

**KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall, Knowstone on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr E. Ley (District Cllr) and 4 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** J. Stanbury (work), A. Vigus (work).

**2. Minutes:** The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

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

**4. Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)**  
9.5 Cllr Barfoot on behalf of the CPRE and the council have responded to the new proposals for screening the Bommertown project from the B3227.  
9.6 Three parishes are meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**5. Police Report:** There was no response again this month. Parish Clerk to find out if the contact we are using is still correct.

**6. Correspondence:** All correspondence was read to the meeting. There were no matters arising from it for discussion.

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

7.1 It was asked if the Community News had thanked the council for their donation. The Clerk couldn't remember receiving anything but would check her records.

7.2 A member of the public asked how the council came to their decisions. Cllrs Smith & Morgans responded. Cllr Morgans suggested that ~~he~~ could write to the council if he has concerns.

7.3 It was asked if "Parking Area within Knowstone" could be added to the next agenda. This was agreed to.

**8. Finance**

8.1 Cllr Smith gave the monthly finance report which was accepted. The Auditors have confirmed that our accounts have been verified.

8.2 Accounts to settle

Cheques were raised and signed for the following:

Clerks salary & expenses - £205.80

Exe Valley Community Bus - £171.53

8.3 Clerk Pay Scales. The clerk and public left the room whilst this item was discussed.

8.4 It was agreed to look at the precept budget for next year at the next meeting.

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## 9. Planning

9.1 Applications received after preparation of the agenda.

There were none received

9.2 55883 Works to Beech Tree at Traceys Farm – It was resolved by 5 votes to 0 to make no comment.

9.3 55924 West Hill Farm. Due to NDDCs cut off date for comments being before the next council meeting this application was discussed by the planning sub committee and it was agreed to object on the grounds that there is no need for any additional buildings.

9.4 Sydeham Hearing – The case was very well put at the hearing and we are awaiting the outcome.

9.5 Atlantic Array – It was resolved by 5 votes -0 that the council would register on the website as an interested party. Individuals can register as well.

*On Monday reported that*  
9.6 A parishioner has raised concerns over the groundworks that have been done at Hillside as they raise safety issues for road users and have informed Richard Sables of their concerns. The council agreed that there were problems and resolved to write to Mr Sables to ask him to look into the matter urgently.

## 10. Rural Fair Share Petition.

This petition requests that the House of Commons urges the Government to reduce the Rural Penalty in staged steps by at least 10% by 2020. Cllrs were happy to sign and to try to get as many signatures as possible.

## 11. Purchase of Community field

The East Hill fields have been walked and a field has been selected as the best option for use by the community. Mr Dykes is looking into lottery funding to see if we can increase our available income. To be discussed with Cllr Yabsley.

## 12. Open Space, Sport and recreation Study Survey.

Cllr Smith agreed to complete this survey.

## 13. Report from District Councillor.

~~It looks as if the Ash Mill wind turbine will be turned down.~~

55919, Little Moor farm application has been turned down.

Bommertown application is due to be heard on 13<sup>th</sup> September although not all information has been submitted yet.

## 14. Report from County Councillor.

No county councillor present.

## 15. Highways and Footpaths.

15.1 Members report Highways.

Cllr Howe had a meeting with Richard Sables. He is limited to the size of sign but is happy for larger sign than at present to tell HGV drivers that the lane isn't suitable for HGVs. It was asked if we could go elsewhere for the signs if it was cheaper.

15.2 Members Report Footpaths

Sam Jeffcoats costings were discussed and it was decided to ask him to come and talk to the council.

## 16. Moors management.

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Everything seems alright at present.

**17. Members Reports**

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

17.1 Ragwort clearance – there were concerns that the ragwort clearing on the A361 had not been done yet and the ragwort would soon be going to seed if it hasn't already. It needs to be cleared and burnt.

17.2 Dog Waste – There are concerns that dog waste is not being picked up by owners and is being left for others to clear up. It is every dog owners responsibility to clean up behind their dog.

17.3 The Clerk asked if Cllrs could let her have their current email addresses so that the website could be updated. It was suggested that the clerk send around the details she holds for all Cllrs to check and make any amendments.

**18. Date and Time of next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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