

# KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Knowstone Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J.Stanbury (Chairman), R.Barfoot. D Morgans and A.Vigus.

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J.Smith, Darren Blackburn. Mrs C Howe and District Cllr.E.Ley.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held 10 January 2012

Min. 7.1 was amended to omit 'if planning consent was given'.

The amended minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Barfoot and Morgans declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.2.

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

Min.10.1 It was noted that there had been no response regarding the lay-by on Knowstone Moor.

It was noted that there were still problems with the correspondence file not being circulated quick enough.

## 5. Public Questions

1. A query was raised regarding payments made by the parish council. It was agreed that full details would be included in the minutes.
2. It was reported that parishioners had received scam telephone calls claiming to be from the 'ministry of justice' requesting personal bank details. Other telephone scams were also circulating.
3. It was reported that following telephone calls from parishioners, some of the blocked drains had been cleared.
4. A report had been received from the police. 12 calls had been received during the past month relating to Knowstone. One had been a request for assistance from an outside agency. There had been 8 missing person reports – which had not been of concern or out of the norm. one broken down vehicle had been reported on the A361. A dead badger had been reported on the link road, and a report of sheep on the road. No trace had been found of either when the police attended. One road traffic collision had occurred when temporary traffic lights were in place.

## 6. Finance

### 6.1 Financial Report

#### 6.1.1 Presentation of Bank reconciliation

The clerk circulated copies of the Bank Reconciliation.

### 6.2 Accounts to Settle

Clerk's salary £104.30

Cheque No. 28

This was agreed.

### 6.3 Consideration of a donation towards costs of the Batsworthy Cross Public Enquiry.

Cllr Barfoot reported that the cost of the public enquiry would be £35000 - £40000, despite the QC and agent giving their time free of charge.

The Alliance were busy raising funds, and other parish councils were making contributions. Cllr Stanbury proposed that the parish council make a contribution of £2000. It was noted that the council received an annual payment of £2000 from the Hares Down & Knowstone Moors Management Association, for the benefit of the parish. Seconded by Cllr Vigus. All in agreement.

Cheque No. 29

**7. Planning**

Application 53280 Extension to dwelling at The Old School House, Knowstone

It was reported that Cllr Ley had contacted the planning dept to suggest that the roof line should be lowered.

It was noted that the applicant had completed Certificate A on the application, which confirmed that he was the sole owner of building/land involved. This was believed by the council to be incorrect. Cllr Morgans produce documentary evidence that the wall was owned by the church, and that a Faculty was necessary from the Diocese before a gateway could be inserted in the wall in 1985. It was agreed that Cllr Morgans should act on behalf of the parish council in acquiring information relating to the ownership of the wall, and that a meeting should be arranged with the planning officer and Cllr Ley.

Cllr Morgans was thanked for his work.

It was agreed to request more time from the planning officer, to enable more documentary evidence of ownership of the wall to be gathered.

**8. Report from District Councillor**

None – District Councillor not present.

**9. Reports from County Councillor**

None – County Councillor not present.

**10 Highways and Footpaths**

**10.1 Members Report (Highways)**

A pothole was reported at the top of East Knowstone. Clerk to report.

It was reported that a new gate had been delivered to the top of Traceys Hill, but that it was the wrong size.

**10.2 Members Report (Footpaths)**

None.

**11. Correspondence**

**11.1 Printed matter sent/received in past month**

1. An invitation had been received from the Chairman of DCC for the Chairman and Clerk to attend a reception at County Hall on 24 Feb. Cllr Stanbury reported that he was unable to attend. Cllr Smith to be asked. The clerk was already attending.
2. A housing survey had been received from NDC. This was completed.
3. Various other circulars and periodicals had been received, and were placed in the circulation file.

**12. The Localism Act**

Cllr Barfoot reported that he and Cllr Morgans would be attending a CPRE meeting in March when the Localism Act was on the agenda. More information may be available at this meeting. He would report back at the next parish council meeting.

**13. Moors Management**

Cllr Morgans reported that the fencing had still not been repaired.

The new cattle grid gate was in place.

Work had been proceeding with the cutting of fire breaks. Swailing would take place as soon as the weather was suitable.

**14. Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Cllr Stanbury reported on the meeting he had attended the previous evening regarding the parishes Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It had been proposed to give a mug to the village schoolchildren. Although only about 30 would be required, it would be necessary to order 100 (£3.99 each) if they were to be personalised for Knowstone. Any mug not given away could be sold to recoup some of the cost.

Cllr Barfoot proposed that 100 mugs should be purchased. Seconded by Cllr Morgans, all in agreement.

Cheque No. 30

Cllr Stanbury reported that the committee were requesting a grant of £500 to cover the costs of 30 mugs + food etc. Cllr Morgans proposed that the parish council should underwrite the event to a maximum of £600 on the basis that some of the costs would be recouped. Seconded by Cllr Barfoot, all in agreement.

Cllr Stanbury agreed to check the legal position of holding the event on a Sunday. He would also clarify the date of the celebrations.

**15. Members' Reports**

15.1 Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion in the March meeting  
Date of Annual Parish Meeting, and suitable speaker, to be agreed at the next meeting.

**16. Date of next meeting:**

13 March 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.