

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Notice to Councillors

Attached are the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2016 at East Knoyle Village Hall.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs Bateman.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- none.( Although formally all registered an interest in Wren Shop Planning Application No. 15/12185/ful)
3. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Present, Martin Williams, Julyan Gordon , Paul Naish, Steve Garrett and Ron Clark were present. Martin Williams gave an outline of the Newsletter coverage being given to the Defibrillator fundraising initiative, the target for which had now been raised to £2750 to incorporate an emergency phone in the phone box. Tim Hyde thanked the group for their work in this area. Paul Naish raised the prospect of coordinating the annual village litter pick with the “Clean for the Queen” scheme. The Clerk advised that the date for item 10 on the agenda could be changed to 5<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk and Paul to arrange. Paul also mentioned possible celebrations for the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and following a discussion it was agreed that the PC would support an existing Village Hall Committee initiative to do just this. Steve Garrett mentioned the missing footpath sign at the Seymour and Laura would speak to Paul Egginton about this. The Councils attention had been drawn to the septic tank that had been delivered and then disappeared from the property on the far side of the A350 where the lakes are and animals are kept. Clerk to look into this with WCC Planning dept. The owner of the land is unknown and the Clerk will try to establish this.
4. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2015**- Signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising- Clerk** confirmed that Clouds Estate had been notified of dangerous trees near Clouds House and the Estate were investigating.
6. **Chairman’s Report- Tim** had met the Parish Steward Fred Winter who had been clearing drains in the parish. Fred now works for English Landscapes who it is hoped will take over full responsibility for this work in the new financial year. Tim also mentioned that the anti –flooding measures planned for the lane in Milton outside Micheal Hull’s would become a priority for Wilts CC following recent heavy rains, Tim has logged this as an issue number 495203.
7. **Correspondence – Sue** had received correspondence from Helen Taylor of WCC Housing dept reference to the “right to buy” option for any resident of the potential Wilts CC funded OAP houses at the end of Park houses. Sue gave details of the scheme, its discounts and timescales with a view to discouraging potential speculators from purchasing the new houses. Tim thanked Sue for clarifying this point. Clerk gave details of calls received from villagers concerned about dog fouling in the village. An item was to be included in the newsletter to canvass opinion on whether or not dog waste bins should be installed. This item to be carried to next meeting following feedback from newsletter.
- 8 **Planning Activity -**     **15/11876/ful- Land Adj to Westleigh , Leigh Lane , East Knoyle- see text below**  
                                  **15/12322/tca- The Old Rectory, Underhill / Holloway Lane.-Supported Unanimous.**  
                                  **15/12383/tca- The Old Farmhouse, Milton, East Knoyle-Supported Unanimous.**  
                                  **15/12185/ful- East Knoyle Community Shop East Knoyle- Supported Unanimous.**

Members of the public had gathered to discuss 15/11876/ful and Ron Clark was pleased to have the land in its current form as the trees and vegetation provided a very good sound buffer from the noise of traffic on the busy A350. Ron was concerned that the owner of Westleigh was speculating that if he owned both sections of land this would provide a good development site and the protective sound barrier would be removed. Ron also mentioned the Village Design Statement which advocates “infill” development; he considered this potential

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development to be “creep”, extending the village Housing Line. Steve Garrett said the application would be for 3 new homes once the old prefabricated home at Westleigh had been removed. Neil Southerden thought the current arrangement did provide a good sound barrier and Louise Carmicheal pointed out that the application was for “change of use” without any specified development plans. There was a general agreement that the sale of the land had not been made public and this was an unsatisfactory situation for local residents. The Clerk pointed out before voting that the Council were to vote on the application as it is written, rather than a “speculated “future outcome.

Vote 0 in favour 1 against and 8 abstentions. Council does not support the application.

- 9 To note- Arrival of Fibre Broadband Option for East Knoyle residents.** – BT and other providers will soon be able to improve Broadband speeds around the village and residents should contact their suppliers for details.
- 10 Discuss - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February as possible date for 2016 village litter pick.**- New date agreed for 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- 11 Highways- Deb** not present.
- 12 Discuss and vote to Co-opt 2 new PC members from applications received.**- Only two applications had been received, from Bruce Jones and Robert McCarthy. After their application forms were scrutinized by Council members, both applicants were accepted on PC; clerk to notify applicants.
- 13 Village Hall report.**- Alistair Campbell reported that the key for the safe in the VH had been lost and a Replacement was being sought. Hand driers were to be fitted in the toilets, cost £500. Village Hall bookings had yielded a £500 surplus this year but the upgrade to the bar and server area would cost £1800.Planning Permission was being sought to install secondary glazing to the big window in the hall. The boiler was to be serviced soon; the next VH meeting was 19<sup>th</sup> January. Clerk suggested the VH committee were behind with their invoicing to the PC for Hall hire and they may wish to look at this.
- 14 Bridget Wayman**- Advised that the Highways maintenance contract had been reviewed and that Parish Stewards would be reinstated in their full capacities in the new financial year. There is a bus service consultation underway, interested parties should have their say. A303 dualing is under review again but action not expected for some time.
- 15 Possible nominees for Buckingham Palace Garden Party (Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May), to be entered into NALC draw**  
Following a discussion it was agreed the Clerk would put forward the names of Sue and Stephen Dawson.
- 16 AOB.** - Louise asked if the KHG wall had been looked at recently, Tim would look at the “lean ometer”. Hilly Ground sign had been damaged and needed replacement and the edges of the roads were very untidy at this time of year. Tim mentioned that possible overuse of village marquee erection facility which may need discussion at some point in the future.

Meeting ended 9.32pm

Signed as a true record.....Chairman.....date.

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