

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 12th Dec 7.30pm 2017 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present Cllr Hyde, Southerden, Dawson, Campbell, Small, McCarthy, Jones, Coffin.

Members of the public, Bridget Wayman, Steven Dawson, Julian and Salvatore Adams, Paul Naish.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** -Cllrs Bateman , Small.
- 2. Notices of Interest.**- Rob McCarthy item 8 - 17/11360/ful.
- 3. Public Open Forum-** Bob Bourne discussed progress made by a 5 man clearance team in Knoyle Hse Grounds recently. Bob suggested further clearance close to the inside of the wall which may help reduce outward pressure. It was planned to have a fire and clear the brush at some point .The PCC were looking into the possibility of holding the summer fair in KHG in the summer. Malcolm James , one of the newly recruited tree wardens had given some good advice concerning the large Oak at the entrance to KHG. Tim would speak to Leo Tandoh regarding dead branch removal. Paul Naish asked if we villagers could change the light bulbs in the phone boxes owned by the PC, Clerk advised this was possible and Alistair and Paul could proceed. Clerk to inform BT of the bulging wall close to the exchange next to the Old School House in Church Road.
- 4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 14th Nov 2017-** Signed as a true record, with change to item 8.
- 5. Matters arising-** Clerk reported Rob McCarthy had met with Bruce Jones and Leeroy Lugg with a view to updating PC news on the website. Rob advised that the role appeared to be expanding onto that of web site coordinator but was happy to help. Clerk advised that a new application for Milton Farm 17/11617/ful had been received too late for this meeting and he advised Councilors to view the new plans online. This application would be discussed at the January 9th meeting. Clerk also advised that the decision from WCC Rights of way department regarding FP16 was expected on 14th December and that this would be on the agenda for January as well. Clerk also advised that he had met with Laura Hoar who would like to be considered for co-option to the PC. Laura would be attending the January meeting and it was hoped to complete the process then, assuming no other candidate comes forward. Clerk also advised that Martin Brown had forwarded a report on the Newsletter, including a financial statement. Martin advised that he would be resigning at the end of 2018 and that a replacement should be sought. This item would also be on January's agenda. {Clerk to circulate report}. Clerk also advised Paul Naish had started work on refurbishment of the notice boards. Chairman thanked Paul for this work.
- 6 Chairman's Report-** Tim advised that he had asked the Clerk to write to contractors to thank them for their work during 2017, Clerk would also ask for new tenders for 2018. Tim then circulated a drawing of a proposal to place three fixed benches around the edge of the parking area outside the Fox and Hounds. The aim was to stop vehicles accessing the grassed area in times of peak demand. Rob McCarthy proposed that there was an area of Manorial waste opposite Rose Cottage which might be suitable for extra parking. Clerk advised that this area had a stream running through it and was the site of a spring , and as such, probably unsuitable. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into the legal possibilities of extending the car parking at the Fox and report back at the next meeting. He would also discuss the plan with Murray Seator, Pub Landlord.
- 7 Discuss proposal for Phone Box at Milton- Julian and Salvie Adams** – Julian and Salvie had circulated plans to improve facilities inside the phone box at Milton where 4 Gillingham School students currently wait for the bus. It was agreed that benches could be fitted to the Box in the first instance and the Clerk would look into the cost of

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this. Chairman thanked Salvie for his work on the project and asked the Clerk to report back with costings in January.

- 8 Planning Applications-17/11360/ful Rose Cottage, The Green.** Rob McCarthy left the room. Support Unanimous , Prop Ian Tait ,Sec Laura Coffin. Rob returned to the room.
17/11479/tca Knoyle Place ,Holloway Lane, East Knoyle. Supported, Prop Laura coffin, Sec Tim Hyde.
17/11719/tca Seymour Cottage, Hindon Rd, East Knoyle. Supported , Prop Ian Tait, Sec Sue Dawson.
- 9 Highways Report-** Rob McCarthy reported that the drain on Touchhorn Lane had blocked recently and water had been coming through the road surface, Rob had reported this to WCC Highways. Rob reported that a yew tree had fallen across the path of footpath 19 close to the road and that he would try and establish on whose land the tree was situated. A load of wood chippings had been fly tipped at the Ox Drove at Upton, Rob had reported this to WCC. Rob had also placed East Knoyle on the list for a metro counter to be placed at the Green to measure traffic speeds. There was then a discussion as to what the speed limit might be, either 30 or 60mph. More information would be gathered to establish this fact for the next meeting.
- 10 Agree Precept request for 2017/2018 and agree budget for financial year 2018/2019.Proposal circulated by Clerk.** Clerk read out a statement from the absent Finance representative Ian Small in which Ian recommended a 5% increase in the precept for the next financial year. There was a brief discussion among council members then a vote, which was unanimously in favour of the 5% increase and the budget proposal for the next financial year, Clerk to proceed with the request.
- 11 Bridget Wayman – WCC representative-** Bridget gave details of early plans to improve one of three north south arterial routes in the area. The A350 was one of those being considered in a plan to be formalized by 2020. Bridget gave details of Seeds4 Success charity initiative for young people. Bridget would forward details to Clerk for circulation.
- 12 Village Hall Report –** Alistair advised that the VH committee were considering renting out chairs to worthy causes. The recent quiz night had raised £650 for VH funds and there was a music quiz on 17th February also to raise funds for the Hall.
- 13 Common Lands Report-** Deb Bateman not Present.
- 14- Speeding on the Green-** Covered in item 9
- 15 AOB-** Laura asked if the WW1 Commemoration plans had progressed, Tim advised they had not.

Meeting ended 9.35 pm

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

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