

## KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

28 April 2015 - Minutes of a meeting of Knowstone Parish Council

### Present:

Cllr John D Smith	(CHAIR)	Cllr David B Morgans (DBM)
Cllr Bob Barfoot	(RJB)	Cllr Suzanne M Howe (SMH)
Cllr Anthony Vigus	(AV)	Cllr Reg G Howe (RGH)
Cllr John R Stanbury	(JRS)	Richard G Vos (Clerk)

### Also in attendance:

~~Cllr Jeremy Yabsley~~ DGG  
Members of the Public x6

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

### 1. Apologies:

1.1 None

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

2.1 None

### 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 RJB, sec DBM: PASSED).

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

4.1 Clerk confirmed that a letter of condolence had been sent to Mrs Jenkins on behalf of the Council

4.2 DBM commented that the wider area around the Beaples Stone still requires clearing

7.3 RGH expressed his thanks on behalf of the PCC for the Sect 137 payment which was "a very generous gesture"

11.2 DBM suggested a letter of thanks be sent to DCC Highways for "the excellent litter pick" recently undertaken along the A361

### 5. Correspondence:

5.1 The Clerk had received no correspondence other than any already circulated by email

### 6. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

Meeting closed for public questions.

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A. D. Morgan  
9/6/15

The meeting was advised that John Groves husband of Pam groves (a long standing former Council member) had died; The Clerk to send a letter of condolence on behalf of KPC

There being no questions from the members of the public present the meeting was swiftly re-opened.

## **7. Finance:**

7.1 Finance Report: Report was presented by CHAIR

The date for the internal audit is agreed at 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

Proposed : "To accept the financial report as accurate"

Outcome: PASSED (prop: RJB, sec: SMH)

7.2. The Clerk's probationary period having passed without review his performance has been reviewed by the Chair and Vice- Chair and is regarded as being acceptable.

7.3 Photovoltaic panels have now been mounted on the roof of the Village Hall; the CHAIR gave a report on progress with the project.

## **8 Planning**

8.1 None

8.2.1 58802 Photovoltaic Panel at Village Hall and 58970 East Crosside had both been approved by NDC

8.2.2 59080 Application to site a Park Home at Manor Farm (Mr Dalton) was presented to the meeting.

Proposed : "To write to NDC in support of the application" (prop: RGH, sec.: RJB)

Proposed amendment to proposal above: "Before any response to the application is made to North Devon Planning dept there should be a site visit by KPC" (Prop: CHAIR, sec.: DBM)

Outcome: Amendment Passed (RGH RJB & SMH abstaining)

After discussion councillors chose to delay considering the matter further until after a site visit which was arranged for Saturday 2 May 2015 at 6pm to be followed by an extraordinary Meeting of KPC to consider their response scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm

8.3.1 Update CHAIR reported on the outcome of a meeting with RWE involving associated parishes Rackenford & Rose Ash. A report on the likely timescales for construction had been circulated Further meetings will take place.

## **9. Consider arrangements ahead of the elections May 2015**

9.1 x6 candidates have been validly proposed for the x7 vacancies. The x6 candidates have therefore been returned unopposed as follows:

John D Smith, John R Stanbury, Reginald G Howe, Anthony Vigus, Ian Brooks, Timothy Browse.

CHAIR noted that this would be the last meeting of the present council after which x3 councillors were retiring namely DBM RJB & SMH

CHAIR thanked all three for their substantial contribution to both the Parish Council and the wider community over many many years and wished to formally thank them for the time they had devoted and their efforts and contributions to the operation of the Council over many years.

Valedictory addresses were made by DBM, RJB and SMH

A vote of thanks was proposed to each retiring councillor to be recorded separately:

Proposed: "Knowstone Parish Council wishes to formally thank Councillor Robert J Barfoot for his hard work and commitment over many years of service as a Parish Councillor" (Prop: CHAIR sec.: RGH) Outcome : Passed

Proposed: "Knowstone Parish Council wishes to formally thank Councillor David B Morgans for his hard work and commitment over many years of service as a Parish Councillor" (Prop: CHAIR sec.: SMH) Outcome : Passed

Proposed: "Knowstone Parish Council wishes to formally thank Councillor Suzanne M Howe for her hard work and commitment over many years of service as a Parish Councillor" (Prop: CHAIR sec.: JRS) Outcome : Passed

Formal letters of thanks to follow

## 10. Third Party Reports

- 10.1 NDC Cllr E Ley gave an update on several matters from Barnstaple
- 10.2 DCC Cllr Yabsley gave a report on various matters at DCC level affecting KPC and its locality in particular an update on the plans to cede the management of the rest areas and public lavatories either side of the link road at Moortown Cross
- 10.3 Police report – No report

## 11. Members Reports

- 11.1 Village Hall Committee: report by CHAIR with emphasis on PV system
- 11.2 Highways: report by SMH
- 11.3 Footpaths: CHAIR reported that a grant of £180 has been received under PPP. AV reported the path at Shapcott Lane had been partially cleared
- 11.4 Police Report: SMH reported the Police had asked councils to keep an eye out for land being used for "raves"
- 11.5 Moors Management Assoc: Report DBM – The Moor was generally in good condition but payments have not yet been received for rent due; there is likely to be some delay before the monies are received.
- 11.6 PCC report: Update given by RGH

*J. Smith*  
9/6/15

**12. Members Matters of immediate concern**

12.1 There were no matters raised

**13. Date & Time of next meeting:**

13.1 Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 7.30pm

(The next full meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which will commence at 7pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015 and will be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting - RJB queried the wisdom of holding the APM on the same night as the AMPC. CHAIR noted the concerns expressed but wanted to try running the two meeting consecutively – if the experiment does not work then it can revert in future years)

Meeting closed at 21.10Hrs

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Minutes prepared by Richard Vos (Parish Clerk)

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In Emergencies call : 999

Non-Emergency call : 101

Email contact : [southmolton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:southmolton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

DCC pothole reporting helpline :

*Richard Vos*  
9/6/15