

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Present- Cllrs Hyde, Bateman, Southerden, Tait, Brickell. County Councilor Bridget Weyman

Members of the public- David Pickering, John Scattergood.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** None.
- 2 **Notices of Interest-** None.
- 3 **Public Open Forum-** No comments.
- 4 **Minutes of AGM and PC meeting held 5th May 2021.-** Signed as a true record.
- 5 **Matters arising –** Regarding bridle path sign in Milton. A larger sign would be erected should there be a repetition of the problem. It was agreed to defer item 8 on current agenda until July meeting when a full council would be present.
- 6 **Vote to Co-opt 6 PC members from 8 application forms received and circulated to PC members –** The Clerk had circulated details of 8 applicants for the 6 positions to be filled. Clerk then read through each application and gave each councilor a sheet containing the names of each applicant and asked Councilors' to score in order of preference 8 to 1 for each applicant. The six councilors to be elected would be the 6 with the highest aggregate scores. The Clerk reminded Councilors that achieving full representation from each section of the village should be a priority and that score sheets did not need to be signed. Following the vote the Clerk added up the scores and asked Dan Brickell to double check the maths. The following applicants were elected. Ann White, Sue Entwistle, Tracie Linehan, Tony Schendel, Martin Brown and David Pickering. The Chairman would write to the two unsuccessful candidates to thank them for their interest.
- 7 **Discuss Planning Activity -PL/2021/03341- Knoyle Place.-** Support Unanimous.
 - PL/2021/03651- Land to the North of Millbrook Lane-** Support Unanimous with conditions regarding screening the development from village center visibility.
 - PL/2021/04483-Lindfield Cottage , The Green -** Support Unanimous.
- 8 **Vote to re - elect Jean Brine and Helen Lever as EK Charities trustee for next four years.-** See item 5
- 9a **Deb Bateman- Common Lands Update following recent meeting.** Deb had not attended the meeting but had the minutes with her . Regarding damaged stiles at Leigh Farm .The Clerk had initiated a conversation between Nat Page and the WCC Rights of way team and it was hoped for good progress here. The Common Lands group had discussed the Japanese Knotweed problem which was being dealt with locally. The Himalayan Balsam outbreak below the Green at the Fox and Hounds was becoming bigger and Bridget suggested that the "Seeds for Success" youth team become involved. Clerk to explore this. The Common Lands group had also asked if the PC could fund a strimmer. This was not possible but the PC would be able to assist with costs associated with clearance work.
- 9 **To note correspondence from Jason Lewis, Clouds Estate representative, regarding felling of Ash trees at Great High Croft wood-** Clerk read out letter dated May 2021 regarding this work. The letter would appear in the next newsletter. It was agreed the PC work to remove dangerous Ash trees on PC land should be restricted to diseased trees only near footpaths and roadsides.

East Knoyle Parish Council

- 10 Note correspondence from Donna Evans regarding dangerous steps in KHG play area and vote to fence off uneven steps to large slide in KHG play area.**- Clerk gave details of Dona's correspondence which focused on the uneven nature of these steps. It was agreed to seek out prices for repair work and that all PC members should look at the steps before the next meeting. It was noted that no previous H&S inspection of KHG had found fault with the steps
11. **Bridget Wayman WCC Representative**- Bridget was congratulated on her recent re election by the Chairman. Bridget suggested that she get Seeds for Success organizers to contact PC over our Himalayan Balsam problem and gave details of the new CATG meeting structure. This would include an initial hour of traffic related issues and urged that if EKPC had any concerns this was a good forum for achieving action.
- 12 **Consider possible replacement of existing PC marquee in financial year 2021/2022.** It was agreed that this was a good idea. The current marquee was looking tired and had served its purpose well, providing a facility for villagers and having generated more revenue than it initially cost. Ian Tait thought that the shop would help with purchase of a new tent in the next financial year when it was hoped prices would have returned to normal. Tim Hyde agreed to look at replacement costs.
- 13 **Note revised fencing line to south of Haddon Woods bordering Godfrey's property . {Footpath18}**Tim Hyde gave details of how the fence line in question on footpath 18 is to be moved a foot back uphill into Haddon Wood. This can be adjusted again if both parties feel the need in the future.
In summary trees adjoining the footpath on Godfrey's land had grown in width and the new fence line had been moved 1ft to accommodate this growth without damaging the tree.
- 14 AOB**- Tim Hyde had been approached by Dianna Makgill to establish what the PC might do to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Tim advised that he would look into the date of this and any possible PC involvement. The PC were also to note that the Poplars in Clouds Park had been felled. This follows numerous PC requests to Address these dangerous trees. Sharon Johnson from Hindon School had asked if the Marquee might again be used for the school summer fair, it was agreed that this was fine, Tim Hyde to organize.

Meeting Closed 8.47pm

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

Kevin Stow

Clerk to the Council

Limetree Cottage, Underhill, East Knoyle SP3 6BS. Tel: 01747 830431, email: kandbstow@hotmail.com