

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 5th May 2021 at 7.35pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Present-Cllrs Hyde, Bateman, Southerden, Tait, Brickell .

Members of the public- Non { due to Covid restrictions}

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** None
- 2 **Notices of Interest-** Tim Hyde and Deb Bateman Planning App PL/2021/3284.
- 3 **Minutes of PC Meeting held on Tues 7th July 2021.-** Signed as an accurate record.
- 4 **Matters arising** – Neil Southerden asked if the Police had been able to help with A350 speeding traffic issue raised by Jill Staunton. Tim advised that a Police patrol car had been placed in a prominent position in response to our request but traffic levels had tailed off during various lockdowns and this issue may need to be revisited once lockdown restrictions were lifted. Neil noted that Milton postbox had now been reinstated and wondered if the bridle path sign next to Adam Cleal’s house had been put in place. It was thought this had not happened yet.
- 5 **Appoint Councilors to represent PC in matters relating to Finance, Village Hall, Shop ,Web Site, Highways, Common Lands and Planning, where possible.** Ian Tait offered to maintain his role of Shop liaison representative and Deb Bateman offered to remain on the Common Lands-Footpaths group. Dan Brickell offered to step into the Finance officer’s position. Neil Southerden offered to pick up the responsibility for Planning liaison pending the appointment of a new recruit after the co-option process was over. Tim Hyde thanked everyone for their support. Clerk advised that Rob McCarthy had offered to continue in his role of Web site co-coordinator.
- 6 **Planning Activity. PL/2021/04202- 19 The Street .** Supported Unanimous.
Cllrs Bateman and Hyde left the room
PL/2021/03284- Milton Farm. Supported all 4 votes in favour. Clerk to raise concerns over possible noise level management issues in PC response to WCC planning.
Cllrs Hyde and Bateman returned to the room.
PL/2021/02513- Seymour Lodge Support Unanimous.
PL/ 2021/03970- Seymour Lodge-Support Unanimous.
PL/2021/02007- Kemps Barn-Support with concerns to be passed on to WCC Planning.
- 7 **Vote to agree Bank Reconciliation fro 2020/2021 as prepared by Clerk and circulated to PC members.** Clerk ran through bank statements and accounts, Chairman signed reconciliation. Pc members voted to accept the reconciliation as accurate, vote unanimous, proposed Neil Southerden, seconded Ian Tait.
- 8 **Vote to re - elect Jean Brine as EK Charities trustee for next four years.** Dan Brickell stated that he was unhappy to vote to elect any trustees until he knew more about the organization and its activities. Clerk advised that there was the election of another trustee outstanding from July 2020 and that he would ask for an EK Charities representative to address the new PC { possibly with 8 new members at that point} at the July next meeting. This item would be deferred until then.
- 9 **Vote to re appoint Mark Howell and Phil Buttress to undertake maintenance work at KHG Play area and around Common Lands for 2021.** Chairman explained how the tendering process had been difficult with Covid restrictions in place. As such he had accepted tenders from last year’s contractors with no increase in prices. Pc members voted to accept this ,proposed Deb Bateman, seconded Dan Brickell.

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- 10 **Discuss Co-Option process and options with a view to voting in new PC members at meeting on June 8th 2021.**
Clerk advised that he had already received expressions of interest from 6 parishioners and it was hoped the May Newsletter would generate more interest. At the next PC meeting on June 8th, we would know the full list of potential co-optees and could vote to elect 6 at that point. This would mean that we might have a full PC compliment for the July 13th meeting. Several recent ex -councilors had offered to stand should be not be possible to get to our full quota of 11 PC members.
- 11 **To note letter from Stephen Dawson {newly appointed Church Treasurer} requesting annual maintenance grant for 2021 be increased to £425. Agree grant for this period.**- Noted, PC voted to approve increase.
Vote unanimous, proposed Neil Southerden, Seconded Tim Hyde.
- 12 **Note dates for 2021 PC meetings provided by Clerk.** Clerk advised future PC meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. NO Meeting in August.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

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

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