

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 9th Jan 7.30pm 2018 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present Cllrs Hyde(Chairman), Campbell, Tait, McCarthy, Southerden, Bateman, Small.

Public Present. Paul Naish, Martin Brown, Bridget Wayman (County Councillor), Stephen Dawson, Richard and James Hyde, Sue Lucas, Andrew Barlow, Quentin, Joy and Layla Hull, Steve Garrett, Sally and David Webster, Mark Boyden, Russell Sandford, Rosemary Godfrey, Laura Hoar, Liz Marlow, Clair and Robin Byrne, Oliver Acres-Douglas, Emma White.

Chairman opened the meeting by stating the rules regarding speaking during the meeting, ie 3 minutes per person on any one given topic when invited.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** –Cllr Dawson, Scott-Bolton, Coffin.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- Cllr Hyde and Bateman item 6 and 7.
3. **Public Open Forum-** Stephen Dawson read a prepared statement regarding footpath 16 in which he gave his summary of events over the last two and a half years. The public consultation regarding plans for the re-routing of this path ends on 15th January 2018. The Clerk has a copy of the statement for public viewing.
4. **Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 12th December 2017-** Signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising-** It was agreed the Newsletter editorial vacancy would be discussed at the February meeting. Clerk advised timber had been sourced for the benches in the phone box at Milton, carpenter being sought. No progress had been made regarding increased parking at the Fox and Hounds.
6. **Planning Activity – 17/12146/tca, Getley, The Street-** Prop Ian Small, Sec Ian Tait, vote unanimous. Cllrs Batemen and Tim Hyde left the room.

17/11617/FUL Milton Farm. Neil Southerden (Acting Chairman) asked if anyone would like to speak concerning this application and asked the public to avoid repeating comments already made by others in order that the meeting might flow well.

David Webster advised that the anonymous letter circulated to Milton residents had not come from the Webster household. David advised that from his home, close to Milton Farm, he had not seen any increased traffic and that Sally and he would support the application. Rosemary Godfrey asked how it was possible a volume of traffic removed from the village and moved to Milton would not affect Milton? Mark Boyden thought that there would be no impact on Milton residents as the traffic would enter the site from the A350 bypassing Milton altogether. Mark also stated that this merger would support two local businesses.

Richard Hyde outlined how many farms had disappeared from the area over the years and the need for diversification was essential to ensure the future of local farming. He expressed regret for the way in which the application had been presented but that plans had changed after the initial approval had been given. This came

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about because Quentin Hull had enquired about the possibility of sharing the new building. He advised the plans being discussed this evening would meet all of the planning requirements. Liz Marlow had concerns over change of use and thought this might be the start of an industrial development in a very rural setting. Claire Byrne agreed with the concerns raised by Liz Marlow. James Hyde gave his word that the development would not be expanded to accommodate more businesses. Oliver Acres-Douglas expressed his concern that this might be the start of further development and Sally Webster said she did not think the Hyde family would do this. Sue Lucas had concerns over traffic levels and Andrew Barlow thought that local businesses would be supported by this development and that the PC should support it. Quentin Hull stated that he thought some parts of the online statements were untrue and should be removed.

At this point Neil Southerden summarized the correspondence already sent to WCC Planning department. 9 letters had been received in support of the application. The correspondents were grateful for reduced traffic in the Street and that two local businesses were helping each other. 5 letters had been received which objected to the development and the correspondents concerns were over increased traffic in Milton, possible flooding of the site and the unsuitability of the development.

Neil Southerden outlined the process by which this application had been made and mentioned the outstanding enforcement issue. Quentin Hull said he had never seen an enforcement letter. Neil read out a paragraph from the email to the Parish Council from Mark Williams dated 13 Nov: "I shall afford Mr Hyde the usual opportunity to undo the unauthorised works, cease the unauthorised business use and to complete the building in accordance with the approved plans. If this remedy is accepted, I will then agree a time-frame for the works to be completed, and I shall visit to ensure the unauthorised use has ceased. That not being the case I will have no alternative but to take formal action and serve appropriate Enforcement Notices. Failure to comply with such Notices will result in prosecution through the courts, and I have advised Mr Hyde of this."

Neil ran through the details of the new application and asked Councillors to comment. Ian Small said that he had seen the building and approved of the design and cladding. He thought the development would do no harm. Ian Tait thought the new development helped farmers diversify and would support a local business. Alistair Campbell thought that the development should have been stopped when the planning enforcement department of WCC became involved. Alistair could see arguments for and against the development. Rob McCarthy thought change of use was a major issue for possible future expansion and that traffic volumes would increase. Rob would not support the application. Neil was in favour of the application because he thought, 1 Diversification was needed, 2 A350 access to site would minimize traffic growth, 3 Dual purpose buildings are good, and he would support the application on these conditions: 1 Tree planting and landscaping to 'hide' the site in time, 2 Access site times should be scheduled between 7am and 6pm, 3 Health and Safety requirements should be met. A vote was called 3 support,1 against,1 abstain.

Councillors Hyde and Bateman returned to the meeting

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- 7 Common Lands Report- Including update on footpath 16-** Clerk advised that a ruling had been made by WCC rights of way concerning footpath 16. Maps of the new route including a proposed spur { to maintain views} were circulated and Clerk advised that anyone wishing to comment should do so before 5pm on 15th January 2018 direct to WCC
- 8 Vote to Co-Opt Laura Hoar to East Knoyle PC-** Laura’s co-option was proposed by Deb Bateman, seconded by Rob McCarthy- vote unanimous to accept Laura’s application. Laura joined the PC at the table.
- 9 Chairman’s Report-** The PCC had asked if the Parish Council could pay for their future meetings which they would hold in the Village Hall, Clerk advised PC were not allowed to financially assist any religious organization. Chairman wished to draw the attention of the PC to parking issues at Milton.{a problem all around the village}This would be noted and monitored. Tim asked that the Councilor contact list be updated, Clerk would do this.
- 10 Discuss Saturday 3rd March as possible date for village litter pick.** - Clerk agreed to organize the event and would post details in shop and newsletter.
- 11 Highways –** Rob advised that Wessex Water were busy in the village with projects completed in Touchorne Lane and ongoing in The Street and at the Reservoir at Milton which had sprung a leak. The water flowing outside Steeple Close is ground water and not the concern of Wessex Water. Highways had acknowledged that the speed limit through the Green was 60mph. It was agreed to look into getting the limit reduced to 20mph. Clerk to write to action on addiction to ask if workers would reduce their speed whilst traveling to and from work.
- 12 Bridget Wayman-** No report.
- 13- Shop Report-** Laura Coffin had sent the Clerk a report which he read out in her absence, Copy on file.
- 14 Discuss plans for distribution of “please pick up” dog fouling stickers.-** Clerk showed Councilors the stickers and agreed to mention their availability to residents in the PC newsletter item.
- 15 AOB-** Tim Hyde advised that he had met with British Legion representatives to discuss 100 years WW1 commemorative plans, more to follow next month.

Meeting Ended 9.04 PM

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

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