

East Knoyle Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 7th July 7.30pm 2020 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present Cllr Southerden, Dawson, Bateman , Hoar, Brickell, Coffin , Jarrett- Kerr. All Council members sat 2m apart with all doors to the Hall open.

Members of the public - No public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** – Cllr Scot-Bolton, Campbell, Tait.
2. **Notices of Interest.**- None.
3. **To approve minutes of meeting held on 10 March 2020** - Signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising-** None
- 5 **Chairman’s Report** - Jill Staunton had been in touch with our local Police representative Peter Tscheriawsky to highlight the incredible noise made by motorcycles along the A350 particularly on a Tuesday evening. Peter had attended and witnessed the noise and had promised further action. It was pointed out that crossing the A350 at Milbrook Lane was very dangerous now, and accordingly it was agreed that Council would request that the splays be cut further along the A350 to give better sightlines. It was suggested a sign be placed before and after the junction to slow down dangerous speeding traffic . Tim thanked Sue Dawson for arranging for flowers to be delivered to those coordinating the shop activities during lockdown. Two separate fly tipping incidents at the entrance to the Windmill remain uncleared .The Clerk suggested it may be the responsibility of the PC to clear as the tipping was too far from the highway. The post box at Milton is to be replaced. The Post Office have committed to doing this following a period when the box has not been present. Tim also reported that, sadly, ex-Chairman Joan Couper had died recently and Digger Booth ,the previous PC Chairman, was also ill and in hospital. Tim wished to record Council’s condolences and best wishes to the respective friends and families.
- 6 **Summary of Planning Activity and revised process.- Sue Dawson** – Sue stated that the new system for voting on planning applications was working well and thanked Councillors. Sue then ran through recent applications giving a status report on each.
- 7 **KHG Wall- Tim Hyde.**- Tim advised the wall was now completed and thanked Burfitt and Garrett for their work. A commemorative plaque had been fitted and Tim wanted a photograph to be placed in the Newsletter. Tim also thanked Ian Tait who had been the main organizer for this project which had been completed efficiently and with minimum financial impact for the PC.
- 8 **KHG Play area , Current status- The Clerk.** The Clerk reported that the play area had been reopened on Sat 5th July and that a new sign had been placed on the gate giving hygiene advice and Covid 19 warnings.
- 9 **Windmill information board** – Tim noted the viewing board at the Windmill had been removed to storage following retrieval. It had been displaced by vandals .A discussion over its future would be conducted once costs of repair or replacement were gathered.
- 10 **Complete AGAR accounts declaration following completion of accounts by Clerk-** The Clerk had circulated the accounts to Councilors in April and there had been no queries. The AGAR audit declaration was read out to and approved by the Council and The Chairman signed the papers. In addition to this it was agreed that the Council would apply for an exemption from external audit again this year. Ian Small had offered to complete the internal audit.

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- 11 Agree 1 year extension to current PC roles. To be reviewed at AGM May 2021-** This had been agreed via an e mail vote and was ratified at this meeting. Proposed by Neil Southerden ,Seconded by Laura Coffin. Vote unanimous.
- 12 Vote to appoint Helen Lever as Nominative Trustee to East Knoyle Charities.** The Council now has six new Members, none of whom knew of the existence of the East Knoyle Charities .It was suggested by the Chairman that a representative from the Charities committee be asked to attend the next scheduled meeting to bring the new Parish Council members up to date with the history of the Charities and how it works in the community. Tim asked the Clerk to try and arrange this for the Sept 8th meeting providing this meets government guidelines at the time. The vote to re-appoint Helen Lever would be deferred until this meeting, though the council was sure that Helen Lever would be a very good representative.
- 13 Shop update –** Laura Coffin advised that the shop sales had been very good during lockdown. A whole new range of services had been added including home deliveries of food, prescriptions and papers . The volunteer’s rosta had been boosted by local furloughed residents and a door monitoring role had been created to help socially distancing. Lots of new volunteers had come forward to cover for the many older volunteers who had been forced to remain at home.
- 14 AOB-** Sue advised that the plaque below the tree behind the War Memorial was now almost completely obscured and illegible. Tim Hyde agreed to look into replacing this as it was believed to have historical significance. A Milton resident had asked Sue if a bridle path sign could be placed on the path running to the right of Park Cottage in Milton. Vehicles were using it and this was not permitted. There was some discussion about the current state and use of the Windmill common land.

Meeting ended 8.59pm

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

Kevin Stow Clerk to the Council

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