Cllr Howe has a copy of the 1925 electoral role which he handed over to the Parish archivist.

18. Date & Time of next meeting: Tuesday 17th December 2013 at 7.30pm.

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