

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.40pm East Knoyle Village Hall

Councillors Present - Sue Entwistle (Chair), Neil Southerden, Deb Bateman, Ian Tait, David Pickering, Rob McCarthy, Garry Staunton.

Clerk - Martin Brown.

Guest – Cllr Bridget Wayman

Members of the Public present – Mrs S Sully, Mr M Burland, Mr E Coffin, Mr P Naish, Mr C Cox, Mr A Minton, Mr T Kenyon, Ms B Burland-Sully, Ms A Collins, Mr T Hoare, Mrs L Hoare.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs. Hugo Middleton, Ann Ambrose, Ann White
2. **Notices of Interest** – None
3. **Welcome to New Councillor** – Cllr Entwistle welcomed Cllr Garry Staunton to the Council.
4. **Public Open Forum** – Attendees expressed wish to speak on planning item 7i, so deferred to that item.
5. **Minutes of Parish Council AGM Meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2024** – Proposed Cllr McCarthy / Seconded Cllr Tait- Approved and Signed as a true record.
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6. **Matters Arising** –
 - i. Ownership of allotments by A350 still to be confirmed with Clouds Estate to determine water bill liability.
 - ii. Update on work by WC Gully Crew requested as did not seem to carry out works identified.
 - iii. Update on approach to Cranborne Chase re Windmill area required,

Actions – 1) Allotments ownership – Clerk 2) Gully Crew – Cllr McCarthy

3) Cranborne Chase/Windmill – Cllr Ambrose.

7. **Planning Applications:**
 - i. **PL/2024/03185 - Land off Millbrook Lane, East Knoyle - Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings plus access, car parking and associated works with all matters reserved except for access. Outline planning permission: Some matters reserved.** Members of the public spoke about the application prior to Council discussions. Council unanimous decision - Object
 - ii. **PL/2024/03745 - ST MARYS CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, EAST KNOYLE, SP3 6AE - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area, Ash Suffering from ash die back: Fell to approx. two meters.** Council unanimous decision - Support

Note – Planning Applications and any comments submitted by East Knoyle Parish Council are available on the Wiltshire Council website – under Planning and Building Applications.

8. **Bridget Wayman's Report**
 - i. A350 Tree replanting - Wiltshire Council is to do more at the next replanting season to replace the diseased trees recently removed.
 - ii. A350 Speed measuring is to be continued.
 - iii. Celebrating Age Wiltshire Event – East Knoyle 27 June 24 – advertise.
9. **Highways – Update from Cllr McCarthy**
 - i. Lane from the pub down to Touchorne Lane has been resurfaced at the end repairing some major potholes; Wise Lane between Clouds and top of hill being repaired Friday May 3rd; Underhill has been patched up - a bit: A number of recent fly tips have been cleared by WCC apart from the one on the B3089 that is down to the landowner; Touchorne Lane past Manor Farmhouse repairs are ongoing: Holloway up to Sandpit repairs ongoing: Underhill repairs ongoing; White line repaints ongoing; Speed limit reduction on A350 by pass and through Turnpike ongoing.
 - ii. The County of Wiltshire (B3089, East Knoyle) (Weight Restriction) Order 2024 – Cllr Wayman kindly explained that this order received by EKPC was seemingly to increase the weight limit on the road to allow Highways access for the proposed salt depot.

10. **Finance**

- I. Cash Book reconciliation – start of the new financial year – precept payment included.
- II. Payments due for approval – WALC membership, Village Hall flooring (with conditions), zip wire service, Grass cutting, clerk salary all approved. Proposed Cllr Tait/Seconded Cllr McCarthy.

Action – Clerk to contact VH re conditions for flooring payment

11. **Village Hall Update** – Nothing to report.

12. **Post Office & Village Shop** – Nothing to report

13. **Vacancy for Parish Councillor** – Clerk reported that the advert had been posted on notice boards and the EK Website. Deadline for applications is 1200 Friday 10 May.

14. **KHG/Playground** –

- i. Review plans for maintenance and improvement – Working Group of Cllr Staunton, Clerk, Mr C Cox and Mr A Entwistle are to meet w/c 6 May to finalise plan for works, including purchase of wood chip. Zip wire inspection and service due Friday 3 May.
- ii. Knoyle House Grounds Playground Appeal. We have received some very generous donations (majority wishing to remain anonymous) which means that we have enough funds to start work now.

15. **Defibrillator** –

- i. Handover of administration deferred.
- ii. Training organised for 30 April was cancelled due to injury to presenter.

Actions – Clerk/Mr Brian Williamson look for alternative training.

16. **Possible Village Events** –

- i. Newsletter 50th Birthday – The Windmill, June 24 – Mr T Kenyon requested that the organisers be granted permission to hold a community event on Saturday 24 June. As for the community event last year the organisers will need to provide evidence that the event is fully insured and that all necessary H&S considerations are in place, as well as providing wc facilities. Clerk informed the PC that he would not have time to assist in the administration of the event. Cllr Bateman offered to be the PC representative and to ensure that the organisers meet all the criteria requested by the PC for their insurers. Application to use the Windmill area was approved – Proposed Cllr Bateman / Seconded Cllr Tait.
- ii. Potential Village event with PCC – 8th September 24 – Mr John Reading submitted an outline plan for a village event to be held around the area of the Village Hall and requested support from EKPC. It was agreed that EKPC would be represented by Cllr Bateman for the immediate future and that Cllr Middleton would be asked to take over on his return to the UK.

Action – 1) Clerk to confirm EKPC responsibilities to Cllr Bateman/Organisers 2) Clerk to inform Mr Reading of agreement in principle and council representative.

17. **Correspondence Received** –

- i. TISBUS – request received to support the application by TISBUS for a WC Community Area Grant, but not to offer a donation at this stage.

ACTION – Clerk to inform TISBUS and write letter of support

18. **Urgent Items** – none submitted

19. **Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 7.30pm East Knoyle Village Hall**

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Signed as a true Record*Sue Entwistle*..... Chair

Date5th June 2024.....

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