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Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 in Knapton Village Hall

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Andrew Claydon, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).
Nicholas Holroyd (Chairman, Knapton Village Hall),

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Peter Kaye.
- 2. Knapton Village Hall:** The meeting was closed to allow Nicholas Holroyd, Chairman of Knapton Village Hall, to explain the current position. NH circulated an explanatory paper to the PC. The Village Hall is owned by the Diocese on behalf of the church. In order to achieve funding for renovation, the village or Parish Council would need to become the `owners` of the hall. This would be done by forming an Incorporated Charitable Company to take on a long, maybe 99 year, lease. This should be formed from within the PC and NH suggested one member, say SW, be delegated to take charge and he would assist her. Fund raising would also depend on a proven `need` for the village hall. The PC decided that a questionnaire could go into the next edition of the Knapton News asking residents whether or not they felt the hall was important to the village, and, if so, whether they would be prepared to help with the running in the future. Alternatives to the village hall were discussed. The church could be one, particularly if the hall was sold and some of the money spent creating a suitable space within the church. Liz Winter told the meeting that under the present chairmanship, village hall funds had increased to about £3000. Events were held every two to three months. These were well attended but created a lot of work for the committee.
- 3. Knapton Village Hall signs:** A request had been made by the village hall committee that the PC should approach the County Council to ask if the County Council would pay for village hall

direction signs. The meeting felt that this should be delayed until the future of the hall was decided.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting of 3rd January:** All agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed AM, seconded AM, seconded AY.
5. **Matters Arising:** PL asked DBL what his plans were as to chairmanship of the PC. DBL would carry on as Chairman until the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.
6. **Finance:** the clerk reported a credit balance of £4697 with no outstanding accounts. Precept of £2015 was due in April.
7. **No 34 Bus Route, proposed changes by the:** DH to discover whether there were proposals in place to make cuts to this well used service.
8. **Correspondence Received:** (i) PCSO Fathalla reported no crime in the area. (ii) No reply had been received to the letter to Steve Blatch (16/01/2016) concerning the Land at School Close, Knapton, and the 2014 officer`s report to NNDC Development Committee recommending that “the area to the west of the site will be gifted to the Parish Council”. (iii) DH would ask Cllr Nick Coppack to attend the next PC meeting in March. (iv) DBL had looked at the question of KPC land being used for housing. This was not possible under the terms of the gift.
9. **Madra Lease:** AY had a copy and would take action to get the lease put in place. AY asked about use of land owned by the PC now that MADRA was having difficulty in attracting sporting activities. This was already covered in the lease.
10. **Playground bark:** this should go down as soon as weather permitted.
11. **Any Other Business:** PL suggested representatives of Trunchonbury be invited to the next PC meeting to give an update on the situation. DH to arrange.
12. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th March.