

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2017

Present : Cllrs Southerden, Coffin, Dawson ,Campbell, Tait, Bateman ,McCarthy

Members of the Public present : Martin Brown, Stephen Dawson, Anne Philpott, Ian Small

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Hyde. In the absence of Cllr Hyde (Chairman), Neil Southerden (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.
 2. **Notices of Interest.** None
 3. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Anne Philpott asked if she could propose a more constructive use for the phone box at Milton which is currently owned by the PC. Her children currently use it as a shelter while waiting for the school bus and Anne had one or two other ideas for the use of the shelter that she would like to explore. Vice Chairman Neil Southerden welcomed her interest and suggested Anne write down her thoughts and send them to the Clerk for circulation among the Councillors, for discussion at the next meeting, in June.
 4. **Minutes of Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 11th April 2017.-** Signed as a true record.
 - 5 **Matters arising.-** Clerk advised that regarding footpath16 the Planning Inspectorate have confirmed that the Dawsons' appeal had not been accepted and that the Planning Inspectorate will not be taking any further action. Cllr Dawson declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. Clerk read a statement he had received from the Planning Inspectorate. The application by the Dawsons to add an additional footpath in the adjoining garden a few metres away from the definitive line of FP16 which is within their boundaries has been rejected and this matter is now closed. In conclusion:
 - The definitive line for FP16 was confirmed in February 2016
 - FP16 was declared open by Wiltshire Council in September 2016.
 - The application for an additional path in Horton's garden has been rejected and no further action will be taken by either Wiltshire Council or the Planning Inspectorate.
- Vice Chairman Neil Southerden asked if anyone would like to comment. Cllr Ian Tait asked what the issue around footpath 16 involved and Neil Southerden gave a brief account of recent events. There were no further questions Cllr Dawson rejoined the meeting.
- 6 **Chairman's Report.** –Chairman not present, no report.
 - 7 **Planning Activity.-** 17/04352/tca- Supported Unanimously, Proposed by Rob McCarthy, Sec by Laura Coffin.
 - 8 **Appoint Councillors to be spokespersons for PC, on Finance, Village Hall, Shop , Highways ,Common Lands and Planning .** The role of Finance representative was left in abeyance until after the co-option process. The following Councillors were allocated the following responsibilities, Cllr McCarthy- Highways, Cllr Coffin-Shop, Cllr Campbell Village Hall Rep, Cllr Southerden –Planning, Cllr Bateman-Common lands rep.
 - 9 **To approve accounts for year ended 31st March 2017 prepared and circulated by Clerk** – Clerk outlined process of public consultation and expected to sign the Governance statement at the PC meeting in June by which time members of the public would have had the opportunity to examine the accounts. Ian Small the previous Finance officer for the Council outlined his thoughts on the accounts and suggested income and expenditure were in line with budgeted expectation, there were no further questions.

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- 10 **Discuss procedure for Co-Option of three new Councilors to fill vacancies following uncontested election.** Clerk advised that the Co-Option notice would be displayed on the notice boards and in the newsletter and it was hoped to co-opt three new Councilors to fill the vacancies following an uncontested election. It was hoped to complete the process at the June meeting.
- 11 **Common Lands Report-** Martin Brown was present at this meeting and in Tim Hyde's absence gave a summary of the short Common Lands meeting. The focus had mainly been on the problem of dog fouling in two dog walking hot spots on footpaths from behind the Church running southwards behind the Street and behind Park Houses. Farmers had made complaints and it was thought that there could be health issues for livestock. Clerk to place a strongly worded item in newsletter.
- 12 **To review cost of path improvement for KHG following estimate received from Phil Buttress.** It was agreed that all Councilors would meet at KHG play area at 7pm on 13th June prior to the PC meeting to look at the proposed path improvements. It was suggested by Neil Southerden that more than one quote should be sought for this work once a job specification had been agreed upon.
- 13 **AOB –** Rob McCarthy advised he was looking at getting verges with orchids and other rare plants and species protected from verge cutting which was expected soon. Rob would try and establish when the cutting might take place and would keep the PC informed.

Meeting ended 8.26pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman..... Date

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