

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of The Parish Assembly Tuesday 10th April 2018 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Hyde (chairman), Coffin, Dawson, Southerden ,Hoar, Small, Scott-Bolton, McCarthy, Bateman ,Tait.

Also present members of the public, Sue Lucas, Bridget Wayman.

1. **Apologies** Cllr Campbell.
2. **Notices of Interest** - None.
3. **Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Councilors and members of the public**

Chairman's Report. Cllr Hyde noted that the PC was now back to a full complement of members and welcomed the new additions to the team, Laura Hoar, Tim Scott Bolton and Ian Tait. Tim noted that the issues that had dominated last year's proceedings were related to Dog Fouling, Speeding, Planning issues in Milton and the redirection of footpath 16. The PC had voted to support the costs associated with organizing the WW1 Commemoration ,T@3 transport costs and would continue to provide the Marquee for village events and private hire. Tim thanked the Council members for their support, The Clerk and the community members who do good works around the Parish.

Rob Mc Carthy- Highways. Rob reported much resurfacing and pot hole filling had gone on throughout the year but that much of this work had been undone by the recent cold snap. There were now several urgent resurfacing issues on Wise Lane at The Green, Upton Bottom on the lane through Underhill. All of these issues were on the system and Rob was monitoring progress.

Bridget Wayman- WCC County Councillor.

Bridget was delighted to have been re-elected last year and was enjoying her position on the Wiltshire Council Cabinet with responsibility for Transport and Waste. Bridget reported that £21m had been spent on resurfacing 2017-2018. 17% of the County network had been resurfaced over the last 4 years. The Parish Stewards had become gritter drivers during the recent snow, and had then switched back to pot hole filling. The Parish Steward scheme was well received by Parishes across the County and they had filled 9000 pot holes last year.

Bridget gave details of future changes to the recycling process and outlined how our household waste was now being recycled . Household recycling centers will now ask for ID before you can gain access and will be using larger containers for recycled items it is hoped this will improve traffic flow. Tim thanked Bridget for her work on behalf of East Knoyle residents and for her regular attendance at PC meetings. {full copy of report on file}

Cllr Small- Finance – Ian reminded Cllrs that annual accts would be ready for the next meeting . Costs incurred this year were just over £11k, the main area of cost was Knoyle House Grounds and the common lands which accounted for half of this spending. The £10k donated by the late Elizabeth Coates for the maintenance of the views at the Windmill had been used for four years and now, £5800 remained. The PC voted to increase precept for 2017-2018 Precept, now £9975, a 5% increase. The shop rent would resume this year after a two year rent holiday and Ian hoped this would help the PC to run with a small surplus this year .Ian thanked the Clerk for his assistance during the year.{ Full report on file}

Cllr Bateman, Common Lands – The Common Lands group was working well and had added three new tree wardens, the group was currently concentrating on the maintenance of pathways and bridle ways. It was hoped there would be a final resolution to the FP16 issue which was due to be discussed at a WCC Rights of way

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meeting on 10th May. Contractors for maintenance this year were about to be appointed with no increase in charges.

Cllr Campbell – Village Hall – Alistair was unavailable and the Clerk read out his report. Income had dropped slightly due to reduction in the number of Jazzercise classes ,this had been partly replaced by a Pilates class. The Hall is still regularly used by The Masons and installation of Wi Fi is popular with visitors. Two fundraising events, a November Quiz night and a February Music quiz have both been very popular and it is hoped both will be repeated. No pantomime this year but a very successful Flower and Veg show provided revenue for the Hall funds. No major infrastructure projects this year but a grant of £3k was obtained from Garfield Weston Foundation. Finances are in good health with strong reserves.{ full report on file}

Cllr Coffin – Since the last year turnover has increased from £211k to £222k, this figure may have been better had it not been for supply chain difficulties when P and H went tits up. A new supplier has now been found and local suppliers have been added to the product range. The snow saw the shop come to the rescue of locals unable to travel gave the shop have its highest ever turnover in a single day. Special mention to Prime Cuts who made it through the snow every day to keep us supplied with meat products. Volunteer cover is always a challenge and Jackie Gurney is doing a fantastic job of coordinating this. Neil proposed a vote of thanks to Laura Janine and their family for all they do for the shop and the community.{ full report on file}

Cllr Southerden- Planning . Neil advised that the PC had received 36 applications of which 19 were for building work, and 17 for tree work. All tree applications had been approved and 16 of the 19 building applications were approved. Two applications were opposed, both for the development of the fields at the south end of Shaftesbury Rd ,there was one application where all Councilors abstained, 3 Haddon Houses. Neil thanked Cllrs for their work and support during the year.

East Knoyle Charities- Clerk had asked for a report or a representative to attend the meeting on two occasions but neither had been forthcoming.

- 6 **Public Open Forum** – Sue Lucas asked if something could be done about the speed of traffic through Milton and also the number of vehicles that park on the street at Milton. Tim advised speeding in the village would be covered in a later item.

Parish Assembly ended 8.10pm

Signed as a true record.

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