

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting , 9th February 2016 at 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Present-Cllrs Hyde, Bateman, Southerden ,Dawson, Coffin, Southerden, Small , Jones and Mc Carthy . Members of the public Paul Naish, Charlie Cumberledge, Micheal Butler, Bridget Wayman.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Carmicheal, Wharton, Campbell
- 2 **Notices of Interest.** –None
- 3 **New Councilors to sign- Declaration of acceptance of office document.** –Signed By Cllrs Jones and Mc Carthy
- 4 **Public Open Forum-** Charlie Cumberlege gave details of the potential clash of dates within the community Organized events that occur annually. Charlie gave details of how he would be organizing the Flower Show again this year but lamented the fact that the Fete would not be going ahead. Charlie thought that the Flower show and Fete might occur at the same time PC might take more of an organizing overview in future to make sure this did not happen again. Tim said that it might not do any harm for the fete to miss a year and come back in 2017 better organized and would consider this proposition.
Micheal Butler sought support from the PC for the proposed Barn Dance to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday. The event was due to be held at Moors Farm in John Redding’s Barn and many of the preparations had been made. The proceeds would go to the Church to help compensate for the fete which would not be staged this year. Tim said the PC was right behind this venture and might look into Area Board funding to help the celebrations. Clerk to investigate. Tim thanked Michael and Charlie for their work on both of these important community ventures.
- 5 **Minutes of Meeting held 12TH Jan 2016** – Signed as a true record
- 6 **Matters arising-** Clerk reported that the Unauthorized building work on land adjacent to the A350 had been reported to Planning Enforcement who were looking into the matter. No further news from Clouds Estate regarding dangerous Poplars. Clerk reported only 1 response to dog waste issue raised in newsletter. Carry item to next meeting in March. Tim had not been able to look at KHG Wall leanometer.
- 7 **Chairman’s Report** - Tim advised Helen Taylor of WCC Housing Dept had outlined delays to the decision to build affordable OAP housing at the bottom of Park Houses. The delays were due to concerns over potential flooding. Decision delayed until March 17th. Leo Tandoh had looked around the copse next to the Windmill with Tim and had agreed a safety reduction program for an old dead Oak. Cost £290 to PC. SSE would be carrying out Pruning to trees in Upton needed to provide safety to cables in the woods. Ladies RBL would be having a Queens 90th Birthday celebration Tea and Tim thanked all of those who already pick up litter when out walking and have the wellbeing of the village a heart.
- 8 **Marquee Usage-Agree new usage policy.** – Tim outlined current policy and agreed that next year the rules for free Marquee usage would be tightened. The Marquee would be free to the Fete and the Flower Show and to Katie Pages two Charity events. Private hire charges would go up to £400 per event and other Charities would be given a reduced hire charge. These figures to be finalized at the next meeting.
- 9 **Planning Activity - 15/12376/ful- Livestock and Storage Barn, Land to South of East Knoyle.-** Approved by a vote of 3 to 1 with 4 abstentions. The PC would recommend the following conditions.
 - 1 This is a large building in an open site, could some screening be considered using native trees.

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2 Please consider if Barn could be moved South to closer to Friars Hayes Lane, this would restrict visual impact and if access was moved , would keep mud off the road into the village.

3 This is a vulnerable isolated spot and may be liable to petty theft or vandalism.

4 Could consideration please be given to wetland ditch that runs through the field.

Neil advised the permission to develop the Milton Yard site had been approved with 20 conditions and recommended that PC members look online for the findings.

- 10 Update Progress on 5th March 2016 for “Clean for the Queen” village litter pick.-** Clerk gave update and advised WCC were helping with litter picking equipment ,being delivered next week.
- 11 Highways report – Deb Bateman-** Deb would be speaking to Lee Haine soon concerning a range of issues.
- 12 Wrens Shop- Report Laura Coffin -** £17 k had been raised for shop refurb with a further £5k pledged in April. Funding was being looked into with Heart of Wessex and any shortfall in the £60k target would be borrowed.
- 13 Bridget Wayman –** WCC Representative- reported that the Area Board had given grants for Tents in the past and that we should ask for funding for Queens 90thCelebrations . Bridget had been very busy with Budgets for next financial year and that we should expect big increases in Council Tax this year. The new highways contract had been awarded to Ringway Ltd who would be reinstating Parish Stewards. Bridget also advised that the “my Wiltshire “ App was being improved.
- 14 Clarify responsibility for upkeep, maintenance and safety of stiles and gates within the Parish.-** Clerk clarified That it was the landowners responsibly for the upkeep of stiles and that if anyone became aware of a Dangerous stile they should inform the landowner directly or ask the Clerk to write on behalf of the PC. Area Board has funding available for such eventualities.
had been promised by Highways, this included the patching work on East Knoyle Hindon Road.
- 15 AOB –** Ian Small and Rob McCarthy asked about a “private land” sign that had been put on a footpath Near their homes, Deb Bateman said that she had received a letter concerning this and would bring it along to the next meeting. Rob also asked if the Hunt or Hunt followers were allowed in Haddon Woods with Quad Bikes and Tim advised this was not permissible. Deb to have a word with new Hunt Master James Andrew.

Meeting Closed 9.25pm

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

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