

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 13th Dec 7.30pm 2016 at East Knoyle Village Hall

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

Members of the public, Jan Knight, Leroy Lugg, Martin Brown, Paul Naish.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.** -Cllr Carmichael, Wharton and Bateman.
- 2. Notices of Interest.**- Bruce Jones item 8- 16/10920/ful.
- 3. Public Open Forum-** Leroy Lugg was present and described work he and Charlie Cumberledge had been doing to update the web site with a view to making it more interactive. The work was 95% completed and Leroy needed to recruit a few more{ 8 needed in total} active contributors which he could train to update the site. Bruce Jones had volunteered to be Editor in Charge with PC responsibility. Tim thanked Leroy for his excellent work and looked forward to hearing from Leroy again early in the new year when work was complete.
- 4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 8 Nov 2016-** Signed as a true record.
- 5. Matters arising-** Clerk reported part of the rubbish left outside Haddon Houses had been cleared and the new KHG sign was ready for collection from Signrite.
- 6 Chairman's Report-** Tim advised that he had written to Jo Cumberledge on behalf of the PC to express our sympathy following the death of Charlie. Tim described the visit the Clerk and he had made to the Nadder Center to attend the South Wiltshire Community Engagement meeting. It was a hi tech event well presented where the priorities for the area were discussed. Clerk to forward the results to Councilors. The issues concerning Footpath 16 are reaching a conclusion and WCC rights of way dept should have reached a solution in the new year. The temporary footpath will remain in place until then. The new building development at Park Houses is progressing well ,local residents who fit the age profile for the new houses will be canvassed nearer building completion date. The Clerk described the events that had unfolded concerning the hedge removal on Milbrook Lane going toward Summerleaze. The Clerk had written to Jason Verryan to ask for clarification of his plans for the site. This followed representations from two concerned villagers. No reply had been received yet. Tim would raise this issue at the Common Lands meeting in January 2016 together with the path of footpath 30 across that field.
- 7 East Knoyle Letter-** Martin raised concerns over the future direction of the newsletter and wished to explore some possibilities with the Council members. Martin described how he would be away for two publication dates next year and at present there was no one to prepare the newsletter for publication. Martin was finding the chasing of advertising revenue tedious and time consuming and the newsletter was close to requiring PC financial assistance to keep it solvent. A discussion followed where the possibility of combining the web site and newsletter was discussed. It was agreed that the newsletter and web site shared a different patronage and the elderly in particular would suffer if production of the newsletter was ended. It was hoped that once the new web site was up and running this would provide Martin with access to a lot more information. Martin agreed to attend all future PC meetings and the Clerk would attempt to include all interesting PC activity in the PC newsletter item. In the meantime more help would be sought for Martin who's work is greatly valued and appreciated by the PC , The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Martin.

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- 8 Planning Applications-** **16/10980/ful Spring Cottage ,Underhill.-** Supported 7 for 1 abstention
 16/11026/ful Friars Hays, East Knoyle.- Not Supported 7 against ,1 abstention.
 16/10920/ful 118 Wise Lane.- Supported unanimous.
- 9 Highways Report-** Rob McCarthy advised that Church Rd was about to be closed on two separate occasions for resurfacing / repair work. White lining had also been carried out on two of the entry points to the A350. Also several other road sections had been marked up for repair. Rob reported that the Parish Steward scheme did not seem to be working too well under the new Ringway management. It was proving to be difficult to get the Steward to attend to the priorities the Parish had highlighted and this was very disappointing. Sue gave information on a recent salt bag collection to act as back up to existing supplies. These were to be stored close to existing bin sites. Sue thanked those who had helped with the salt bag collection.
- 10 Agree Precept request for 2017/2018 and sign half year bank reconciliation following information circulated by Clerk.-** Ian gave an overview of the PC spending this year and outlined that the expected shortfall this year was due to the suspension of rent collection from the shop in order to support its refurbishment. This would continue through the next financial year and Ian suggested that the PC should continue to increase its policy of increasing its precept in order to maintain reserve levels and prepare for future funding requests that may occur, given the increasing devolvement of costs from county to parish level.
Ian proposed an increase of £800 to give the Council an overall precept of £9500 for the next financial year. This proposal was seconded by Rob McCarthy and the vote was unanimous in support.
The Clerk had prepared a half year bank reconciliation which Ian checked and sign as being accurate.
- 11 To note installation of defibrillator and success of recent “Awareness Event”.-** Clerk advised that 84 people had attended this event at which a demonstration of defibrillator operation and CPR administration were given. Tim wished to congratulate the Defibrillator team on success of this operation which had been helped by the front page coverage given to the project by the newsletter editor Martin Brown.
- 12 Village Hall Report –** Alistair advised that new lighting had been installed in the Hall and Medieval room and that a donation of £500 from the Free masons had helped with this cost. The wheelchair ramp had been modified to make it user friendly thanks to Paul Naish. The possibility of holding a Pilates class in the Hall was being looked into and the Quiz night had raised more than £500 toward Village Hall funds. A future toilet upgrade was being looked into by the Hall management committee.
- 13 Common Lands Report-** Paul Not Present.
- 14- AOB-** Rob asked if the Hunt could be asked not to take horses and their entourage through Haddon Woods when it was wet, Clerk to write to SSW Wilts Hunt. Neil pointed out that it had taken 1 hr 45 mins to get an ambulance to East Knoyle recently during a bell ringing incident.

Meeting ended 10 pm

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

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