

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Minutes of The Parish Assembly held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at East Knoyle Village Hall This meeting followed a viewing of the Parish Archives open to the public from 5pm, which was attended by many members of the community.

### Present

Cllrs Hyde (chairman), Coffin, Dawson, Southerden, Wharton, Campbell, Carmichael, Small, Jones, Mc Carthy.

Also present members of the public . Christine and Bob Bourne, Martin Brown, David and Sally Webster, Georgia Martyn Williams, Bridget Wayman, Suzanne Sandford .

1. **Apologies** Cllr Bateman .
2. **Approve Minutes of the PC Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015** - Signed as a true record following an amendment to item 8.
3. **Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Councilors and members of the public**

**Chairman's Report.** Cllr Hyde gave his thanks to the many village residents who do good work around the village, those who pick up litter, clear ditches, cut hedges and fallen trees. Tim gave details of how the PC would continue to support the village activities via its contributions to T at 3, the Marquee hire scheme, the Defibrillator initiative, the Flower show and the proposed new OAP bungalows. The PC was also working to improve the situation of the residents at the Turnpike. Wiltshire Council will be fixing a metro counter to the road outside Restcroft, the home of Zoe Roberts who has had several near misses with speeding traffic.

**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 around £11000, the main area of cost was Knoyle House Grounds (£4700) . The £10k donated by the late Elizabeth Coates had been ringfenced and was being used for maintaining the view at the windmill. The PC voted to increase precept for 2016-17 in light of reduced WCC funding. Precept now £8700 .The PC would be supporting the shop refurbishment with a suspension of rent for 2 years, effectively contributing £4k to refurbishment funds.

It was anticipated that the PC may run at a small deficit over the next two years, reserves would be used in this instance. Ian thanked the Clerk for his assistance during the year.

**Cllr Wharton - Common Lands** – The new Common Lands group was working well and was currently concentrating on the woodland maintenance project at the Windmill. This long term project had been given to Leo Tandoh Tree Services. Gill Hockham had made good progress toward installing a village map onto the wall at the shop.

**Cllr Campbell – Village Hall** – No report was available.

**Cllr Coffin** – Since the last Assembly a section of land behind the shop had been gifted by Clouds Estate for the extension and the refurbishment plans were now in full swing. Many fundraising activities were underway and at present £35k has been raised. Further grants have been applied for, these are from Heart of Wessex , the Post Office, Area Board and Big Lottery. Many donations large and small had been made by villagers but Laura asked that if everyone could frequent the shop more this would help grow or maintain the current revenue levels from £4000 to £5000 per week. Laura ask mentioned that the age profile of the volunteer workforce is not reducing and more volunteers are very welcome, currently 1 in 10 villagers volunteer.

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It is expected that an open meeting will be held before the Shop AGM to give information on refurbishment developments.

**Cllr Southerden- Planning .** Neil advised that over the past year the PC had received 23 applications of which 12 were for building work, and 11 for tree work. All had been approved other than the application to develop Milton Yard: this had been heard twice and rejected twice. Milton Yard had aroused the most public interest, followed by the applications for 2 new OAP bungalows near Park Houses and the application to use the land at the end of Leigh Lane for development.

**5 Public Open Forum** – David Webster reminded all of the plans underway to organize a Barn Dance on 1<sup>st</sup> July which would include something for everyone and was to act as a fundraiser for the Church Tower appeal, Village Shop refurbishment plans and to celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bridget Wayman reminded attendees that the best way to register problems with the local roads is via the Wiltshire Highways App and made the case for supporting the development of the OAP bungalows which it would hope would free up larger homes for younger people wanting to return to the village. Neil asked if Bridget could help move forward the ongoing impasse over reducing speed limits on the A350 at The Turnpike.

**6 Planning Applications - 16/02642/FUL- Holden’s Farmhouse, East Knoyle .-Supported Unanimous  
16/02410/FUL- Land Adjacent to Haddon Wood – Not supported vote 9 -0 against.**

There were concerns among Councilors that this revised application was not appropriate for the site footprint. The Council had supported the previous application for a two bed, one and a half storied cottage , this application was for a three bed, two storied cottage, which required the extension of the housing envelope. The objections of a local resident were read out to the Council.

**7 Award contracts for maintenance of Common Lands for 2016 following recent tendering process.-** Clerk gave details of prices received .Last year contractors had been asked to quote for two years and had done so. It was proposed to maintain existing contractors at last year’s prices.

Meeting ended 8.40pm

**Chairman..... Date.....**