

Minutes of the East Knoyle Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Councillors Present – Sue Entwistle (Chair), Neil Southerden, Ian Tait, Deb Bateman, Hugo Middleton, Ann Ambrose, Ann White, Garry Staunton, Rob McCarthy. Guest – Cllr Bridget Wayman (WC)

Clerks - Martin Brown, Peter Dean

Members of the Public present – Mr C Cox; Ms V Platt

1.	Apologies for absence – None
2.	Notices of Interest – none
3.	Public Open Forum – Chair allowed Ms V Platt to address The Council when the Planning Applications for PL/2025/02196, East Knoyle SP£ 6BL were considered.
4.	Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 – Proposed Cllr McCarthy / Seconded Cllr Ambrose – approved and signed as a true record.
5.	Matters Arising – None outstanding / all others covered in agenda items.
6.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PL/2025/02200 – Steeple Close, Milton, East Knoyle SP3 6BG. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Based on advice it was proposed to reduce the Beech trees by pollarding rather than felling. Proposed Cllr Middleton / Seconded Cllr White – Approved unanimously. Objection with comments submitted. ii. PL/2025/02084 – Waterdale, East Knoyle SP3 6BL – Demolish lean-to and replace with enlarged lean-to - Proposed Cllr Middleton/ Seconded Cllr Bateman – approved unanimously. iii. PL/2025/02196 – Waterdale, East Knoyle SP3 6BL – Demolish Stables building and erect garage and workshop building with studio over. Ms Platt submitted a number of representations in respect of her objections to this Planning Application. Cllrs Middleton and White had visited the site to view plans firsthand. Cllr Middleton proposed, seconded by Cllr White that EKPC object to this proposal and submit comments accordingly. Unanimously approved. iv. PL/2025/01696 – Park Farm, East Knoyle SP3 6BB - Convert Barn to dwelling. Cllrs Middleton and White visited the site to view plans firsthand. Cllrs recommended no objection but with comments in respect of improved site access and night sky considerations. Proposed Cllr Tait seconded Cllr Bateman. Approved unanimously. v. PL/2025/02252 – Park Farm, East Knoyle SP3 6BB – Convert Barn to dwelling listed building consent. No objection but with comments. Proposed Cllt White, Seconded Cllr McCarthy. Unanimously approved. vi. PL/2025/02453 – Laundry Cottage, Hindon Road, East Knoyle SP3 6AA – replacement of single storey building with new single storey wing. No objection but with supporting night sky comment. Proposed Cllr Middleton, Seconded Cllr McCarthy <p>Cllr Southerden raised the matter that although PL/2024/03185 had been withdrawn this should be monitored for future developments.</p> <p><i>Note – Planning Applications and any comments submitted by East Knoyle Parish Council are available on the Wiltshire Council website – under Planning and Building Applications.</i></p>
7.	<p>Cllr Bridget Wayman’s Report – Cllr Wayman joined the discussion and focused on the ongoing flooding issue at Touchorne Lane. A ticket to view repair options had been raised with WC.</p> <p>Cllr Southerden raised the issue of speeding on the A350. Traffic Police have been visible checking speeds. EKPC looks forward to receiving their report.</p>

8.	<p>The Fox and Hounds – application to nominate The Fox and Hounds as an ACV –</p> <p>Cllr Middleton reported back that he had completed the ACV application forms and subject to EKPC approval would acquire copies of the Owner and land title details from the Land Registry. Submission targeted to be by 11th April. Proposal to submit this ACV application tabled. Proposed by Cllr Tait Seconded Cllr Batemen. Voting 8 for 1 abstention.</p> <p>EKPC noted that the Council had a grant of access in place in respect of the common lands in front of the Fox and Hounds and that the owner had agreed to maintain the agreed grass-cutting.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Middleton to submit ACV.</p>
9.	<p>Highways – Cllr McCarthy</p> <p>Cllr McCarthy thanked Cllr Wayman for her ongoing support, No new items to report.</p>
10	<p>Chairs Report – Cllr Entwistle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Expressed thanks to Cllr Tait for his excellent support in helping fellow Councillors navigate their way through the upcoming election forms. ii. Acknowledged the voluntary work of Paul Naish and fellow volunteers in repainting the telephone boxes. iii. Thanked Adam Cleal for his legal support in respect of the redrafting of the new Village Shop lease and acknowledged his email appreciating the work of EKPC.
11	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Cash Book reconciliation – Clerk – EKPC has ended this fiscal year with a cash surplus of £4133.07. The KHG and Windmill funds remain separately ringfenced. II. Work will start on the full Agar audit which will need to be completed/filed by end June. III. Payments due for approval – Clerk – Proposed Cllr Entwistle / Seconded Cllr Bateman
12	Village Hall – Nothing to report
13	<p>Common Lands – Cllr Ambrose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. All 550 whips have now been planted and staked. Cllr Ambrose thanked the volunteers for their efforts in this regard. ii. Cllrs Ambrose and Bateman continuing consultations with regard to the Milton Triangles maintenance iii. Will continue to look for suitable grants to further support improvements to the Parish Council's common lands
14	<p>Post Office & Village Shop – Cllr Ian Tait</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Annual stocktake successfully undertaken. ii. New lease subject to a final review between all parties iii. New Right of Way for Wyndhams has been agreed replacing the old Right of Way. Proposal to execute this new Right of Way. Proposed Cllr Tait / Seconded Cllr Middleton iv. Proposed works to Oak tree to be pursued <p>Action: Parish Clerk to obtain signatories thereby concluding this matter</p>
15	<p>KHG/Playground – Cllr Staunton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The owner of the Coach House had made further improvements to the fence. The WCC surveyor had visited the site and deemed the repairs were secure and that the large slide area could be re-opened. ii. The removal of the ivy and old materials from the damaged fence will now be undertaken by the Council's contractor. Cllr Staunton will separately arrange for the clearance and disposal of the waste from the site. iii. Quote for the ivy works had increased from £300 to £550. Cllr Tait proposed that this cost be met by the KHG fund but this was not supported by all other Councillors. Proposal to accept the revised quote from EKPC funds. Proposed Cllr Staunton / Seconded Cllr Bateman Voting 8 for and 1 against.
16	Correspondence Received - None
17	<p>Urgent Items – Chair was approached by the RBL with a request to hold a VE celebratory picnic on the recreational area at KHG. The Council unanimously approved this request in principle – however the Parish Clerk was tasked to get complete event and logistical details so the Council could make a fully informed decision.</p>

	Action – Parish Clerk to contact RBL to get full event details, ensure the correct RBL Public Liability insurance was in place and a risk assessment conducted.
18	Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 7th May 2025 @ 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall, preceded by the Annual General Meeting @ 7.15pm

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm.

Signed as a true RecordSue Entwistle.....EKPC.Chair

Date7th May 2025.....

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