

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at East Knoyle Village Hall 7.30pm

Public Present - Paul Naish, Vic Snook, Sam Brine, Alex Williams, Mr L Williams, Robin and Sonia Eggerton, Major Patrick Offord.

Council Present - Cllrs Hyde (chairman), Coffin, Dawson, Southerden, Wharton, Campbell, Bateman, Small, Jones, McCarthy, Carmichael.

1. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Paul Naish asked if fire hydrant in Wise lane that had been covered during resurfacing could be reinstated, Chairman advised that Rob McCarthy notify Council workman.
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Martin Brown .
3. **Notices of Interest.** None.
4. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th Feb 2015.** Approved and signed off, with amendment to item 12.
5. **Matters arising -** None
6. **Chairman's Report.** Chairman advised the issue around footpath 16 had not been resolved and that he would be approaching the Hyde Partnership to ask if the current temporary arrangement can remain in place until a final resolution is reached. Tim also advised that the new OAP bungalows were approaching completion and that a PR style open event would be held in May. The volunteer working group which gathered on the 26th Feb had done good work clearing scrub below the Windmill, Tim thanked the volunteers.
- 7 **Planning Applications-** **17/01966/tca Steeple Close ,Milton.- Supported Unanimous**
17/01932/TCA South View , Millbrook Lane.- Supported Unanimous
17/02486/tca- Old Stores, The Street.- Supported Unanimous.
17/00767/ful Land at East Knoyle. {temporary dwelling}- Vote 11-0 in favour of objection.
Two members of the public who were close residents outlined their objections to the proposal; no other member of the public wished to speak. This was followed by a Parish Council discussion of the application. It was thought that the size of the proposed temporary building was not conducive to a temporary structure and its linkage to mains sewers was a concern. Neil Southerden confirmed that the proposed building was within the AONB but outside of the Village building envelope. Neil also quoted sections of the Village Design Statement which made reference to such development and stated that it should not spoil the character or landscape of the village. Councilors thought the site was not remote enough to require a dwelling and there was plenty of Village housing close by. Concerns were also raised over the safety of the access point on a busy corner near one of the main access points to the village.
- 8 **Highways** –Rob McCarthy gave details of the many road repair projects that had been undertaken in the village since the last meeting and noted the new bollards at the A350 junction on Hindon Rd. Five white lining projects were planned for the forthcoming months and the four outstanding road issues had been highlighted to WCC Highways Dept. Rob noted closure of A3089 from Fonthill Bishop to Teffont from 3rd to 11th April.
- 9 **Common Lands** –Paul Wharton advised Ted Coffin had joined the Common Lands subcommittee and was likely to be an enthusiastic member. Paul had written to Clouds Estate regarding the dangerous Poplars below Clouds House and they had advised that they were undertaking tree work at the moment.
- 10 **Appoint contractors for common lands works 2017-** Clerk advised that last year's successful contractors had submitted figures identical to last year's and that he had received no other tenders. On this basis if Councilors were happy to maintain the relationship with Mark Howell and Phil Buttress the he proposed we continue

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these contractors for 2017; Council voted unanimously in support of this proposal.

11 Agree format for Parish Assembly in April 2017.- It was agreed that the Parish Assembly in April would not incorporate a public viewing of the Village Archives and that this would be put back to the 9TH May AGM.

12 Bridget Wayman- Not Present.

13 Westminster Hospital Consultation Update – Neil Southerden advised that 12,000 Questionnaires had now been returned and more than 1000 had been surveyed by phone. A report was due in Summer 2017 and a decision on the consultation later in the year. The Consultation now includes the views of residents of Wiltshire and Somerset who make up 30% of the users of Westminster Hospital. East Knoyle residents had responded to the Questionnaire and more than 60 had signed a petition in Wrens shop.

14 Review Timetable for Elections in May 2107 - Clerk ran through important dates in election timetable and reminded applicants that their application forms would have to be hand delivered to one of the four election centers in Wiltshire by hand. These were in Salisbury, Devizes, Trowbridge and Chippenham. Clerk would confirm the important detail of who would have to hand in the forms. Clerk gave the web address to download application forms and agreed he would print forms out if requested.

15 AOB – Laura Coffin thought the Newsletter was really good this month and wanted congratulations to be to the Editor.

Meeting ends 8.40pm

Chairman..... Date.....