

# KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Knowstone Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 8.00pm

**Present:** J.Smith (Chairman), R.Barfoot. Mrs C Howe, D Morgans. A.Vigus (from item 10.2).

**In Attendance;** District Cllr.E.Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, 7 members of the public, Mr R Sables (DCC).

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J.Stanbury and D.Blackburn.

**2. Minutes of the meeting held 15 May 2012**

The minutes of the last meeting 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)**

10.4 Old School House. To be raised under Planning.

**5. Police Report**

The Clerk had received a verbal report from the police. During the past month there had been 5 incidents logged from the parish, all traffic related on the A361.

**6. Public Questions**

It was reported that visibility at the junction at East Knowstone was poor. It was noted that DCC had been requested to change the priority, but that this had been refused.

Various potholes and drainage problems were reported. Mr Sables would report these to DCC, together with rubble being dumped in a lay-by.

It was reported that another stretch of fencing had been damaged on the A361.

In relation to the Harpson cattle grid Mr Sables reported that this was not owned by DCC, but that he would put in a report stating work clearing it would become a safety issue if it was not done as a matter of urgency.

Mr Sables to report back to the council in 2 weeks.

**7. Report on Jubilee celebrations & Jubilee Beacon**

It was reported that the event had been a great success. The mugs had been very well received, resulting in there being none left.

Thanks were expressed to everyone involved. Approximately £170 was left over which would be retained by the Village Hall committee for the next event.

**8. Finance**

**8.1 Financial Report**

The clerk circulated copies of the finance report.

**8.2 Accounts to Settle**

Payment of Hall Grant £200.00

Internal Audit £ 60.00

Parish Clerk £104.30

The three accounts were approved for payment.

Thanks were received from the Parochial Church Council for the grant towards the maintenance of the churchyard/

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

The Clerk would present this at the next meeting.

**10. Planning**

- 10.1 Application: 54013 Erection of agricultural building for livestock, feed & waste, West Bowden Knowstone

The planning sub-committee had considered the application and did not wish to make any comments.

Cllr Vigus joined the meeting

- 10.2 Diocese Turbines at East Anstey

It was noted that the application was being withdrawn.

- 10.3 Batsworthy Cross Public Inquiry

Cllr Barfoot reported that the inquiry had opened that morning, with site visits that afternoon.

- 10.4 Planning Items received after Agenda publication

No new applications had been received.

- 10.5 Application 53280 Old School House

A letter had been received from the applicant stating that there were five issues outstanding, only one of which was a planning issue. He had offered to erect scaffolding to illustrate the size of the proposal.

It was agreed to contact planning advising that there were issues, and that the plans were due to be modified. The council were not satisfied that it was necessary to remove a stretch of wall. It was noted that the wall was outside the planning boundary.

The council would not like to see a decision being made without taking the new proposals into account.

**11. Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Ley reported that the School House application was not likely to be considered without further consultation.

**12. Reports from County Councillor**

Cllr Yabsley presented a report on rates and grants.

**13. Highways and Footpaths**

- 13.1 Members Report (Highways)

Covered earlier in the meeting.

- 13.2 Members Report (Footpaths)

No matters reported.

**14. Moors Management Report**

Cllr Morgans reported that the cattle were now out on the moor.

He reported that a new section of fencing had been damaged, and that the previously damaged section had been successfully repaired.

**15. Parish Compensation Fund; East Hill Estate – to discuss and resolve how to move forward on these long standing issues.**

It was noted that the provision of a Playground had been the favoured option to be funded by the Fund, but that a suitable site needed to be identified. Various sites were suggested. Cllr Morgans offered to speak to the landowner. This was agreed.

It was noted that a letter had been written to DCC Estates Officer in 2010, but no progress had been made. Cllr Yabsley reported that there had been planning issues. He would endeavour to establish the current situation.

It was resolved to write to NPS South West to reiterate the parish council's wish to acquire the land at East Hill

**16. Neighbourhood Planning:**

1. To discuss and resolve on the merits of collaborating with neighbouring Parish(es) to shape Knowstone Parish development (see for example: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/inyourarea/neighbourhood/>)

It was agreed in principle that Knowstone Parish Council should work with neighbouring parishes

2. Resolution to adopt 'Parish Online' Web based mapping software for Town and Parish Councils (free trial period before subscription)  
Cllr Smith proposed that the council should trial the new system. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Howe. All in agreement.

**17. Standing Orders** – review of current provisions; to resolve on the powers of the planning sub-committee; numbers for a quorum

It was agreed that no change should be made with regard to the planning sub-committee, Cllr Barfoot proposed that the number of councillors to form a quorum should be increased from three to four. Seconded by Cllr Morgans. All in agreement.

**18. Dates and Times of Council Meetings for 2012 - 2013**

Cllr Mrs Howe proposed that the day of the meetings should revert to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month. Seconded by Cllr Morgans. All in agreement.  
It was further agreed that all meetings should start at 7:30pm.

**19. Correspondence**

- 19.1 Printed matter sent/received in past month  
A Winter Service Review had been received from DCC. To be completed and returned by 31 July.

**20. Members' Reports**

- 20.1 Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion at the next meeting.  
None.

**21. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 24 July at 7:30pm.  
Cllr Barfoot apologised for being unable to attend the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.