

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm, East Knoyle Village Hall

Present-Cllrs Hyde, Bateman, Coffin, Southerden, McCarthy, Tait ,Campbell .

Public present Georgia Tennant, Paul McNanney, Bridget Wayman, Ian Small.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs Dawson.
- 2 **Notices of Interest.** Cllrs Hyde and Bateman item 9 Application number 17/04222/ful
- 3 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** - Information and Questions from the Public. None
- 4 **Minutes of AGM and Full Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017** – Signed as a true record
- 5 **Matters arising-** None .
- 6 **Chairman’s Report-** Tim thanked Neil and the Clerk for chairing the two meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> May. He noted that Action on Addiction had advised their annual reunion was scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> June and that parking would be restricted around the Clouds House crossroads. A visit to the new OAP bungalows was to be arranged, handover is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June, Cllrs would be informed when the date had been fixed. The Toroks, owners of the Windmill, had asked the PC to consider some tree surgery immediately behind the Windmill and Tim would be arranging a meeting. Tim gave the Clerk a tent hire deposit cheque for £100 for a future tent hire arrangement. The Staunton’s, from Seymour Cottage, had contacted Clouds Estate concerning an outbreak of Japanese Knotweed.The Estate, via managing agents Savills, had responded with a course of action to treat the Knotweed. Clerk suggested a “task force” be established to tackle the problem and would look into finding a “champion” for this cause via the newsletter.  
Darren Roberts , husband of Zoe ,Turnpike resident, had sent Tim a link to a video illustrating the dangers of traffic speeds on the A350 and it was hoped this might add weight to the argument for an overall speed reduction. Bridget Wayman said she would look into this as Tim thought the video had been forwarded to WCC officers as well. Tim passed to the Clerk Land Registry papers for the section of land behind the shop, Clerk to add these to the records.
- 7 **Election of Co-opted Councillors to fill Vacancies following Uncontested Election.-** Clerk advised that following notices posted on boards and via the newsletter, Ian Small would be willing to be co-opted on to the PC following an uncontested election. Ian was proposed by Neil Southerden, seconded by Laura Coffin. Vote unanimous in favour. Ian joined the Council members at the table.
- 8 **Appoint Councillors roles. to Finance and Web Site Liaison-** It was hoped Bruce Jones would be co-opted at the next meeting and accept the Web Site liaison role. Ian Small volunteered to take the finance officer’s role; he was proposed by Ian Tait, seconded by Deb Bateman. Vote Unanimous in favour.
- 9 **Discuss Planning Update- Neil Southerden- 17/03581/ful – Summerleaze Barn –support unanimous.**  
Cllrs Bateman and Hyde left the room 17/04222/ful- Milton Farm. – support unanimous .  
Cllrs Bateman and Hyde returned to the room.
- 10 **Complete governance statement pending submission of PC accounts for audit, Vote to accept Accts -** Clerk asked chairman to verify year end bank balances with Bank Reconciliation Document and Chairman signed bank recc and bank statements. Clerk then read out Governance Statement and completed the declaration on behalf of the Council members. Chairman and Clerk signed the document.
- 11 **Discuss and vote on request for “easement” to be granted to potential purchasers of Mount Cottage regarding**

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**future access over Common Land.** Paul Mc Nanney and Georgia Tennant explained that they were in the process of buying Mount Cottage and had been advised by their Solicitor that the annual access grant given by the PC might be better replaced with an “easement” in perpetuity. This would help guarantee the value of the property in the long term. Clerk explained that this “easement” could be granted by the PC but would involve legal costs that would be borne by the applicants. In addition to this, it was common practice in situations where the material value of a property is enhanced by the granting of such an easement, that the PC could make a charge of one third of the difference of the property value with and without the easement. Georgia added that they thought the absence of such an easement was a “title defect” and that their circumstances were different to the other residents at the Green because the route over the common land was their only access point to their property. Following a brief discussion the PC members decided it would be good to take some legal advice from WALC legal department and hoped that this issue would not slow down the purchase.

- 12 Update on request to use Windmill for filming of a short film** – Further to his e-mailed circulation to members, Clerk advised that filming at the Windmill had been completed on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June with the full support of the Toroks and it was hoped that the PC would be able to obtain a copy of the film for posterity and possible showing at Moviola as a short. Clerk advised the at all times the students had been courteous and professional.
- 13 Highways Update- Rob McCarthy** – Rob reported disappointment that following all of the work completed on Parish roads little had been done to improve the condition of Wise Lane. Bridget acknowledged ,saying that she would look into the situation for the PC. Much white lining had been undertaken and WCC Highways had removed the illegal and inaccurate sign at Tokes Lane following a complaint by a local resident. The verges had been cut today without prior warning to the Parish Council, and this had the polarizing effect of infuriating those villagers who would like the cut to be later and satisfying those for whom a cut cannot come quickly enough. Rob reported the outbreak of Japanese Knotweed on Sandpit Hill and WCC had indicated they would look into prevention measures. There was some discussion about the difficulties of controlling knotweed.
- 14 Wiltshire Council- Bridget Wayman-** Bridget advised that B3089 was also in need of repairs, and had noted our concerns over Wise Lane. Since the recent Wiltshire Council election, she had become cabinet member with responsibility for highways.
- 15 Shop Report Laura Coffin** - Laura reported AGM had been poorly attended. Paul Egginton had been re-elected as Chairman for another year. The shop had made a small operational loss last year. More shareholders were needed. Paul had been successful in reducing shop overheads which had saved money. A new awning was being purchased. The Veg shed would be moved. Current turnover was up slightly.
- 16 AOB-** Alistair Campbell asked if Footpath 16 was now back in use. Tim advised the temporary path was currently available but people could also go through Dawson’s garden; he would keep the Council abreast of further developments. Tim recapped on the KHG meeting that preceded the PC meeting and it had been decided to review the specification with a view to reducing overall costs. Laura asked who was responsible for the village welcome pack: Clerk was unsure would look into it for the next meeting. **Meeting Closed 9.31pm**

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

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