

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 14th Sept 2021 at East Knoyle Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.

Present Clls Tim Hyde, Ian Tait, Neil Southerden, Ann Taylor, Tracie Coultas-Pittman, Martin Brown, Tony Schendel, Dan Brickell, Deb Bateman, Sue Entwistle, David Pickering.

Members of the Public: Paul Naish, Bridget Wayman, Chris Cox.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - None.
2. **Notices of Interest** – None.
3. **Public Open Forum**- No Comments.
4. **Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 13th July 2021**- Signed as a true record with amendments.
5. **Matters arising**- Neil asked if First responder group situation could be revisited at the next meeting, Clerk to add this item to the next agenda.
6. **Chairman's Report /Correspondence**- Tim advised Ron Clark, RBL Secretary, had secured funding for the commemorative bench and would not require PC support for this venture. The PC would need to agree a suitable location for this bench when it had been purchased. A child had fallen from a tree onto a commemorative plaque below the tree and had been injured. Thankfully no serious injury had been sustained and the plaque had been removed. The family associated with the plaque were to be located and ask for advice on what to do with it. Delivery drivers going to the shop are to be asked to avoid driving on the grass in front of KHG. Ian Tait to pass message onto suppliers. The Marquee had been loaned out for the last time raising £400 for PC funds. Tim gave the cheque to the Clerk. Tim had received correspondence from Paula Turner–Cook concerning speeding motorbike traffic on the A350 and asked Bridget Wayman to raise this at the CATG meeting the next day. Ann Taylor also asked about the possibility of getting a reduced speed limit for the Turnpike. { currently 60mph}The PC were reminded of WCC Highways historic correspondence which had established that there were not sufficient accidents/fatalities on this section of the road to justify reducing the speed limit on a major North /South arterial route. Ann would check the up to date statistics to establish if the situation has worsened.
7. **Discuss Planning Applications**
 - PL/2021/08286- Knoyle Place.** -Support 10 for 1 abstention
 - PI/2021/08354- Land Opposite St Mary's Church.**- No votes of support, more detail of planned works required. Comments passed to WCC Planning by Clerk.
 - PI/2021/08682-The Old Farmhouse, Milton.** Support 10 in favour, 1 abstention
 - PL/2021/7212-The Old Farmhouse-Milton.** Support 10 in favour, 1 abstention.
8. **Note Martin Browns research into cost of replacement notice boards for the village. Vote on best course of Action- Martin Brown.** Chairman thanked Martin for circulating details of his research into new notice board costs. Martin had established that lottery funding was available for public notice boards {but not PC notice boards} and it was decided that Tracie and Martin would look into this possibility. It was suggested that we replace the board in worst condition immediately and look to add a further board in Upton as part of the replacement program.
9. **Agree course of action following Leo Tandoh's assessment of Ash Die back risk around footpaths and roads.** Following the visit of Leo Tandoh to assess the risk to the PC it was agreed to ask Leo to identify trees most at risk of dropping branches onto roads and footpaths and deal with these in the autumn. Tim Hyde would arrange this

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and establish dates to carry out the work and initial cost to the PC. David Pickering summarized the Danish report into Ash Die Back which concluded that 95% of Ash trees were doomed and that 5% may be immune. Tracie said that would look into the possibility of obtaining a Wooland Tree Health Grant to help with the costs of the work.

- 10 Vote on course of action regarding Windmill Display board.**- PC voted against replacing the old display board with a new plaque or refurbishing the old board.
- 11 Vote to accept Jan Knights idea for a “grateful tree” to be planted to commemorate the Village response to the Covid epidemic . Agree and site for the tree. Also consider Diana Magill’s Request for a Diamond Jubilee tree to be planted in the village.** Both ideas were enthusiastically accepted and a space would be cleared in KHG shrubbery to plant two small trees { possibly liquid amber- very colourful in the Autumn}
- 12 Shop Report- Ian Tait** – Ian gave details of the recent Shop AGM which was well attended. £2000 had been donated to the recent Village Hall renovation cost and a plan was being hatched to replace/refurbish the vegetable display racks outside the shop. Two weekends in Oct and November had been identified for the Shop stock take. Volunteers were being sought.
- 13 Bridget Wayman Wilts CC representative-** Bridget gave details of the WCC Climate change consultation now Underway. There is also a Community Environmental tool kit available for local parishes. Bridget also gave details of the response to verge cutting being carried out once, later in the year. In short, there were as many people against the late cut as there were against the early year cut. It seems that it is impossible to please everyone all of the time.
- 14 AOB - None**

Meeting Ended 9.25pm
Next Meeting 12th October 2021

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

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