

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall**

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Mary Allen, Andrew Claydon, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Sue Wilkins, Alan Young, Dee Holroyd (clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Councillor Nick Coppack.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June were agreed with two amendments to names, and signed by the Chairman. Proposed PL, seconded SW.

3. Mattes Arising: PL had attended a meeting with Trunchonbury. They were anxious to please and were currently seeking insurance as a first priority.

4. Finance: The Clerk reported a current credit balance of £4018.

5. Correspondence: (i) An e mail regarding the cutting of the Millennium Field had been received earlier in the evening. It was to Nick Coppack from Duncan Ellis (NNDC). The field had received a second cut and there had been a site visit. The Council would aim to cut the field every other week and the hedges annually. The meeting agreed that the field had not been adequately cut with the edges and footpath untouched. NNDC had not given any more information on the car park, following their meeting with the PC on 5th January 2016 at which a licence to the PC was discussed. Currently the car park was receiving no upkeep. Members of the PC were willing to visit NNDC to get the problem resolved. DH to write to Mrs Oxtoby, who had been at the January meeting, to inform her of the current state of the field and the car park. DBL would ring Duncan Ellis.

The meeting closed at 7.45 to allow PC Fathalla to make his report. There had been no crime and the `nuisance` motor biker (who had not been seen recently) would hopefully cause no further problems. The meeting re-opened at 7.50.

(ii) a NCC leaflet on safeguarding adults was circulated. (iii) A letter regarding mains drains in Knapton was shown. This had been seen by all at the meeting.

- 6. Madra Update:** PL had attended the Rospa inspection of the playground Rospa`s main concern was the depth of the bark, which should be another 8”. The PC agreed to fund replacement bark (AY to source). The slide was old and a bit too high. It was agreed that the PC would make annual funding of £500 towards improving the play area, initially by replacing the slide. AY and PL would replace the broken post.

AY had the new lease which he would take to the solicitor. DH to write to Graham Quinton to tell him the PC would provide the bark, and more playground funding in the future. This should allow now for the signing of the lease.

- 7. Any Other Business:** AC reported that due to lack of footpath cutting by Highways, people were walking over the pea crop. AC had cut footpaths beside fields which were Highways responsibility. DH to write to Highways referring to letters from Highways to farmers threatening to sue them if paths for which they were responsible were not cut.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 6th September. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good summer break.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.