

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 11th June 2019 at 7.30pm, East Knoyle Village Hall

Present- Cllrs Hyde, Bateman, Coffin, Southerden, Tait, Campbell, Dawson, Hoar.

Public present Paul Egginton, Briony Porch, Paul Naish, Martin Brown, Bridget Wayman, Steve and Anna Rooney, Emma and Andrew Wood.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs Scott-Bolton.
- 2 **Notices of Interest.** Cllrs Dawson 19/04626/full.
- 3 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Paul Naish asked what the proposals were for the Fox and Hounds parking. Tim Hyde ran over the history of the parking issues and said that the PC were voting on a proposal to restrict access for vehicles onto the Green outside the Fox. Martin Brown thought that legal advice might be needed before any progress on any proposal. Tim thanked the speakers for their comments.
- 4 **Minutes of AGM and Full Council meeting 14th May 2019** – Signed as a true record
- 5 **Matters arising-** Laura Hoar had accepted the invitation to be PC finance representative. Neil Southerden asked if there had been developments on the Knotweed situation. Clerk advised that WCC had received a further notification of concern from Nick Goss of Underhill and it was hoped the knotweed would be treated soon.
- 6 **Chairman's Report-** Tim gave details of the resignation letter received from Rob McCarthy and said that he had thanked Rob for his excellent contribution to the PC over the last four years. Rob had offered to continue with the web site work for which Tim was grateful. Sharon Johnson from Hindon School had asked if the School might lend the PC tent for their summer fair in July. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this would be permitted because of the links with the school {tent hire/loan is usually restricted to EK functions} Tim had contacted Julie Watts of WCC to establish when the “slow” sign for Sheephouse Lane would be arriving. Julie advised this had risen to a priority for the next area board meeting, Bridget Wayman confirmed this.
- 7 **Discuss Planning Update- Sue Dawson**
19/04741/ful- Sunnyside, Touchorne Lane - Support Unanimous -Prop, Laura Hoar, Sec – Deb Bateman.
19/04921/OHL- SSE- Support Unanimous-Prop- Laura Coffin, Sec- Alistair Campbell.
19/03749/FUL- Pear Tree Cott, The Green- Support Unanimous, Prop- Laura Coffin, Sec Alistair Campbell.
19/04732/LBC- The Gables. Support 6 for, 2 against. Prop Tim Hyde, Sec – Ian Tait.
19/4626/ful- The Green Farm House. Sue Dawson left the room. Support 5, 2 abstentions. Prop Laura Coffin, Sec Ian Tait. Sue Dawson returned to the room.
- 8 **Fox and Hounds Parking- Discuss prices and options and vote on preferred option** – Clerk had circulated one cost option for parking expansion which would total circa £5000. Two other options were also circulated for the placement of bollards {Oak and Softwood prices} around the current parking area. This would have the intention of restricting vehicular access to the grassed area. Councilors discussed the options then voted: two in favour of bollards, 4 against, with two abstentions. The parking expansion plan was ruled out on the basis of cost. On this basis no action would be taken.
- 9 **Discuss Co-Option of two Councilors following resignation of Ian Small and Rob McCarthy. Also discuss allocation of responsibilities following recent resignations.** Clerk advised the procedure for co-option of new Councillors and asked that interested parties should contact him directly to obtain the application form. No Councillor volunteered to take over Rob McCarthy's Highways role and this would be deferred until the next

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meeting. It was agreed that Rob McCarthy's contribution to Highways should be acknowledged. Tim and Vice Chairman Neil Southerden wished to record their thanks, all other PC members were in accord.

- 10 Discuss and vote on possibility of lending Marquee to Hindon School for Summer Fair on 6th July** - Proposed Laura Hoar, Sec – Sue Dawson, agreed unanimously.
- 11 KHG Play area- update on replacement of baby swings with new swings. Update on expected date for safety inspection.**- Clerk advised that no date had yet been given by Wicksteed for the safety inspection, Clerk to look into this further. It was agreed the Bob Bourne should be asked to proceed with plans to replace the old baby swings, Bob had obtained estimates for the work and some funding.
- 12 Bridget Wayman WCC Representative.** Bridget advised that £1.8m had been move into WCC reserves for next year. There had been a £1.3m overspend on schools budgets in the County and that further savings in waste collection were being explored {1 collection of all waste fortnightly}. White lining around the village was now complete and there was a plan afoot to replace old or damaged signs: could the PC please advise if they had any nominations for this.
- 13 Shop Report-** Ian Tait advised that the shop AGM had been held on 5TH June with 20 attendees. Liz Quantrell had been elected onto the management committee. The shop had lost £254 in the last calendar year after a £6k profit the previous year. Turnover was flat for the year {a downturn once inflation is factored in} and there had been a big discussion concerning the use of single use plastic bags. New “orderers” were needed and a recruitment initiative was underway.
- 14 Common Lands and Highways-** Deb Bateman advised that FP21 was obstructed by a broken bridge and the Clerk advised that the landowner should be advised. This had been reported by SW Wilts Ramblers. At the last meeting it had been agreed that more TPO'S were needed and Malcolm James was looking into this. The Clerk would thank Martin Brown for his contribution to the Rights of Way/Common Lands group. Martin had stood down from the group recently.
- 15 Village Hall report-** Alistair Campbell advised that Rosina Elliot had been appointed as the new hall caretaker. A quiz/Karaoke evening had been arranged for 23rd Nov 2019. Toilet refurbishment changes were close to action with final quotes being gathered. Shop Christmas dinner is arranged for 6th December.
- 16 AOB-** Alistair Campbell would clear low hanging branches overhanging Wise Lane and Laura Hoar asked if the PC were aware that a camp had been established in the quarry at the foot of Sandpit Hill. Clerk advised that he would try to speak to the campers when they could be found on site, with a view to advising them of the legal restrictions and their responsibilities.

Meeting Closed 9.14 pm

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

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