

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 10th Oct 7.30pm 2017 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Southerden, Dawson, Coffin, Hyde (Chairman), Campbell, Small, McCarthy, Tait, Bateman, Scott -Bolton.

Public Present. Martin and Louise Brown, Paul Naish, Stephen Dawson, Jill Hockham, Bridget Wayman.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** – None.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- Cllr Dawson, Hyde, Bateman item 8, Cllr Scott-Bolton planning item 17/08586/ful
3. **Public Open Forum-** Martin Brown advised Newsletter deadline 4th Nov; Paul Naish asked if punitive action could be taken against Starbucks for undertaking work at Willoughby Hedge without planning consent to be covered in item 9.
4. **Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 12th September 2017-** Signed as a true record after amendment to item 14. Proposed Laura Coffin, seconded Neil Southerden.
5. **Matters arising** - Clerk went over 2014 transparency regulations regarding publication of draft minutes. Clerk to add “draft “ watermark to minutes in future. Japanese Knotweed treated by WCC at Sand Pit Hill but PC would use “task force” to treat weed higher up the hill. Clerk to obtain supply of Round Up. Clerk has delivered letter regarding road-facing hedge at Vectis, Leigh Lane.
- 6 **Bridget Wayman-** Advised that the parking charge consultation was now open and that she was still trying to help advance the repair work to Wise Lane. Neil asked that the Starbucks application re Willoughby Hedge be noted at WCC planning application.
- 7 **Chairman’s Report** – Tim had visited Prospect House site to speak to neighbor who, along with other residents, was concerned at the size of the hedge encroaching into the road. Tim had written to the owners of Prospect House. Tim advised that Brett Waterhouse had received a licence for his dog hotel, and had notified the PC. The Torrocks had offered to donate 50% of the tree reduction costs at the Windmill, Clerk was about to bank their cheque.
- 8 **Discuss Footpath 16 Update and vote on recommendations to be put forward to WCC by13TH October.** Cllrs Dawson, Bateman and Hyde left the room. Neil Southerden chaired this part of the meeting and invited the public to take 3 minutes each to address the WCC request for Council comment on the proposal to divert Footpath 16. Martin and Louise Brown and Jill Hockham spoke against the proposed route. Stephen Dawson spoke in support of the proposal. The Clerk read out a letter from the Milton Farm Trust. Copies of all contributions to this part of the discussion are available via the Clerk who has transcripts on file. The Clerk re-read the Wiltshire CC request for comments regarding the planned diversion and the PC members discussed the issue.
Cllr McCarthy thought the new proposed route was not a suitable replacement and made reference to issues of circular route interruption, of road safety and muddiness at the foot of the hill where the proposed route would meet the road. Cllr Campbell had no issue with the new route but thought granting this diversion may encourage others to try and divert other paths. Across the other Council members there was a general consent that the route of the path should be kept as close to the original path as possible. Cllr Southerden spoke in favour of the new proposed route and asked for a seconder to support his proposal that the path be relocated in line with WCC

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proposals. No other Councilor would second this proposal and therefore the PC was unable to support the proposal. The Clerk would forward these minutes together with copies of all other statements at the meeting to WCC Rights of way department before the deadline of 13th October. Cllrs Hyde, Dawson and Bateman re entered the room.

9 Planning Applications – Tim Scott –Bolton left the room

17/08586/Ful - Summerlease House , Millbrook Lane East Knoyle. Support Unanimous, P Cllr Tait S, Cllr Small proposed and seconded. Tim Scott –Bolton returned to the room.

17/07074/Ful- Little Chef, A303,Willoughby Hedge. Noted, see comments ref retrospective planning, plus shared concern over light pollution expressed by County Councillor Wayman .

17/09345/tca- Cleeve House, Holloway Lane. Support Unanimous Prop Cllr Coffin, Sec Cllr Dawson.

17/ 09410/tca- Chenvil Cott,25 The Street. Support, Unanimous. Prop Cllr Small, Sec Cllr Coffin.

17/08954/tca- Manor Farmhouse, Milton, East Knoyle. Support Unanimous, Prop Cllr Hyde, Sec Cllr Dawson.

17/08702/tca- Knoyle Place, Holloway Lane, East Knoyle. Support Unanimous Prop Cllr Coffin, Sec Cllr Dawson.

10 Discuss Progress on Easement for Mount Cottage.- Clerk advised that he had been asked for more information by Farnfields and that he and the Chairman would be supplying this. Clerk hoped to have a draft of the Easement for the November meeting.

11 Common Lands Report – There was no report to be made but Tim advised that three tree wardens had come forward. David Pickering, Simon Latham, Malcolm James had volunteered their services.

12 Highways – Rob advised the Parish Steward had been in the village yesterday and that there were new marker posts in place at the bottom of Touchhorn Lane. Wise Lane still a concern.

13 Village Hall Report- Alistair advised that there were 2 new VH committee members. No panto this year but there would be a quiz on 18th Nov, tickets £10 each, tables of 6. No progress with the grant application for replacement windows, next meeting 8th Nov.

14 Clerk to present half year Bank Reconciliation for Council to discuss and approve - Clerk had circulated revenue and income spreadsheet and presented a bank reconciliation to the Council. The closing current account balance was £19,527.77 on 30th September 2017. Ian Small (finance officer) checked the figures and statement and signed the reconciliation as correct, with Council approval.

15 AOB- Sue asked that the Common Lands Sub Group take another look at the Knoyle House Ground Wall to see if there had been any further movement. Tim said this would be done with a possible photo record going forward.It was agreed the Clerk would place an item in the Newsletter asking for a Chainsaw trained/certified resident to assist clearing trees when they fell from Common Lands across highways.

MEETING ENDED 9.32PM

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

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