

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Knowstone Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 24 July 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Smith (Chairman), R Barfoot, D Blackburn, Mrs C Howe (until agenda item 14), D Morgans and A Vigus.

In Attendance; District Cllr.E.Ley, 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J.Stanbury.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2012

Min. 10.5. The planning application No. 83280 was amended to 53280.

Min. 12 was amended to record Cllr Yabsley's attendance. It was noted in his report he referred to rates and grants.

The amended 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. 6 Mr Sables had confirmed that DCC had accepted ownership of the Harpson cattle grid.

Min. 17. Updated page of the council's Standing Orders referring to the number of councillors to form a quorum were circulated to councillors. Date of amendment to be added before the next meeting.

5. Police Report

Police not present, no report received.

Two messages had been received from the Community Messaging System. The first, dated 18 June, referred to attacks on car park machines in attempts to steal money. The public were asked to report any power tool noises heard, especially between 2am – 4am.

The second message, dated 4 July, referred to the theft of a silver Mitsubishi L200 pick up, reg. B17GJD, stolen from Ilfracombe.

6. Public Questions

None.

7. Finance

7.1 Financial Report

The clerk circulated copies of the finance report..

7.2 Accounts to Settle

Parish Clerk £104.30

Cheque No.41

The account was approved for payment.

8. Planning a Time-Line for significant Knowstone Parish income and expenditure items over the year 2012-13

Copies of a Time-Line was circulated to councillors. It was agreed to include dates for returns to be made to HMRC.

9. Planning

9.1 53280 The School House

It was noted that conditional planning approval had been granted.

9.2 Batsworthy Cross Public Inquiry

Cllr Barfoot reported that the Public Inquiry, which appeared to go quite well, had now closed.

A letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate suggesting that a Grampian condition could be formulated to overcome concerns of safety on the A361 by introducing a ghost lane at the Beaples Barton junction.

It was considered that the introduction of a ghost lane could increase the danger at this point if the wind farm was approved. It was also noted that it was not just at the junction that there were safety concerns.

It was agreed that, if required, the council would write expressing its opposition to changes to the road layout on the grounds of road safety.

9.3 00823 Buckhayes Farm, 20 Turbine Application

Mid Devon District Council had advised a planning application for twenty turbines at Cove, maximum height 21m.

It was understood that additional information was due to be provided.

It was agreed to request to be consulted when this information had been received.

9.4 Notification of Enforcement Appeal - ENF 734 West Hill, Knowstone

It was agreed that no further action should be taken regarding the Appeal.

Cllr Morgans proposed that a letter of support should be sent to NDC for the decision they had made. Seconded by Cllr Barfoot. 2 votes in favour of the proposal, 2 votes against. 1 abstention. By the Chairmans casting vote it was agreed not to send the letter.

It was agreed that councillors should attend the Appeal.

9.5 52696 Little Oak Rackenford

It was noted that the retrospective planning application had been approved.

9.5 Planning applications received after preparation of Agenda

None received.

10. Report from District Councillor

Reporting on the new grant from DCC and NDC for parishes working together, Cllr Ley stated that this would provide the opportunity for Knowstone to work with Rackenford, and other parishes, to provide something which would benefit everyone.

11. Reports from County Councillor

None – County Councillor not present.

12. Highways and Footpaths

12.1 Members Report (Highways)

It was noted that although much of the rubbish had been cleared from the layby, some still remained. Clerk to report.

12.2 Report from Richard Sables 6 July 2012

An email had been received from Mr Sables giving an update on problems reported at the 1st meeting.

It was noted that there were still chippings on Holymoor Hill which needed sweeping.

There were still drains at Roachill that needed clearing.

It was reported that there were large pot-holes on the old road to Tiverton.

It was reported that the cattle grid near Little Oak was loose.

Cllr Smith reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Sables for all his help.

12.3 A361 River Sturcombe Viaduct Movement Joint Replacement: starting 3rd September for approximately 8 weeks - single lane control with traffic lights.

The forthcoming work was noted.

12.4 Road Safety - Local Speed Limits

Mr Chetham outlined the case for a 20mph speed limit at Roachill. Mr Rod King from '20s Plenty for Us' was prepared to take the parish on board, and would organise the campaign.

Councillors agreed the idea in principle, but would need time to study the website before making any commitment.

To be discussed at the next meeting.

12.5 Members Report (Footpaths)

It was reported that Footpath 7 at Shapcott Barton was overgrown, and needed attention. It was noted that work to this path was proposed.

13. Moors Management Report

It was reported that the IMA agreement had been signed.

The damaged section of fencing had been repaired. It was reported that a further section of fencing had been damaged, the Moortown Cross side, on the westbound carriageway.

14. Parish Power Supplies

Concern was raised over recent power cuts on 20/21 June which affected 358 properties.

It was agreed to write to Western Power distribution requesting that the equipment in the parish is replaced, so as to reduce the likelihood of further power cuts, and to request that as a gesture of goodwill to affected customers, some sort of compensation is made..

Cllr Mrs Howe left the meeting.

**15. Neighbourhood Planning
Local Transport; Potential for Local Bus Links?**

A response from DCC was awaited.

16 Knowstone Parochial Charity

Deferred until the next meeting.

17. Parish Compensation Fund – Update

Cllr Morgans reported that he had spoken to the landowners regarding the possible purchase of land, but this had been turned down.

It was noted that a decision would have to be made this year.

18. East Hill Estate – Update

A reply had been received from NPS, but did not contain any new information. It was agreed to request a copy of the new S106 agreement.

It was noted that Cllr Yabsley was now on the Board of NPS. It was agreed to ask if he was aware of the latest S106 agreement, and to ask him to give a report at the next meeting.

- 19. Knowstone Parish Council Member's Code of Conduct 2012, and Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
Cllr Smith proposed that the new Code of Conduct be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Morgans. All in agreement.
It was agreed that completed Register of Interest forms should be returned at the next meeting.
- 20. Parish Online Mapping Services**
Deferred until the next meeting.
- 21. Correspondence**
21.1 Printed matter sent/received in past month
The Summer 2012 edition of the Village Green had been received.
- 22. Members' Reports**
22.1 Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion at the next meeting
Parish Compensation Fund; Parish Online Mapping Services; Knowstone Parochial Charity; East Hill Estate – S106 update; Road Safety – Local Speed Limits.
- 23. Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 28 August at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed
Chairman

Signed