

**Minutes of a Meeting of Knapton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 7th October 2014 in Knapton Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Chairman David Bishop-Laggett

Present: David Bishop-Laggett (Chairman), Alan Young (Vice-Chairman), Mary Allen, Bea Gatfield, Peter Kaye, Pat Lee, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Bea Gatfield, Sue Wilkins.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting:** 2nd September, were approved, proposed PK seconded MA.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Finance:** The clerk reported a credit balance of £5540. This would reduce to £4995 after current payments had been made.
- 5. Footpath to Mundesley:** PL reported that he and AY had walked the proposed path. From Knapton to the Elephant Barn could be walked on the existing verge if this was cut and the hedge cut back. AY would ask Steve Hammond if he could do this. From the Elephant Barn the proposed path could be rotovated (PL could do this). There were still concerns about public liability, DH to check what the insurance company had said. If the path was set up in a very simple form, a `Village Walk` could be organised to tread it down and advertise it. Signs would have to be put and the path could be announced in the Knapton News.
- 6. Millennium Field:** DBL had spoken to Nicola Turner at NNDC. She believed the proposal for the field to be designated a village green had gone to the solicitors and a decision was expected before Christmas. DBL said as soon as a decision was made it was important that a meeting be held immediately in order that the wishes of the village (i.e. for bungalows rather than houses) be put to Victory Housing before their final plans were drawn up. AY reminded the meeting of the need for affordable housing for the young.
- 7. Land at Fourways, Mundesley.** Nothing had been heard from Mundesley Parish Council following their meeting at the end of September.

7a Madra: (i) PK had seen a solicitor who could draw up a simple lease but signatures were needed from two Madra Trustees. At the moment only one was available. There was a list of trustees on the Madra website, but without addresses. DH to write to Mr Quinton stating that unless the name and address of a second trustee (not Mrs Quinton) was provided within thirty days, the land would be withdrawn from Madra by Knapton PC. (ii) PL had spoken to Ceri Quinton who had confirmed that once the money had been received from the caravaners, Madra would be happy to donate half the cost of reinstating the swings (£300).

8. Correspondence Received: Was circulated.

9. Any Other Business: (i) The wreath for Remembrance Sunday had been received. (ii) PL reported that one allotment had been given up, but had been halved and shared with other allotments. One had not been tended and was about to be repossessed with a loss to the tenant of his deposit. One tenant had been unable to tend his allotment due to health issues, but it was hoped would be able to do so soon. Rents would be collected in October. (ii) AY reported that the Fete had made £1100. (ii) AY produced a footpath map done by Chris Heath, showing a walk all round Knapton. It was suggested that more maps (about 1000) should be printed for placing in the church and other public places. A `footpath` walk should be arranged. PL suggested large, laminated maps to be put on notice boards. These could be less costly in the end. (iii) PK told the meeting that the cabinet near the village sign was for high speed broadband. He believed the date for this had been postponed. DH to find out from NCC. (iv) PK reported that Pigneys Wood had been used for the Matthew Project and Elf School (children climbing trees etc under supervision). An article on this would be in the next Knapton News.

10. Date of next Meeting: 4th November.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Notes from the floor following the KPC meeting of 7th October 2014

- (i) Liz Winter asked if the PC request that the owner of White House Farm clear up the gravel which has spilled on to the road and is causing a hazard. DH to write.
- (ii) LW said the Knapton News would be out by the end of this month, and due to a number of articles available, there would be another edition before Christmas, deadline mid November.
- (iii) Workmen should shortly be seen at the church doing the initial opening up.
- (iv) The bank in Pond Lane had been cleared ready for bulb planting for Margaret Hicks centenary.
- (v) LW asked if DH could request the services of a road sweeper from NNDC. It was agreed that this would not be needed for a month or so, but NNDC needed advance notification.
- (vi) The local school had filled Knapton Church when celebrating harvest festival.
- (vii) Judy Arnold raised the question of free car parking. This was believed to be happening at the end of September, but so far charges were in place. It was possible that it applied to weekends only?