

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 13th February 2018 at 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Present- Cllrs Hyde, Coffin, Campbell, McCarthy, Tait, Southerden, Dawson . Members of the public ,Martin Brown, Paul Naish, Bridget Wayman (County Councillor).

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Small, Bateman, Hoar, Scott- Bolton.
- 2 **Notices of Interest.** – Cllr McCarthy Item 9 ,18/00970/tca
- 3 **Public Open Forum-** No comments .
- 4 **Minutes of Meeting held 9TH Jan 2018** – Signed as a true record
- 5 **Matters arising-** Sue Dawson had been asked if a dog waste bin could be installed near the Windmill. It was agreed that this would be a last resort and that the PC would continue to work to increase awareness of the dog-fouling issue around the village. Clerk advised the bench for the phone box at Milton was ready to fit.
- 6 **Chairman’s Report** - Tim advised the Clerk would be asking for new tenders for Council owned lands to be finalized at the April meeting. Tim thanked Rob for his excellent work on the web site, Rob advised that Leeroy Lugg should also be thanked as he had provided very good support. Tim also advised that WW1 memorial activities were planned for November 2018 and suggested that the PC might contribute to this by funding the meetings held in the Village Hall by the planning groups {up to a max of £200}. Vote on agenda item expenditure at next PC meeting.
- 7 **Discuss plans to recruit Newsletter Editor to replace Martin Brown at end of 2018-** Martin Brown was present. He advised that no one had come forward following vacancy notice in the Jan Newsletter. A general discussion followed in which the mechanics of putting the Newsletter together were outlined. Martin thought a pair or a team of editors might work and it was agreed that each PC member would approach a “possible candidate” before the next meeting and report back. This would be an agenda item in March. Laura suggested a blank front page on the next edition to draw attention to the issue, Martin would do this, and he was prepared to act as mentor for a new editor/s.
- 8 **Update on plans for 3rd March Litter pick.** Clerk advised 12 people had come forward so far, it was hoped more would volunteer nearer the time. Collection of assembled litter had been arranged by WCC.
- 9 **Planning Activity**
18/00970/tca-Manor Farm House /Valeshay ,27/28 Milton. Support Unanimous, Prop, Ian Tait, Sec, Laura Coffin.
18/00281/ful –Upton Bottom Farm, East Knoyle.-Support Unanimous, Prop, Rob McCarthy, Sec, Tim Hyde.
18/00352/ful- Holdens Farmhouse, East Knoyle.- Support Unanimous, Prop, Laura Coffin, Sec Sue Dawson
- 10 **Bridget Wayman-** Bridget had been to the launch of the Big Clear up and was concerned that unless we start to name and shame litter louts then the problem would not be solved. Litter “bags for life” were to be issued to motorists in the hope they would collect litter instead of throwing it out of the window. Bridget also outlined the work going into budget preparations: we should expect a 5.99% increase to our Council Tax bills. Bridget also advised that Wiltshire Council Highways had also received money for highway maintenance.
- 11 **Highways report** – Rob McCarthy reported that the fly tip at the Ox drove had been cleared but that the fly tip of appliances at the barn on the road to Willoughby Hedge had been deemed by Wiltshire Council to be the responsibility of the land owner{Clouds}.
The Parish Steward scheme was floundering due to internal management issues with the contractor, it was hoped

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this would improve. The possible purchase of a SIDS speed reduction machine was discussed. It was agreed that a dedicated group of volunteers was needed to make this scheme work and the Clerk would assess interest via the newsletter and a public meeting to be scheduled for 24th March.

12 Village Hall Update- Alistair Campbell reported £733 profit had been made at the November Quiz. It was hoped the forthcoming music quiz would be as successful. Alistair reported the Village Hall had healthy bank balances even if there had been less earned income this year, and the date for the 2018 flower show was 11th Aug.

13 AOB – Alistair asked if there were plans for tree reduction at the Windmill this year. Tim to finalize plans with Leo Tandoh and report back. Laura asked if there were any Royal Wedding celebration plans for the Village, Tim did not know of any.

Meeting Closed 9.08 pm

Signed as a true record.....Chairman.....Date

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