

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm 2018 at East Knoyle Village Hall

### Present

Clrs Southerden, Dawson, Coffin, Hyde (Chairman), Campbell, Small, McCarthy, Tait, Bateman, Hoar.

Public Present. Martin Brown, Gerry and Norman Hills, Sam Brine, Tom Hoar, Bob Bourne, Tracey Lyneham, Bridget Wayman.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** – Tim Scot-Bolton.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- None.
3. **Public Open Forum-** No Comments
4. **Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 4th September 2018-** Signed as a true record..
5. **Matters arising** - Clerk advised Leo Tandoh had felled Holly trees at the Green and had removed hanging bough from the top of sandpit hill.
6. **Discuss correspondence received from EK residents regarding parking at The Green following PC invitation comment on this matter. Discuss options available to PC.** Tim Hyde outlined the historic problems of parking around the area of the Green closest to the Fox and Hounds. A thriving pub, growing numbers of cars belonging to residents and limited space had brought the matter to a head. Photographs of examples of poor or inconsiderate parking were circulated among council members. Norman Hills gave examples of vehicles parked on the grass outside his home and was of the opinion that the parking outside the pub should be expanded to cater for more vehicles, but not include hard standing. He was also concerned that if this happened local residents would use the space and that this should be policed in some way. Tim Hyde read out a joint letter from the residents of the three houses opposite the Fox who supported the pub but wished the parking on the Common Land to be stopped. Martin Brown thought there were two issues, one of poor parking outside the pub and one of parking on the grass opposite. Martin suggested a low barrier to deter motorists from mounting the grass and parking on the Green. Martin outlined how difficult it was to effect changes on common land. Ian Tate said that if the PC owned the land these restrictions were less onerous and listed possible options available. Rob McCarthy gave an example of a campervan which was unable to negotiate the traffic at the Fox recently on a Sunday afternoon. Laura Coffin said any action taken by the PC should go through the planning process to protect the interests of the PC members. Martin Brown pointed the PC toward the open spaces society who give guidance on such matters. Tracey Lyneham asked if there was a process for such changes and Tim suggested this consultation was the first step toward action being taken. Consideration of the options and agreement on the best way forward would dictate further action. All correspondence received by the Clerk in relation to this issue had been circulated to the PC members. Agenda item for next meeting.
7. **Chairman's Report** – Tim had asked the Clerk to thank contractors for their work this summer. Adam Cleal of Park Cottage had offered to help with the cost of cutting the Milton Triangles, this offer had been noted. Recent high winds had damaged some trees, the offending limbs had been removed

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- 8 **Vote to renew PC funding for EK Newsletter following recommendations of outgoing editor ,Martin Brown**  
Chairman thanked outgoing editor for his work over the years and welcomed two of the new editorial team to the meeting, Deb Bateman and Tracey Lyneham. The PC voted unanimously to grant the Newsletter a £150 contribution for the remainder of this year and to factor further funding into the budget for next financial year.
- 9 **Planning Applications – Discuss Planning Applications –**
- 18/08062/Ful - Spring Cottage, Hindon Rd. Support Unanimous .
  - 18/08633/tca- Grenwich Cottage , Hindon Rd. Support Unanimous.
  - 18/09394/tca- Chauffers Cottage, Hindon Rd – No support, Clerk to ask for more information on application before a vote could be cast.
  - 18/09367/tca- Park Cottage, East Knoyle.- Support Unanimous.
- 10 **Discuss Proposal to reduce height/lean of KHG wall following discussion with stonemason-** Clerk had forwarded a photograph of a proposed height reduction to the wall at Knoyle House Grounds. The 90cm reduction would remove most of the lean at the top of the wall, lower the center of gravity meaning the wall was less likely to fall over. Bob Bourne who lives opposite the wall gave details of its gradual deterioration and how stones within the wall were now disintegrating .Clerk issued details of the proposal put together by Stonemason John Ridley and the cost of the proposal. At £2275 this was considerably lower than the next nearest estimate , gathered 4 years ago for £25,000. Neil Southerden read out a building surveyors report from 2014 outlining his concerns over the condition of the wall. It was decided to assess the condition of the wall further by removing all vegetation from both sides of the wall before any further action was taken. Chairman would organize a working party to undertake this clearing work.
- 11 **Common Lands Report –** Tim reported that Jill Hockham had dropped out of the Common Lands group and had been replaced by Liz Reeves. Tim had met with WCC rights of way representative Nick Cowan to finalize the details of the FP16 re route and also to discuss FT42.Simon Latham had met with Jason Vickery regarding FP 42and the confusion over the route of this path had been cleared up. Also a meeting with Clouds Park representative had taken place with a view to having dangerous trees felled or made safe in the future.
- 12 **Highways/Web site –** Rob advised the Metro Counters were now in place and would be so for 1 month. At the end of this period the information would be collated and the results passed to the PC. This would help assess if the perceived speeding issues were present. Rob advised that following work with Leroy Lugg the website page for the Village Hall had been improved.
- 13 **Village Hall Report-** Alistair advised that there had been a VH meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. £228 had been raised at the Flower Show for the Hall funds. Estimates had been gathered for improving the windows in the Hall and these started at £3800 and went up to £4800. John Scattergood was to arrange a photographic exhibition in Feb to raise funds for the Hall.
- 14 **Clerk to present half year Bank Reconciliation for Council to discuss and approve -** Clerk had circulated bank reconciliation to Councillors and asked Finance Representative Ian Small to check the figures against the bank statements. The closing current account balance was £23,195.38 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Ian Small (finance officer) checked the figures and statement and signed the reconciliation as correct, with Council approval.
- 15 **Bridget Wayman-** Advised that the local plan for 2036 was being refreshed and that there were plans to build a further 40,000 new homes in Wiltshire. These would mostly be in developed areas but some infill may occur in rural areas where circumstances permitted. A rural planning meeting was to be held in Trowbridge on 18<sup>th</sup> October and Salisbury parking would be free from 3pm each day in Council owned car parks with free park and

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ride at all times. Salt could be collected from Warminster 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October for the purpose of topping up salt bins around the village. The Library service would now deliver book to the doors of those unable to get out to the van.

- 16 **AOB**- Sue asked if the work on the phone box at Milton was complete, Clerk advised there were no more plans for Council involvement. Alistair asked if there were further winter plans for tree reduction below the windmill. Tim advised there were none.

MEETING ENDED 9.50PM

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

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