

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

24 March 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)	Richard G Vos (Clerk)

Also in attendance:

Cllr Jeremy Yabsley - DCC
Members of the Public x7

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

1. Apologies:

1.1 Cllr's John Stanbury and Reg Howe

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 Chair, sec RJB: PASSED).

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

4.1 Council was advised of the death of Derek Jenkins formerly of East Hill Knowstone – the Clerk to send a letter of condolence

4.2 AV advised that he had recently tidied the area around the Beaples Stone

4.3 An email response has been circulated from Richard Sables of DCC regarding repairs to roads, cattle grids etc.

5. Correspondence:

5.1 Election packs have now been received by the Clerk and will be circulated after the meeting.

5.2 DBM reported on an exchange of correspondence between himself and Lesley Smith regarding the Link Road Compensation monies

6. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

Meeting closed for public questions.

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

7. Finance:

7.1 & 7.2 Finance Report: Report was presented by CHAIR

Proposed : "To accept the financial report as accurate"

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

7.2.1 - 7.2.5 3 Payments scheduled on Agenda

Proposed : "To ratify payments 7.2.1 – 7.2.5 Incl"

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

7.3 Consideration of Sect 137 Payments to St Peters Church Knowstone

CHAIR reported that Sect 137 of Local Govt Act 1972 allowed payments to be made for community assets and community benefit at a maximum rate of £7.36 per elector on the electoral roll.

It being considered by KPC that St Peters Church is an asset used by the community and from which the community benefits a sect 137 donation was appropriate.

Proposed : "To make a donation pursuant to Sect 137 of LGA equal to £7.36 per registered electro to be paid direct to The Parochial Church Council for maintenance of the Church for the benefit of the whole community"

(SMH – abstaining) Outcome: PASSED (prop: CHAIR, sec: DBM)

7.4 Extension of Burial Plot Knowstone Parish Church

CHAIR reported that enquiries have been made and there is considered to be no shortage of land available for parish burial ground. There is no need to consider the purchase of additional land in the foreseeable future.

7.5 Protection of money to purchase additional car parking space within the Village.

CHAIR reported that he had mapped the problem areas within Knowstone Village and identified some areas of ground which subject to being acquired could be considered for additional car parking spaces.

CHAIR was thanked for his effort in facilitating the discussion but on balance and after discussion it was decided that there was no appetite to progress this issue.

8 Planning

8.1 Application 58970 East Crosside Farm was discussed- the council declined to comment formally

8.2.1 Application 58802 Photovoltaic at Village Hall was discussed- the council declined to comment formally

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8.3 Regarding 58081 Discharge of planning condition 18 relating to Batsworthy Cross RJB reported that Planning condition 18 has been discharged and realistically bearing in mind time and resources there is nothing further that can be done to challenge planning permission

8.3.2 Meeting with RWE Innogy UK is scheduled for 25 March 2015; this will be a joint meeting involving the neighbouring parishes, Knowstone, Rose Ash and Rackenford. CHAIR will attend and report the outcome to the April meeting

Proposed : KPC wishes to formally record its gratitude to Cllr Robert J Barfoot for his hard work and efforts over the years in respect of the planning application at Batsworthy Cross.

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

9. Consider arrangements ahead of the elections May 2015

9.1 Notices have been circulated and posted on Parish Council notice boards

10. Adoption of Risk Assessment Knowstone Parish Council

CHAIR had previously circulated a comprehensive risk assessment for consideration and adoption

Proposed : KPC to adopt the risk assessment presented by CHAIR.

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

11. Third Party Reports

11.1 North Devon Council - no report

11.2 DCC Cllr Yabsley gave a report on various matters at DCC level affecting KPC and its locality. Cllr Yabsley confirmed that the Picnic Area on The Link Road will not be sold; DCC are looking for businesses to come forward to run and maintain the site – further discussion to be continued at April meeting

11.3 Police report – No report

12. Members Reports

12.1 Village Hall Committee: report by CHAIR

12.2 Highways: report by RGH

12.3 Footpaths: CHAIR reported the paths have all been walked and a condition report made to DCC - The CHAIR was thanked for his efforts in undertaking this task

12.4 Police Report: No report

12.5 Moors Management Assoc: Report DBM - Annual General meeting to be held on 30 March 2015

12.6 PCC report: Update given by SMH

13. Members Matters of immediate concern

13.1 There were no matters raised

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14. Date & Time of next meeting:

14.1 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 28 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.50Hrs

Minutes prepared by Richard Vos (Parish Clerk)

Police contact numbers:

In Emergencies call : 999

Non-Emergency call : 101

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

DCC pothole reporting helpline :

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