

Knowstone Parish Council.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th May, 2012 starting at 8-00pm.

Present; Cllr Stanbury (Chair) Cllr Smith (Vice Chair) Cllr Morgans, Cllr Barfoot, Cllr Blackburn, Cllr Howe, Cllr Vigus.
There were several Parishioners present.
Due to the absence of the Clerk to the Council, Cllr Morgans was asked to take the minutes and agreed to do so.

Official Agenda Items;

Election of Chairman; Cllr Howe suggested a switch of roles for the coming year, and **proposed** Cllr J. Smith be appointed as Chair. This was **accepted** unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair; Cllr Howe **proposed** Cllr J Stanbury as Vice Chair. This was **accepted** unanimously.

Cllr Morgans did suggest that it was useful for both to be present at meetings. This remark was strongly objected to by Cllr Smith as being inappropriate and uncalled for.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office; These were signed by Cllr J Smith and by Cllr J Stanbury. Cllr Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Stanbury for his tenureship in the past year, and this was agreed by all Councillors.

Apologies; District Cllr Ley. County Cllr Yabsley. PCSO Napier.

Declarations of Interest; There were none.

Approval of previous Minutes; There were two proposed, and accepted, alterations to the minutes, and these were both signed by the Chairman. The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman. (Those Minutes attached to these minutes for the Clerk)

Matters Arising from the Minutes (not on the Agenda); It was noted that there was no Agenda Item for Moors Management.

Ref Item 2 1; It was noted that the Highways Authority have applied for funding to renew the fencing across the Moors adjacent to the A3 6 1.

It was suggested that there need to be notices for the public to observe proper control of their dogs on the moors, and not put any animals, or themselves, at risk of harm.

Cllr Morgans will liase with the Devon Wildlife Trust.

Public Questions; There was a report of Two potholes in the road at Lockett Bridge, and two on approach to Knowstone Mill, requiring urgent attention.

The written report from PCSO Napier was read out at this juncture, which included 8 call-outs to Phoenix Care (Little Oak) ref 'missing persons', and 5 A361 incidents.

Members to Serve on Parish Committees; Cllr Barfoot proposed that the **Planning Sub Committee** be retained. The 3 members of this Committee are Cllr Smith, Cllr Barfoot, and Cllr Howe. This was seconded by Cllr Morgans and carried unanimously.

Roles and Responsibilities of Parish Cllrs; Allocations are as follows;

Cllr Vigus as Parish Snow Warden.

Cllr Howe as Emergency Plan coordinator.

Cllr Morgans as rep; on the Moors Management Association.

Cllr Blackburn, and Cllr Smith, to administer Parish Footpaths.

Cllr Vigus to act as Parish Tree Warden.

Cllr Smith to administer the Parish Website.

Finance; 11.1 Financial report;

Item 11. 1. 1 Cllr Smith presented the Accounts which were agreed.

Item 11. 1.2 Cllr Smith presented the report on the Parish Audit given to him by the Clerk. It was agreed that all the questions 1 to 9 are correctly answered. The Audit data was discussed and Cllr Barfoot proposed, seconded by Cllr Howe, that we **approve** the data, and this was agreed by all Councillors.

11.3 Accounts to settle;

Item 11.3.1 Clerks expenses; None submitted.

Item 11.3.2 It was previously proposed and seconded to settle the payment of £400 to the P.C.C and this will be dealt with at the end of this meeting.

There was a question to confirm whether the NDDC Grant was being reduced.

Answer is Yes.

When the Council discuss the Annual Precept and Grant Application Cllrs should bear in mind the levels that we could then afford to grant to the Hall and the PCC. The Clerk should make a note of this for the September P.C. Meeting Agenda.

There was a question about payment of the Hall grant, (this was also raised at the Annual Parish Meeting) This should be done tonight, but we are forced to put this as an Agenda Item for the June meeting.

Planning;

Ref-, 53280 was taken first; Schoolhouse, Knowstone.

Following the meeting between the Planning Officer, Cllr Morgans and Dist.Cllr Ley the applicant, Mr Dey, has redrawn his plans, to show his boundaries inside of the churchyard wall, and inside the small wall on the hall side. He has also lowered the ridge height of the proposed addition. The new plans were discussed and it was agreed that the wording by the small wall has to be amended before the plans can be progressed to take out the words 'remove part of existing wall', so that no mistakes are made by the planners.

Cllr Morgans felt that, although the Conservation Officer had lent his support to the plans, and that it was no longer a material planning consideration, the Conservation Officer had done a great dis-service to the Parish and to Conservation Areas in general, in not protecting the Ynowstone Conservation Area.

Cllr Blackburn felt that there was still valid reason to object as the view of the Church from the road, (one of the main viewpoints from the village) , was an historic one and would be adversely affected by the development. We should reiterate our previous objection to that effect.

The meeting was then **opened to the public** to allow further representation from members of the PCC who had joined the meeting;

The PCC representatives advised that they had considered the serious effect that the building of any structure next to the churchyard wall could have upon it. They wished to safeguard the integrity of the wall. To this end they had agreed that they should seek an urgent meeting with the applicant, and that as it has effects upon several areas of Parish interest, representatives of the Hall Committee and the Parish Council should also be present. To this end the Secretary of the PCC would contact the other parties, and the applicant, to arrange a meeting a.s.a.p.

In further discussion it was noted that the proposed roof drainage guttering was aligned above the churchyard wall, and that the down pipe discharge was over the churchyard wall and down the churchyard side to discharge into the churchyard which was surely an incorrect procedure.

Cllr Blackburn suggested that the applicant would have to observe the Party Wall Act.

It was agreed that the Chairman Cllr Smith contact the Planning Officer about this and advise her also that there was a proposed meeting with the applicant. A request for her to delay any decision would be made.

Ref, 53764. Sydeham Farm, Rackenford. Wind Turbine. A verbal report was given of the invited attendance to the joint meeting of Rackenford and Stoodleigh P.C's on May 1st 2012. at which a full hall voted against the application. It was agreed that, as a neighbouring Parish we had the right to submit our opinion upon the application, and it was agreed that we should support Rackenford & Creacombe and Stoodleigh in their opposition to it.

Cllr Barfoot then supplied copies of the objection by CPRE to the application and the points raised in that letter were discussed and agreed with.

It was proposed by Cllr Barfoot, seconded by Cllr Blackburn that we **Object** and this was Agreed unanimously.

Cllr Morgans, acting as the Clerk, was asked to compose our letter of **Objection**, circulate it amongst all members and get approval, before typing it on paper headed Knowstone Parish Council. *(this was done soon after the meeting, agreed, and sent, and receipt has been acknowledged from Planning.)*. Copy letter is attached to these minutes for the Clerk to add to his correspondence file. A copy has also been supplied to Rackenford & Creacombe P.C.

Ref, 53955. Little Moor Farm, Molland. (not in the Parish./by the Wild Boar fam-i) Applicant Mrs Anderson. We agreed that there was no need for this agriculturally, it had not got an agricultural assessment, and would be unlikely to support an agricultural worker. Cllr Smith will address this with the Planners.

Report from District Cllr. No report submitted.

Report from County Cllr. No report submitted.

Report on the Annual Parish Meeting; Given by Cllr Stanbury. who chaired that meeting. There had been apologies sent from the Clerks wife to advise that the Clerk could not attend. Cllr Morgans had taken the minutes.

There was a fine presentation from David Cocks Q.C. detailing the procedure followed at Wind Turbine Inquiries. He was warmly thanked by the Chair.

It was requested that the Compensation fund should be dealt with at the PC June meeting, together with an item on dog fouling/litter in the Parish, It was also suggested that the wording on the 'invitation' to the meeting should in future emphasise that it is a Parish meeting called by the Parish Council. There should be early planning for Guest Speakers.

There was also a presentation from Ros Davies on Parish Footpaths.

Cllr Smith has written to both David Cocks QC and Ros Davies thanking them.

Correspondence; A request from the PCC ref payment of grant to them.

Put to the File; Parish on-line mapping service.
Copy letter to David- Cocks QC
Copy letter to Ros Davies.

There are no invitations to note, and no courses to book.

Batsworthy Turbine Appeal; Cllr Barfoot advised that Exchange of Evidence and Core documents was to complete on Tuesday next week. (22nd May)

There are 6 Witnesses for TREA. and there is a requirement to cover at least f 30,000.

There is a fund raising event for TMC on the 27th May at West Batsworthy farm to try to raise the final sums needed to fight the Appeal, which starts in Bishops Nympton Hall on June 12th and is scheduled to run until July 7^h. It will over-run !.

Other Turbines; The Diocese of Exeter applications on Glebe-lands was discussed and there would be a meeting at Chittlehampton on the 23 d, to which all were welcome.

This meeting was then Closed to allow comment from the floor;

Members of the PCC advised that the Vicar had not been notified of these turbine applications. They considered that the actions of the Diocese was highhanded, and out of order, generating much contempt from all Parishes. End comments.

Rubbish Dumping; Cllr Morgans suggested that Parishioners should have available to them a contact number to report illegal rubbish dumping, and this should also be put into the In Touch magazine. Cllr Howe supplied a number 01271327 711 ask for Highways (this is the main switchboard at NDDC)

Report on Care Village; As there is no Sale, it is now up for Rent (f 9000 per month)

Highways and Footpaths;

Members report (Highways) repairs to road surfaces continues from Moortown X through Roachill to Blackerton X (CL 111 5 3 5)

Members report (Footpaths) John Baker trying to update footpath No 7 at Shapcott Barton. Liasing with Anita Allan to try and agree improvements needed to make the path more accessible through the wet area at the start of the path.

John Baker has a little money left for the Jubilee Year Initiative to replace all styles with gates.

Cltr Morgans gave a report on his visit to the County Hall, Exeter, courtesy of County Cllr Yabsley, and the time spent in the Highways Control Centre.

Members Reports; there were no other reports.

Date of next Meeting; Agreed to be June 12th 2012. The Clerk to ask for any additional items for the Agenda, and to ensure the Agenda is produced in good time.