

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 8th May 2018 at 7.40pm, East Knoyle Village Hall

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

Members of the public: Leigh Williams, Susan Lucas, Adam and Noreen Cleal, Jan Knight, Georgia Tennant, Sara Southerden, Margaret Vallance.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Scott-Bolton.
- 2 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Leigh Williams thanked the PC for drawing attention to the issue of dog walkers not sticking to the footpath across the land to the rear of Park Houses. Leigh advised that despite the request for cooperation, dogs were still fouling and being exercised in the field and that he was considering fencing in the path. Leigh gave an idea of what this cost might be and was keen to avoid this if possible. The PC offered to repeat the request in the next newsletter and would post an item on the web site as well. Tim Hyde thanked Leigh for updating the PC and reiterated that he would have Council support in this matter. Clerk would speak to the Newsletter editor to see if it was possible to include a flyer in the next newsletter to draw attention to this matter.
- 3 **Notices of Interest.** – Clerk Item 10.
- 4 **Minutes of Parish Assembly, Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 10th April 2018** – Signed as a true record
- 5 **Matters arising-** Tim advised that he had been approached by a resident of the Green who was concerned about parking outside houses at the Green. Tim had advised the concerned resident to write to the Clerk who had not received any correspondence. Clerk advised that he had contacted Jason Vickery, landowner, regarding the possible moving of the bridleway of the Wessex Ridgeway, adjacent to Millbrook Lane; Jason had said he would look into the matter when in possession of the full details, to be provided by the Clerk.
- 6 **Appoint Councillors to represent PC in matters relating to Finance, Village Hall, Shop , Web Site, Highways, Common Lands and Planning. The following PC members volunteered to represent these interests.**
Finance- Ian Small. Proposed by Neil Southerden, Seconded by Deb Bateman.
Village Hall- Alistair Campbell. Proposed by Ian Tait, Seconded by Rob McCarthy.
Village Shop – Ian Tait. Proposed by Laura Hoar, Seconded by Rob McCarthy.
Highways, Web Site – Rob McCarthy. Proposed by Laura Coffin, Seconded by Neil Southerden.
Planning- Laura Hoar- Proposed by Ian Tait, Seconded by Rob McCarthy.
- 7 **Chairman's Report** - Tim advised the issue of moles in KHG raised by Laura was in hand, Wessex Molecatchers had been contacted. Laura Coffin had advised that it was likely she would have to leave the PC at some point in the future, pending the sale of her home. Laura had stood down from the Village Shop Liaison role as a result of this development. Tim expressed the Council's regret at this news and thanked Laura for all her service. Tim advised that there was a further £7k in the fund set aside for maintaining the views at the Windmill. There were no plans to cut any more trees at this point but Tim was working with Leo Tandoh to monitor the situation. Tarmac replacement work had started on Wise Lane and much of the damaged road surface had been filled or replaced. Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Layla Squire who

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represents QJ Hull. Layla was unhappy with the content of material submitted to WCC Planning and the conduct of one of the Parish Councillors concerning Planning Application 18/04442/ful Milton Farm. Clerk had contacted WALC who had advised that all complaints against Parish Councils or Parish Council members should be directed to the Electoral Officer. The Clerk had provided Layla with these contact details.

- 8 Planning Applications- 18/03331/tca- Knoyle Place, East Knoyle-** Supported Unanimous, Prop Ian Tait, Sec Rob McCarthy.
- 9 To approve accounts for year ended 31st March 2018, prepared and circulated by Clerk.** - Clerk had circulated the spreadsheet containing income and expenditure and a summary. Councillors had no questions in relation to the accounts and so the Clerk asked Ian Small to verify bank balances to the accounts prepared by the Clerk. The PC voted to accept the accounts as presented by the Clerk, Proposed by Neil Southerden, Seconded by Sue Dawson. Bank Reconciliation signed by Ian Small.
- 10 Vote to agree increase in Clerks Salary from £10.527/hr SCP 22 to £11.275/hr SCP 23.** – Clerk left the room, PC voted to accept this proposal. Clerk returned to the room.
- 11 Discuss possibility of 1 day basic chainsaw training course for Simon Latham. {Total cost circa £200}-** Clerk gave information regarding the cost of a 1 day safety and maintenance course with cross cutting. Whilst the cost was not prohibitive there were concerns over further expense should the PC become responsible for a parishioner acting on their behalf with a chainsaw. These related to the provision of PPE equipment and possibly employer's liability . Clerk advised that WCC Highways currently cleared blocked roads for the Parish and there were a group of enthusiastic locals who willingly cleared fallen trees for their own benefit. The PC voted unanimously not to support this proposal.
- 12 Review progress on replacing Newsletter editor.-** Clerk advised he had contacted a couple in Underhill who would be prepared to take this on, pending their purchase of a house in Underhill. Confirmation expected in June/July.
- 13 Discuss possibility of establishing working party to commence work on reducing speed limits in East Knoyle.-** Clerk advised that Ian Tait had volunteered to lead a working party, to be supported by Rob McCarthy the PC highways representative. It was agreed that they would recruit villagers who had been most vocal over current speeding problems from each part of the village. The intention would be to reduce current 60mph limits to 30mph where possible. Chairman thanked Ian and Rob and wished them luck with this important initiative.
- 14 Assess interest in Councilor Training/Refresher course for Autumn.-** Clerk outlined the possible need for refresher training or basic training for new recruits. Laura, Rob and Ian were keen to hear more. Clerk to report back with progress.
- 15 AOB-** Alistair Campbell asked if he might clear brambles near road junctions near Sandpits. Tim said to carry on. Rob advised that there were now 2 pages of WW1 commemorative content on the web site.
Meeting Closed 9.20pm

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

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