

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting , 14th February 2017 at 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Present- Cllrs Hyde, Coffin, Jones Campbell and Mc Carthy . Members of the public Martin Brown, Stephen Drewett, Bridget Wayman.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Carmicheal, Wharton, Dawson, Small, Southerden , Bateman.
- 2 **Notices of Interest.** –None
- 3 **Public Open Forum- No comments .**
- 4 **Minutes of Meeting held 11TH Jan 2017** – Signed as a true record
- 5 **Matters arising-** Clerk reported that Leo Tandoh had received a felling license for the trees below the Windmill and would start work soon. Tim advised he had contacted Savills regarding the dangerous Poplars in Clouds Park and they had advised this was part of their tree safety audit schedule for this year. Rob was surprised that the tree fallen into the field at the end of Haddon Houses had not been cleared, Clerk suggested this was because it was a poplar.
- 6 **Chairman’s Report** - Tim advised housing at the bottom of Park House was progressing but was behind Schedule, Tim read through the selection criteria for new occupants as provided by WCC Housing Dept. Clerk advised a June date was likely for occupancy. Tim asked if the PC were in favour of lending the tent to the organizers of the flower show this year and it was agreed this was a good idea. The delays in resolution of the footpath 16 issue means that the temporary diversion will remain in place until the matter is resolved. If no solution was found the matter would go to the Secretary of State. Tim hoped the Land Registry problem over the description of land given to the Shop would be resolved soon.
- 7 **Discuss timetable for Local Council Elections on 4th May 2017.-** Clerk outlined the timetable for election of new Councilors in 2017. Nomination papers submitted by 4pm 4th April, Wed 5th April, publication of persons nominated, 25th April, publication of Notice of Poll, Thurs 4th May Day of Poll. 9th May AGM for new Council. Clerk reminded Councilors that if less than 11 persons stood for election then there would be no election and only those who had nominated themselves would be elected. The balance of the 11 Councilors would then be Co Opted. Application papers would be available from the Clerk in March.
- 8 **Defibrillator Group Update/signing of VETS forms.-** Martin Williams explained that the defibrillator had now been registered with all ne necessary authorities and he asked if Tim Hyde would sign the VETS forms on behalf of the PC ,Tim signed the forms and returned them to Martin. The awareness session in November had been very successful and a further session was planned for 4th March. The phone chain group had all been identified and Tim thanked Martin and his group for their excellent work. Martin mentioned the possibility of a further Defibrillator for the Green and would be looking into this. Martin had made a personal donation of £150 to the Defibrillator fund and this would be used to pay for the electrical work undertaken by Andy Burton.
- 9 **Planning Activity - 17/00711/ful-** Green Farm House , Supported Unanimous.
17/00790/tca – 4 Mallets Close East Knoyle –Supported Unanimous.
- 10 **Update Progress on 25th Feb litter pick.** Clerk advised all plans were in place WCC were helping with litter picking Equipment, volunteers were to meet at the shop at 10am on Saturday 25th Feb.
- 11 **Highways report** – Rob McCarthy reported that there would be multiple road closures around the village in Feb and March as WCC Highways get to grips with the repairs the PC had requested in recent months. List of closures

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includes Wise Lane, Milton Lane and Sheephouse Lane 27TH Feb , 28th Feb to 3rd March there would be closures in Milton and Touchhorne Lane and Sutton Bottom. The new arrangements with the Parish Steward are improving and he has been able to patch several pot holes recently. The large hole on Holloway Lane has been reported and it is hoped the A350 bollard will be replaced soon.

- 12 Wrens Shop- Report-** Laura Coffin reported a strong volunteer base at present but that more openers and closers were needed. Good results over Christmas had helped the bridging loan, taken out while the refit was underway to be re- payed. Clerk suggested that villagers be encouraged to keep their accounts in credit to help with cash flow and Laura suggested this would be a good idea. Martin Brown suggested more publicity via the Newsletter for Shop activities.
- 13 Update on Westminster Hospital, Shaftesbury , Consultation-** Neil Southereden had attended two meetings on this subject but was unable to be present that evening and had asked the Clerk to relay his findings. Neil had identified that the main concerns for Knoyle residents would be
- 1 No medical beds available in Shaftesbury if this facility closes, nearest would be Salisbury or Yeovil.
 - 2 This would mean more strain on larger hospitals where beds would be locked up with patients unable to get treatment locally.
 - 3 Travel to community hubs with beds would mean a trip to Blandford or Sherborne.
- Neil was concerned that 30% of people who use the Westminster Hospital in Shaftesbury do not live in Dorset and their views are being ignored during the consultation. Neil's other suggestion was that the PC should write to the Consultation Group and express our concerns and that individuals should complete the consultation document online.
- 14 Bridget Wayman – WCC Representative-** reported that the Budget proposals for the following year had included a 1.99% increase across the board with an additional 3% levy for Social Care .The road maintenance budget increase had not been altered and good progress was being made with road improvements. Bridget added the Wilts CC were in favour of the Stonehenge bypass project but could offer no good news on the PC's prospects of achieving a speed limit reduction on the A350.
- 15 Village Hall Report-** Alistair Campbell reported that the Quiz night had made a £700 profit and that a date had been set for this year's quiz, Saturday 2nd December. One allotment had become available behind the Hall and Nicki Sturrock and Lizzy Gascoigne were getting quotes together for the upgrading of the toilet facilities. The Village Hall funds were in good shape with a total of £19k in all accounts.
- 16 AOB –** Bruce reported that the new web site was now live and Tim thanked Ian Gurney for his outstanding path clearance work around Underhill. Alistair Campbell had identified several fallen trees and would be removing them for safety reasons over the next few weeks.

Meeting Closed 9.25pm

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

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