

# KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Knowstone Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 8.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs J.Stanbury (Chairman), J.Smith (Vice Chairman), D. Blackburn. Mrs C Howe and D Morgans.

**In Attendance;** 5 members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R. Barfoot.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held 14 February 2012**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

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

Min. 12. Cllrs Barfoot and Morgans had attended CPRE meeting, but little additional information on the Localism Act was available. It would appear that the act was not as 'local' as may have been assumed. Concern was expressed over still not knowing what was due to change.

**5. Public Questions**

It was reported that the potholes had been repaired.

**6. Police Report**

Parishioners were requested to be aware of cold callers offering to carry out work.

**7. Finance**

**7.1 Financial Report**

The clerk circulated copies of the Bank Reconciliation.

**7.2 Accounts to Settle**

Three account was presented to settle:

Website Developments	£222.00
DALC subscription	£ 52.85
Clerk's salary	£104.30

These were agreed.

**8. Planning**

It was agreed that matters to be discussed should appear on the agenda whenever possible, although this was not always possible if applications were received after the publication of the agenda.

Application 53526. Cllr Stanbury declared a personal interest in the application.

It was noted that this was a Prior Notification only, and did not require a response from the parish council.

Application 53280. It was understood that the applicant was due to submit revised plans which would not involve the boundary wall and show a lower ridge height to the roof.

Cllr Morgans was thanked for all his work with regard to the application.

**9. Report from District Councillor**

None – District Councillor not present.

**10. Report from County Councillor**

None – County Councillor not present.

**11. Highways and Footpaths**

11.1 Members Report (Highways)

it was reported that Cllr Barfoot had met Richard Sables, who was unaware of any potholes in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk would copy reports of potholes etc to Mr Sables when contacting Highways.

It was reported that dog fouling was increasing in East Knowstone. It was agreed to request a supply of notices.

11.2 Members Report (Footpaths)

It was reported that the area around the Old Stones was in need of cutting.

**12. Correspondence**

12.1 Printed matter sent/received in past month

Details of the mobile library service had been received, with a request to ensure all parishioners were aware of the service, to ensure that it continued. It was agreed to request a supply of timetables and flyers.

The agenda for the North Devon Council meeting with parish councils to discuss the future of Parish Grants.

**13. Moors Management**

Cllr Morgans reported that the work on the fencing was now complete.

As it was now the nesting season it was agreed to ask if the Devon Wildlife Trust could erect signs requesting owners to keep their dogs on leads.

**14. Housing Needs Survey**

An enquiry had been received from the Rural Housing Project asking if the council still required a Housing Needs Survey to be conducted.

**It was resolved** to ask them to proceed with the survey.

**15. Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

It was confirmed that the celebrations would take place on Sunday 3 June.

The Chairman reported that all the arrangements were in hand.

It was noted that 100 mugs had been ordered. It was thought that there were 30-40 under 16s living in the parish. It was agreed to let the committee sell the remaining mugs at an appropriate price to ensure that all were sold.

It was agreed that the committee could use the £600 allocated by the parish council to cover costs without prior approval.

**16. Speaker and Date of Annual Parish Meeting**

It was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday 2 May, as there was a jubilee committee meeting the previous evening. Mr David Cox had agreed to be the speaker, but it was not known if he would be available on the Wednesday evening. Mrs Barfoot offered to enquire if he was available..

**17. Members' Reports**

17.1 Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion in the May meeting

Agenda item: Report on the Annual Parish Meeting.

**18. Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 8 May at 8:00pm.**

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.