

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Knowstone Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J.Stanbury (Chairman), R Barfoot, D Blackburn, Mrs C Howe, D Morgans and A Vigus.

In Attendance: 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J.Smith, District Councillor E Ley and County Cllr.J Yabsley.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 20 December 2011

The following amendments were made to the minutes of the last meeting:

It was agreed that the quorum should remain at 3 councillors.

Min 5.2 The accident involved a van and a tractor at Harspon Junction.

Min. 7. 52889: Amended to: "the council had made its position known in the past and had expressed concern, and that it had nothing to add".

526696: Amended to: "It was reported that Building Control had now raised concerns".

Min 10.2 It was also reported that the Side moor gate was damaged.

Min. 12. Amended to read that Cllr Smith would advise Cllrs Stanbury and Barfoot of the parish council's decision, and would liaise with them.

Min. 13. 'in accordance with plans of the Jubilee committee' added.

Min. 15. Amended to read that Mr Phillips had sourced a spreader.

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

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Morgans and Mrs Howe declared an interest on item 7.

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

None.

5. Public Questions

1. Thanks were expressed for the salt that had been distributed to various locations in the parish. Thankfully the mild weather had meant that there had not been a need to use it yet.

2. Concern was expressed over the number of blocked drains.

3. It was reported that quotes contained in the supporting statement for planning application 53280 had been taken out of context, and had not formed part of any formal consultation.

4. It was reported that the dates of parish council meeting did not appear on the council website.

5. Concern was expressed that unsightly gravel and bags of silt had been dumped in the lay-by on Knowstone Moor.

6. Finance

6.1 Financial Report

6 1.1 Presentation of Bank reconciliation

The clerk circulated copies of the Bank Reconciliation. It was noted that the payment from the Hares Down & Knowstone Moors Management Association had been received.

6.2 Accounts to Settle

One account was presented to settle,
This was agreed.

7. Planning

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

It was resolved to request an extension to the consultation by at least one month in order that the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese of Exeter could be consulted, and that this should take place before a decision is made.

It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The application is totally out of keeping with the surroundings, being close to the Parish Church, and in a conservation Area.
- The solar panels will have a detrimental impact on the area.
- The three ridge heights are not in keeping with the area.
- The council questions the need for an additional log store.
- The plans show the dwelling to be extended in front of the current building line.

It was considered that the application was completely out of keeping with the surrounding area. Should planning permission be granted it was agreed that it should be a condition that the building be kept as a single dwelling.

It was agreed to invite the planning officer to the next meeting.

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)

It was agreed to request that all the drains through the village are cleaned.

Concern was expressed that DCC were dumping material in the lay-by on Knowstone Moor, and that this may encourage fly tipping. It was agreed to enquire if this was a lay-by or a DCC storage area. If this was not a lay-by DCC to be asked to fence the area to discourage fly tipping.

It was uncertain if DCC were aware of the location of all the drains. It was agreed to request that a survey be conducted. It was thought that parishioners may have a good knowledge of the locations of drains.

10.2 Members Report (Footpaths)

None.

11 Correspondence

11.1 Printed matter sent/received in past month

Various circulars and periodicals had been received, and were placed in the file for circulation.

12. The Localism Act

It was noted that the Localism Bill had now become the Localism Act, and was now law, although some of the legislation was not in place, including the section relating to Neighbourhood Plans.

13. Moors Management

13.1 To decide on an authorised signatory to the Internal Management Agreement for the Commoners Association

Cllr Barfoot proposed that Cllr Morgans should be authorised to be a signatory, as he was familiar with the Association. Seconded by Cllr Blackburn. All in agreement.

13.2 Report

Cllr Morgans reported that work would soon commence on repairing the fencing. Work had started on the repair of the cattle grid. A new gate had been delivered, but had not yet been fitted.

14. Snow Warden Scheme

The Clerk reported that DALC had advised that there was no problem in paying a contractor a retainer for gritting the roads, providing that the council was satisfied that it represented good value for money. It was agreed that if the roads were cleared of snow that there was no need to pay a contractor to grit them. This could be carried out by the Snow Warden with a tractor.

15. Members' Reports

19.1 Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion at the February meeting

It was agreed to request NDC to send all planning applications to Cllr Smith.

Next Agenda: Localism Act; Queen's Diamond Jubilee; Consideration of a donation towards costs of the Batsworthy Cross Public Enquiry.

16. Date of next meeting: February 14 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.