

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 11th Dec 7.30pm 2018 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present Cllrs Hyde, Southerden, Dawson, Campbell, Small, Tait, Bateman .

Members of the public, None.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** -Cllr Hoar, McCarthy, Scott-Bolton, Coffin.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- Ian Tait and Neil Southerden, item 8.
3. **Public Open Forum**- No
4. **To approve minutes of meeting held on 13th Nov 2018**- Signed as a true record, with spelling correction, item 6.
5. **Matters arising**- Tim Hyde reported that there had been no developments regarding the parking situation at the Fox and Hounds and that this item would be carried forward to January meeting.
6. **Chairman's Report**- Tim advised that a group of 12 volunteers had met at KHG on the 8th Dec to help clear the area around the wall with a view to assessing its condition, Phil Buttress had attended and cleared 6 loads of waste to a bonfire site nearby. Tim thanked Laura Hoar for her work in organizing this.
Tim had met with Leo Tandoh on 21st Dec to establish if any work was required to maintain the views from the windmill. Topping of a few birch trees was necessary and Leo would arrange this. Tim would be attending a dinner at Hindon School on behalf of the Parish Council and also noted that kissing gates had been installed at both ends of the diverted Footpath 16. Tim had also asked Phil Buttress to remove a dead elm tree from the bank side at Milton.
7. **Discuss results of Metro Counter survey data, circulated by Clerk- Ian Tait /Rob McCarthy .** The data from the Metro counter survey had been circulated to Councilors and Ian ran through the results. Overall average speeds around the village were below 30mph with the fastest section of road being the Hill at Underhill where cars accelerated to ascend and were gravity assisted coming down. Ian would summarize the findings and include a map of metro-counter sites in the January newsletter. Tim thanked Ian and Rob for their work in obtaining this data for the Parish.
8. **Planning Applications- 18/11107/ful and 18/11449/LBC - Black Horse House, The Street, East Knoyle.**
Proposed by Ian Tait, Seconded Tim Hyde. Vote – Support- Unanimous.
9. **Highways Report**- Rob McCarthy was absent but Tim Hyde proposed that the PC should contribute 50% to the cost of a “slow” horses sign at Sheephouse Corner. Total cost £350 and Neil Southerden wished to record his dissatisfaction with the system that resulted in local Parishes having to assume financial responsibility for matters of road safety. Vote unanimous to support this expenditure, proposed Ian Small, Seconded Ian Tait.
10. **Agree Precept request for 2019/2020 and agree budget for financial year 2019/2020. Proposal circulated by Clerk.** Ian Small outlined the rationale behind a static Precept request this year which included the renewal of shop rental payments{£2k} and an expected one-off easement payment of circa £3000. This idea was supported by the Council members who voted unanimously to support a zero increase in precept for next year, proposed Neil Southerden, Seconded , Sue Dawson.
11. **Bridget Wayman – WCC representative**- Not Present.

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- 12 Discuss/Vote to write letter of support to AONB regarding various initiatives, details circulated by Clerk.**- It was agreed that the Clerk should write in support of all of the AONB initiatives on behalf of the PC. Proposed by Tim Hyde, Seconded by Sue Dawson.
- 13 Common Lands Report-** Deb Bateman reported that the Common Lands sub group would now be chaired by Paul Wharton and would be looking to act more independently on matters of path maintenance and clearing. The purpose of this was to speed up the pace of important work needed to keep paths and stiles in good order. The poplar tree which had fallen recently in Clouds Park had fallen across a footpath and the Clerk was asked to write to Jason Lewis to express concern on behalf of the PC and to notify Wiltshire Council footpaths officer since there had been a number of tree falls on the site, with probably more to follow, jeopardizing the safety of footpath users .
- 14 Shop Report-** Ian Tait reported that the Shop Christmas opening had been a big success which had been closely followed by the well attended Volunteers Christmas dinner. A new stock control machine had been purchased at a cost of £1000, this would make stock taking an ongoing process and would help future stock management. Ian also noted with regret the resignation of Anne- Marie Dean from all shop activities.
- 15 Update on condition of KHG Wall following clear up on 8th December-** Following the recent clearance work Tim concluded the wall had not moved any further. The conditions of the faces of the wall were very different , with the road facing side in poor condition compared with the other side. Neil Southerden had obtained prices for an in- depth structural survey of the wall condition. One was £2200+ vat with another survey priced a lot less. Neil would explore the lower price further and report back.
- 16 Agree £65 expenditure to purchase new version of Commons and Greens {2016 edition}-Agreed-** Clerk to arrange purchase, proposed Deb Bateman, Seconded Tim Hyde.
- 17 AOB.** Deb Bateman asked about a possible unauthorized development at Underhill Wood, Clerk advised that he had not received any planning notices but would look into the matter through WCC Planning Dept.

Meeting ended 9.05 pm

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

Kevin Stow Clerk to the Council

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