

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall Knowstone, on 29th January 2013, starting at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: District Cllr E. Ley and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr J. Yabsley
2. **Minutes:**
 - Amendments: 6.4 Hedges should read edges.
 - 7.4 Cllr Morgans name mis-spelt.
 - 8.3 Day should read Dey.
 - The minutes were signed as a true record
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Nothing declared.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)**
 - 7.4 Batsworthy Cross Statutory Review:- Cllr Barfoot reported that NPower and are requesting that the review is heard in Cardiff and not London and they are disputing the financial caps.
 - 8.1 54684 Lockett Moor Prior approval application. The councils objections registered.
 - 15. Cllr Smith confirmed that he had written to Cllr Blackburn thanking him for his contribution to the Parish Council and the community. The Notice of Vacancy has gone up on the Parish notice boards.
5. **Police Report**

There was no one present to report.
6. **Public Questions**

Mrs Barfoot thanked Cllr Stanbury and all who helped to clear the lanes of the recent snowfalls.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 Finance Report: Cllr Smith handed round an update and explained the financial position at present. Due to the donation made to the Batsworthy Cross fund the Parish Council has exceeded its budget.
 - 7.2 Accounts to settle: Cheques were raised for membership of the online Mapping Service, CPRE membership and Parish Clerks
 - 7.3 Receipts and Grants: Further application forms have been returned and their receipt has been acknowledged.
 - 7.4 Audit Preparation: Cllr Smith hopes to have sorted out the finances by the February meeting and is looking into finding a new auditor.
8. **Planning**
 - 8.1 53764 Sydeham Farm Appeal: Cllr Barfoot updated the meeting on the situation at present. He has written to the Planning Inspectorate and the consultation period has been extended by 14 days due to the

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fact that some information has not been revealed eg. ^{Large} turbines (although these do meet the noise requirements). Cllr ~~Barfoot~~ ^{Norman} asked Cllr Ley whether he knew if all relevant information had now been sent to the inspectorate.

- 8.2 Applications received after preparation of the agenda.
Nothing had been received.

9. Report from District Councillor

- 9.1 The local plan is now available online and Cllr Smith has requested a hard copy. Cllr Barfoot said that he would upload it to the website and send the link around. Cllr Ley explained that Neighbourhood plans have to comply with the Local Plan and this can have cost implications. He pointed out that Rural settlements were included in previous plans but they don't exist in the new plan. Cllr Ley suggested that we could liaise with other similar sized parishes regarding any queries we may have as they would probably have the same queries and responding as a group would have more effect. It was agreed that we should have half an hour dedicated to the plan at the next meeting when everyone has had the chance to read it.
- 9.2 Cllr Morgans asked Cllr Ley if he could look into the new entrance that has appeared in the Boar farm boundary. It is being used by farm vehicles and exits directly onto the road which has safety implications.

10. Report from County Councillor

None available.

11. Highways and Footpaths

- 11.1 It was acknowledged that during the recent snow conditions the Gritting lorries came through on a regular basis.
- 11.2 There was a discussion re. Richard Sables email reply to Cllr Morgans stating that small jobs could possibly be done by the Parish Due to Health & Safety concerns this was not felt to be appropriate.

12. Moors Management Report

There is some fence wiring that needs to be tightened up when the weather improves.

13. Snow warden responsibilities and Procedures.

It was agreed that the priority is to try to keep the main lanes in and out of the main settlements usable. This is achieved by a combination of County Council gritters and snow ploughs and local volunteers.

A vote of thanks was agreed to Cllrs Stanbury and Vigus and all who helped with the snow clearing. It was much appreciated.

14. Correspondence file.

After discussion it was agreed that correspondence would be emailed to councillors in future unless size of hard copy prohibits this.

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15. Members Reports

It was agreed that the Parish would invite Mr & Mrs Fred Camp to a tea in the Parish Hall as an opportunity for the Parish to thank him for his long service as postman. There will also be a collection for a leaving present.

16. Date of Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the dates should be as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting - Friday 26th April 2013

Annual Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th May 2013

17. Date & Time of next meeting

Tuesday 26th February 2013 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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