

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Minutes of The Parish Assembly held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at East Knoyle Village Hall

### Present

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

Also present members of the public, Stephen Dawson, Eric Macandrais, Bridget Wayman.

1. **Apologies** None.
2. **Notices of Interest**- None
3. **Approve Minutes of the PC Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017** - Signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising**- Regarding Footpath 16 ,Wiltshire County Council had decided not to support the application of Mr and Mrs Dawson to retain the existing route of FP16 as of March 2017 .The Dawson's have appealed the decision. The temporary permissive path is to stay{ with the permission of the Hyde Partnership} until the appeal is upheld or not by the planning inspectorate. The temporary arrangement will be reviewed in light of that decision.

### **5 Reports**

**Chairman's Report.** Cllr Hyde noted the success of several new initiatives around the village this year. The installation of a defibrillator at the shop had raised the prospects of a further defibrillator site at the Green to be sited in the old phone box. Tim Hyde thanked Marin Williams and his team for their work on this project. The new OAP bungalows at Park Houses were nearing completion and Tim looked forward to the end of this project. Tim also thanked all of the PC members for their work and wished them luck in the election in May. Tim paid tribute to the time and effort put into the PC over the last 4 years.

#### **Bridget Wayman WCC County Councillor.**

Bridget gave a summary of WCC activity over the last 4 years and outlined how hard it had been to maintain services with less funding. Highways and their maintenance had been one area to see its spending increased and £84 million had been spent in three years resulting in 4100 potholes being filled and many large and small highway maintenance projects being undertaken in this area. Bridget outlined how public health and child safety had been dealt with, a further 180 social workers being added to the WCC staff. Jobs have increased by 15% and Wiltshire has only 3.4% unemployment, one of the lowest levels in the country. 68 refugees had been welcomed to Wiltshire and the families and individuals were settling in well in their new communities. Bridget gave details of Boeing's plans to work at Boscombe Down next to QinetiC .

Bridget then gave details of the work of the area boards who had helped many village halls improve and maintain local services; these were seen as key community sites. Full report available on request from Clerk,

**Cllr Small- Finance** – Ian said that the accounts would be available very soon once all documentation had been received by the Clerk. Costs incurred this year were just over £10 thousand. The main area of cost was Knoyle House Grounds and the common land which accounted for half of this spending. The £10k donated by the late Elizabeth Coates had been used for three years now and £6500 remained. The PC voted to increase precept for 2017-2018. Precept now £9500, a 9% increase. It was anticipated that the PC may run at a small deficit over the next year, reserves would be used in this instance since they remained at a healthy level – to be published with the rest of the accounts. The shop rent would be suspended for a further year. Ian thanked the Clerk for his assistance during the year.

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**Cllr Wharton Common Lands** – The new Common Lands group was working well and was currently concentrating on the maintenance of pathways and bridle ways. Much progress had been made over the winter and Paul Wharton thanked the enthusiastic members of the Common Lands Sub -committee for their work over the year. The long term project to maintain the view at the Windmill had been given to Leo Tandoh Tree Services whose work had been very good during the autumn and winter months. There were plans to improve pathways and flower beds at KHG where the work of Phil Buttress and Mark Howell had been excellent.

**Cllr Campbell – Village Hall** – Alistair gave details of improvement plans for the hall which included work to windows and toilets. A Pilate’s group had been established and it was hoped this would be successful. The vacant allotment had been taken by John and Leslie Webb.

**Cllr Coffin** – Since the last Assembly the refurbishment work had been completed after £70k was raised through grants, donations and funding applications. Paul Egginton had worked incredibly hard to coordinate the whole operation and was thanked by Laura. The move to the Old Forge and back had been made with the minimum of disruption and Ian Hamilton deserved thanks for agreeing that the shop could be moved to the Old Forge during the refurbishment. Laura said that revenues were on a very slight but steady downward curve and that this would become a concern in future. A small recovery in revenues had been noted recently however. Shop AGM will be 10<sup>TH</sup> May 2017.

**Cllr Southerden- Planning** . Neil advised that the PC had received 38 applications of which 19 were for building work, and 19 for tree work. All tree applications had been approved and 15 of the 19 building applications also. The four applications objected to by the PC were the Barn on Friars Hays Lane, and two applications for the land south of East Knoyle, one for a second barn and the other for a temporary dwelling. The other application was for a new development on the land south of Haddon Woods.

6 **Public Open Forum** – No members of the public wished to speak.

Parish Assembly ended 8.55pm

Signed as a true record.

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Chairman

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