

KNOWSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a regular meeting; 22 March 2016

The meeting opened at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr John D Smith	(CHAIR)		
Cllr Ian Brooks	(IB)	Cllr Timothy Browse	(TCB)
Cllr Mike Smith	(MPS)	Richard G Vos	(Clerk)

Also in attendance:

Members of the Public x6

Tony and Carla Moore and Geoff Gregory (to speak to item 12)

1. Apologies:

- 1.1 Cllrs John Stanbury, Anthony Vigus, Eric Ley (NDC),
- 1.2 Cllr Jeremy Yabsley DCC (will arrive late)

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

- 2.1 None

3. Minutes:

- 3.1 The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all councillors in draft:

Proposed to adopt draft minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of 26 January 2016 (Prop: IB Sec: MS) Outcome: Passed

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

- 7.1 The budget to be discussed at the next meeting
- 9.1 The new updated website to go live on Wednesday 23 March 2016
- 12 Sidemoor and Beaples Moor Picnic areas ; A draft statement has been prepared and passed to Mrs Jenkins and other stakeholders with as yet no response. It will now be uploaded to the website

5. Correspondence:

All correspondence received had been circulated to Councillors.

Mention was made of the following items:

Letter of thanks from PCC

Letter sent to Cllr Hart at DCC

Letter received John Penhaligan NPS

6. Public Questions (limited to 20 minutes)

Meeting closed for public questions.

Mr Dykes had prepared some notes in relation to planning application 60810 which he wanted to be taken into account

7.1 Finance

7.1 Finance Report: Report was presented by RFO

The balance on the Treasurer's Account was £11,784.54

The balance on the Instant Account was £10,043.42

A very useful note had been received from DALC regarding sect 137 payments currently capped at £7.42 per head of the parish electoral register – approx. 200

Payment of £300 had been received for the Parish Paths Partnership

7.2. Accounts to settle;

7.2.1 Annual Management fee for Website Design Limited - £222. (prop CHAIR sec IB Outcome : PASSED)

7.2.2 Clerks salary Proposed (prop MS sec JDS Outcome : PASSED)

7.2.3 MS gave update on requirements for making pension arrangements for employees – i.e. the Clerk – The Clerks remuneration falls below the threshold at which employers must make pension arrangements. The Clerk confirmed that he did not require the matter to be looked into further.

8 Planning

8.1 None

8.2 60810 Application to build a new property at Enfield House has been revised and re submitted. The revised application addresses some of the concerns raised by KPC in particular retaining most of the Devon bank and improved visibility but the council felt the amendments did not go far enough to alter the view that the application should be objected to.

Proposed: KPC to object to the application 60810 on the basis of the size and location of the proposed dwelling on the site, the breach of the Devon bank and the detrimental effect to the local eco system and the detrimental effect on parking and traffic within the village (Proposed IB sec TB Outcome Passed)

9. Batsworthy Cross update.

9.1 Construction of the turbines has now been concluded and commissioning is expected in the next few weeks

The consultation exercise relating to the RWE Community Fund has been concluded and the report issued. The preferred route is independent management of the fund.

Draft for approval

As many as 90 local people indicated a willingness to serve of the grants consideration panel.

RWE and the committee of the Joint Chairs will meet again on 29 March with Devon Community Foundation and Martin Parkes.

There will be a public meeting in April with a view to identifying the fund managers, the make-up of the initial Grants panel and to work out the criteria for grant applications.

10 North Devon and Torrridge Local plan / draft

The CHAIR read out a draft response to the draft ND and Torrridge Local Plan which was approved by councillors.

Proposed to submit representations to the draft Local plan as per JDS draft response (Proposed IB Sec MS Outcome Passed)

11. East Hill farm

The Clerk to try to arrange a site meeting in April - with Cllr John hart DCC and John Penhaligon NPS - to establish the present situation on this project and to confirm that KPC still expects to be gifted the Green Land with £10,000 to cover maintenance. KPC also needs to request a draft contract from NPS/DCC for consideration before the remainder of East Hill Farm is sold.

12. Community Defibrillator

Presentations were given by Tony Moore and Geoff Gregory and discussions and questions from public and councillors followed.

A Defibrillator could save lives and KPC was willing to consider the costs and funding for one or more units but it is apparent that ideally more than one unit would be needed and that a large number of local residents will have to be trained to use the units and to give CPR before the project can be made to work.

Defibrillators are potentially life saving pieces of equipment for patients suffering cardiac arrest. BUT the council was told incidence of cardiac arrest is rare and the time to respond to save a life is very short; maybe as little as three minutes. It was thought that to save lives three people were needed to respond to any emergency – one to give CPR one to call the emergency services and one to access the defibrillator. This will require a large number of people living and working in the parish to be trained and doubts were expressed about the practicalities of meeting this requirement.

Geoff Gregory expressed the view that first aid training was a more cost effective use of KPC resources as would be the provision of oxygen cylinders.

It was agreed to put on 2 or 3 evening free first aid training sessions to gauge the likely numbers of local people who would be willing to become involved.

It was also agreed that if this project was proceeded with it would have to be as a result of community effort both to raise monies and to volunteer for training.

13 Third Party Reports

13.1 District Councillor Eric Ley had previously sent his apologies.

13.2 Cllr Yabsley DCC confirmed that substantial re-surfacing / top dressing work was planned in the immediate future. Cllr Yabsley gave an update on the proposed upgrade of the A361; significant budget had been set aside to allow the bid for funding to be thoroughly “worked up”.

14. Members Reports

14.1 Village Hall – IB There are several new volunteers on the VH committee and a range of events planned over the next few months

14.2 The Community Bus - CHAIR reported this is still running regularly. New leaflets to publicise the service and the Wednesday trips have been well supported and v well received.

14.3 Footpaths; TB is pressing to have the second half of Harpson lane stoned.

14.4 Moors Management Assoc: Swaling has been carried out on the Moor and a big burn of old grasses undertaken.

15. Members Matters of immediate concern

None

16. Date & Time of next meeting:

16.1 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7:00pm
The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be followed immediately by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:35 hrs

Minutes prepared by Richard Vos (Parish Clerk)

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Non-Emergency call : 101

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

DCC pothole reporting helpline :

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>