

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

25 November 2014 - Minutes of a meeting of Knowstone Parish Council

Present:

Cllr John D Smith (CHAIR) Cllr Reg G Howe, (RGH)
Cllr David B Morgans (DBM)
Cllr Anthony Vigus (AV) Richard G Vos (Clerk)

Also in attendance: DCC Cllr J Yabsley, Cllr E Ley x7 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

1. Apologies:

1.1 Cllr Stanbury, Cllr Barfoot, Cllr S Howe

2. Declarations of interest (matters appearing on the posted agenda):

2.1 The Clerk: planning matter 8.1.2.1 & 8.1.2.2
2.2 DBM : planning matter 8.1.2.1 "as a neighbour"

3. Minutes:

3.1 The minutes of the last meeting of KPC having been circulated:

3.2 Proposed: "To approve the draft minutes as presented as an accurate record of business transacted at the last meeting" (prop RGH, sec JDS: PASSED).

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

4.1 None.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 Letter of condolence has been sent to Mrs Gillian McGill, The Villa, East Knowstone. All other correspondence has been circulated to councillors by email.

6. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

Meeting closed for public questions.

Mrs R Newton reported that the finger post at Wiston Cross was missing and asked whether the bollard would be replaced in the newly filled in gate way at the centre of Roachill

Mrs Newton also asked whether Glebe land at Knowstone Court could be purchased to extend the graveyard. Additionally Mrs Newton asked why the October meeting had been cancelled rather than being re-scheduled for another night.

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Mrs S Barfoot requested information regarding the Exe Valley bus invoice which the CHAIR was able to provide.

Mrs T Willmetts referred to the cancelled October meeting and suggested that notice of the cancellation should have been posted on the village website as well as on the notice boards.

Mr I Brooks asked whether the Parish plan had any arrangements for resident off road parking areas

There being no further questions from members of the public the meeting was reopened.

7. Finance:

7.1 Finance Report: Report was presented by CHAIR

Proposed : "To accept the financial report as accurate"

Outcome: PASSED (prop: AV, sec: DBM)

7.2 The purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday at cost of £25 was ratified.

7.3 Discussion regarding the Parish Grant / Precept for 2015. DCC have advised that parish councils allow extra in the precept for the extra costs associated with forthcoming election. The maximum figure allowed for the Parish Grant is £398 (£199 for each of the PCC and the Village Hall)

Proposed: "To hold the precept unchanged at £3,651 for the forthcoming year"

Outcome: PASSED (prop: DBM, sec: AV)

8. Planning:

8.1.1 Applications received after preparation of the agenda : None

8.1.2.1 and 8.1.2.2 relating to Roachill Farm - Agreed to offer no comment to local planning authority

8.1.2.3. relating to Lockett Mill – application for cert of lawful use - Agreed to offer no comment to local planning authority

8.1.3 Proposed joint approach to LPA re conditions on Batsworthy – KPC has already written to LPA regarding compliance with planning conditions – felt there was no benefit to writing further especially since the consultation period has ended.

9. Report from District Councillor:

9.1 Cllr Ley invited KPC to make a donation to Bishops Nympton to assist then to provide a social club. The TAP fund will reimburse KPC.

A report from Natural England regarding degradation of Culm Grassland due to traffic fumes will certainly delay approval of the NDC Local plan

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10. Report from County Councillor:

10.1 Cllr Jeremy Yabsley had nothing specific to report.

11. Purchase of Land – report on progress

Agreed KPC to write once more making the point that KPC doubts the bona fides of DCC/NPS – did they ever have any intention of selling land. Request reimbursement of KPC out of pocket expenses. (proposed DBM Sec RGH) .

12. Highways and Footpaths

12.1.1 Members report (Highways) Further details were given about recent severe accidents on the A361 and comments were made as to the poor contingency plans in place in cases of road closure.

Mention was made of the DCC online pothole reporting service by which residents and members of the public can notify DCC of potholes individually rather than passing the reports through the Parish Council. Details of the link will be displayed on the parish Notice boards.

12.1.2. Members Report (footpaths) DBM reported that access to the Beaples Stone was overgrown and impassable for wheelchairs / disabled persons. AV and CHAIR will try to clear off before Christmas

13. Dates and Times for meetings 2015

The CHAIR felt that KPC only needed to meet every alternate month; DBM felt that the current schedule of monthly meetings should be retained. DBM was also against the idea of combining the AGM and Annual meeting of the KPC and preferred they be held on separate dates.

Proposed to adopt the meetings as per the list of suggested meeting 2015 attached to the agenda Prop: CHAIR Sec AV (PASSED: For CHAIR, AV + Casting vote AGAINST: DBM, RGH)

Counter Proposal: To move to a regime of monthly meeting throughout the year (prop:DBM sec RGH – REJECTED ; for DBM & RGH against; CHAIR, AV + Casting Vote)

Proposed to run 1st meeting of the new Parish Council and the Annual Meeting of the Parish one after another on the same night following the election in May 2015 Prop: CHAIR Sec AV (PASSED: For CHAIR, AV + Casting vote AGAINST: DBM, RGH)

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Meeting Dates - 2015

27 January
24 March
28 April
19 May – Annual meeting of KPC AND Annual Meeting of the Parish
28 July
22 September
24 November

14. Police Report:

14.1 RGH asked that the Clerk emails South Molton police station ahead of the meetings to invite the police to attend

Police contact numbers:

In Emergencies call : 999

Non-Emergency call : 101

Email contact : southmolton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

15 Moors Management Report:

15.1 DBM reported that payment of the Moors Management monies will probably be late and there will be some "clawback" so the amount to come from Natural England for the Moor is likely to be less than in previous years.

16. PCC report.

16.1 RGH reported that a wreath had been laid on Remembrance Sunday at the memorial at Molland

The Harvest festival had raised over £1,000 for church funds and thanks were due to all involved with the event

The church bells have been surveyed; the cost of bringing the bells / the bell tower up to standard is substantial – further costs estimates are being sought

17. Village Hall Committee Report

17.1 Cllr John Smith has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr John Standbury has stood down from the Village Hall committee after a run of service of approaching 30 years

18. Members Matters of immediate concern

18.1 TAP Fund Proposed; KPC supports Bushops Nympton's TAP Fund application by donating £20 (Prop JDS sec AV ; PASSED)

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18.2 The Clerk to contact DCC Highways regarding the finger post at Wiston Cross and replacement of the "missing" bollard in the gateway at Roachill Cottage

18.3 Item for the January to consider dispersal of capital monies; query does KPC wish to approach the Dioceses about buying some Glebe Land to extend the graveyard?

18.4 Item for January to investigate whether the Parish Plan makes provision for any off road parking for private vehicles

18.5 The Clerk to ask the planners at NDC to investigate possibility that substantial building works have been undertaken at Ford Farm and at West Hill without the necessary permissions and consents. The planners to be asked to check that there have been no breaches of planning / building regulations

18.6 Item for January – consider application to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2015 (~~assuming the competition is being run this year~~)

19. Date & Time of next meeting:

19.1 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 22.00Hrs

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Minutes prepared by Richard Vos (Parish Clerk)