

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Draft Minutes of The Parish Assembly Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at East Knoyle Village Hall

### Present

Cllrs Hyde (chairman), Coffin, Dawson, Southerden, Hoar, Small, Bateman, Tait.

Also present members of the public, Sue Lucas, Stephen Dawson, Sara Southerden, John and Jenny Hind, Georgia Tenant, David McNanney, David Jenkins, Ted Coffin, Bob Bourne, Maxine and Richard Smallbone, and Councillor Bridget Wayman.

- 1 Apologies:** Cllrs Campbell, Scott-Bolton, McCarthy.
- 2 Michael Rawlinson of Action on Addiction, Treatment Consultant {Clouds House} Graham Beech{Chief Exec A on A} Alex Askew {Registered Manager, Clouds House}** Graham opened the meeting with a description of the nature of addiction and its various forms. Graham outlined the tragic effects of addiction on addicts and on the people close to them. The challenges are now greater than ever before, the new addictions of gambling and gaming adding to the more common forms of addiction. Graham outlined how 70% of people attending Clouds for treatment complete the programme; there are two programme types, 28 and 42 day treatment schedules. Michael Rawlinson then showed a 7 Minute film made for the 35th year anniversary of A on A. The film consisted of testimony and thanks from ex- residents at Clouds and from staff members.
- 3 Questions and Answers session, Michael Rawlinson, Action on Addiction.** There followed a lively session of Q and A between the Council members, members of the public gallery and the Clouds Staff. Chairman Tim Hyde thanked the Clouds Team for a memorable and interesting talk which had given a great insight into the important work carried out by A on A at Clouds House.
- 4 Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Councillors and members of the public.**

**Chairman's Report.** Cllr Hyde noted that the PC worked to maintain the common lands and footpaths around the village and had started work on a proposal to improve the parking situation at the Fox and Hounds. Efforts to improve the view from the windmill had been successful this year and the Marquee had been rented out on several occasions during the year. Tim thanked Laura Hoar for initiating the KHG clearance work this year. Tim also thanked all those that had helped with the work and Parish Council members for their support during the year. {Full report on file}

**Bridget Wayman- WCC County Councillor.** Bridget gave details of WCC spending budgets for the forthcoming year and outlined plans for possible extension to the local bus service, should demand be established. Bridget then gave details of how the County's waste to landfill is reducing each year, now down to 16%. This means we are now recycling more waste than ever before. Fly tipping is down and prosecutions for fly tipping are up. Tim thanked Bridget for her regular attendance at East Knoyle PC meetings and her unstinting support. {Full report on file}

**Cllr McCarthy Highways and Web Site-** Rob McCarthy had sent his apologies, no report submitted.

**Cllr Small- Finance** – Ian reminded Cllrs that annual accounts would be ready for the next meeting. Costs incurred this year were just over £10,000, the main area of cost was Knoyle House Grounds and the common lands which accounted for half of this spending. Tenders for this year's work would result in a small increase to overall maintenance costs in the forthcoming year. The £10k donated by the late Elizabeth Coates for the maintenance of the views at the Windmill had been used for five years and now £5500 remained. The PC voted to maintain last year's precept request at £9975. The shop had paid a full year's rent this year after a two year rent holiday

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and Ian hoped this would help the PC to run with a small surplus this year. The PC expected to receive a £3k payment for the easement granted to the owners of Mount Cottage at the Green. Ian thanked the Clerk for his assistance during the year. { Full report on file}

**Cllr Bateman, Common Lands** – The Common Lands group was working well and had made efforts to become more autonomous from the PC. The three new tree wardens had provided good support to the PC in planning cases involving work to trees. Efforts to keep dogs on paths had only been partly successful and it was unfortunate that local land owners had found it necessary to fence off footpaths that passed through land now being actively farmed. Deb thanked those involved in the clearance and maintenance work around the village.

**Cllr Campbell – Village Hall** – Alistair was unavailable to attend.

**Cllr Tait** – Since the end of last year turnover has remained stable at £222k. There had been several changes to the management structure of the shop, Ian Tait was now Chairman replacing Paul Egginton. Anne Marie Dean, Jackie Gurney and Sara James had stood down from their roles and Paul Egginton had taken over as treasurer. Ian thanked every member of the team for their service past and present. Shop opening hours had changed recently in an effort to make demands on volunteers less onerous. A new rota team of four is organizing volunteers. The year-end stocktake was only partially successful due to a IT/Systems failure and it was hoped new technology would help next year's stocktake {full report on file}

**Cllr Dawson- Planning** - Sue Dawson gave details of a quiet year on the planning front. Seven applications for trees and 10 full planning applications had been received and considered, 1 application had resulted in an appeal that was still ongoing. The input from Tree wardens was now a useful addition to the decision making process.

**East Knoyle Charities**- Clerk had asked for a report or a representative to attend the meeting but no contact had been made with the PC.

- Public Open Forum – Bob** Bourne advised that the very old children's swing in the KHG play area was in a sad state and was due for replacement. Bob also advised that he was aware that funds were available from villagers prepared to contribute to the costs. Bob also advised that wood chip was thin in some areas and that this might need topping up soon. Clerk advised that a safety inspection was due and that it was good to have this information in advance of the report.

Parish Assembly ended 9.15pm

Signed as a true record.

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