

# East Knoyle Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm, 2011 at East Knoyle Village Hall

### Present

Cllr Booth Chairman, Cllrs Garrett, Dawson, Southerden, Webster, Wharton, Coffin, Hyde, Campbell.

1. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** - Information and Questions from the Public. None
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Wilson.
3. **Notices of Interest.** None
4. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011.** Signed as a true record.
5. **Matters arising.** Items 7 damaged gates, tenant has been asked to effect repairs which have not been carried out yet. Co-option of village hall councilors still not complete. Cllr Booth advised George Powell had not made the £500 donation to PC funds, as promised following Underhill festival.
6. **Complete Cooption of Deborah Bateman to PC following resignation of Dennis Drake.** Chairman invited Deborah to join the committee and Clerk issued forms to be signed to complete procedure. Forms placed on file.
7. **Chairman's Report.** Chairman report was brief as summer was a historically quiet time. Chairman reported there was some work to do concerning the standard of grass cutting by contractors and this would be done in due course.
8. **Committee Reports from respective Chairmen of:**
  - **Planning Committee.** No report
  - **Common Lands, Highways and Rights-of-Way Committee.** Cllr Hyde reported a meeting of committee 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug at which grass cutting was discussed together with risk assessment procedures for trees on common lands. A new more robust process to be introduced at the next meeting by Clerk. Mrs Godfrey had reported a tree had fallen from her land into PC owned common land and she was given permission to remove it. Progress has been made with location of a new piece of land for allotments details very soon.
  - **Finance Committee.** Finances in good shape, Cllr Dawson gave details of conversation Clerk had with auditors with reference to the level of money being carried from one year to another. In the view of the auditor (Mazars) it was too much and as such we may need to spend a little of it before the end of the year. Cllr Dawson proceeded to outline potential areas of spending and it was agreed, after discussion, that the PC would authorize spending on the following areas before financial year end .  
1 Two Grit Bins for Park Houses and Milton, 2 Professional rent and land review by Gilyard Scarth, 3 Two new notice boards 4 To transfer £1000 into KHG account Proposed by Cllr Dawson seconded by Cllr Southerden.  
Other areas of spending would be looked at as the year went by. Cllr Dawson also reported that a letter from Anne-Marie Dean had advised the newsletter was now self funding and no contribution would be needed from PC this year. Cllr Dawson thanked Anne-Marie for her splendid work.
9. **Other Reports from Councilors' with Special Responsibilities for:**
  - **Wiltshire County Council County-** Cllr Wayman reported that dog waste bins can now be bought from Wilts Council for £3. Bridget also reported a new complaint about surface noise from A350. Bridget also thought that the current discussions in the press concerning changing planning regulations may not be as worrying as some

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thought and that the AONB may give us some protection from unwanted development, also our work on Core Strategy would stand S Wilts in good stead..

- **Village Hall Management Committee.** Cllr Webster advised no progress on filling vacancies since last meeting.

- **East Knoyle Community Shop Association.** Cllr Coffin reported 5<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations had gone well with July revenue up on previous year. Visitors book has proved to be successful and has yielded many nice comments. Volunteers are still needed and there is an unhealthy dependence on a few key individuals .A working party is to be established to give the outside of the shop a facelift ,volunteers needed for this also.

- **Mere Police Richard Salter.** Richard Salter gave details of new working patterns which meant that future PC meetings would not be regularly attended by the Police. The Police Bulletins would carry most topical Police news however. From 4<sup>th</sup> Oct future 999 calls would be answered at Salisbury not Warminster and Richard was trying to contact George Powell, Underhill festival organizer to clear up a few outstanding issues.

- **Youth Group.** Cllr Wharton said that church summer activity schedule had been a success and 50 5-11 year olds attended summer activities including a den building session recently. A Cycle rack was needed for outside KHG play area and Bob Bourne was working on a replacement pole for the new play area. Clerk to write to Youth club trustees to invite them to next meeting for a discussion on funds held.

**9 Gritting and Grit Bins during the cold spell.** Cllr Dawson ,who had asked for this issue to be raised ,highlighted the need for at least 2 new grit bins to be placed in Milton and on Church Rd. Council voted to purchase two new bins, Clerk to arrange and to remind villagers that the grit was for the road surfaces not for personal use.

**10 Results of Housing Survey Victoria St John- James .Development Officer** Victoria issued copies of the report and asked that the council consider the recommendations and propose which action it would like to follow. This matter to be an agenda item at next meeting.

**11 Manorial Waste** Cllr Booth gave details of letter received from Alistair concerning fencing of section of land in Upton. Chairman to check with WALC for correct procedure on Marorial waste with Clerk to write back to Mr Hammond.

**12 Underhill Festival –Post festival developments.** Cllr Booth reported two letters of complaint had been received, Cllr Wayman notified of another .George Powell had not been contactable since the festival had ended. Cllr Dawson reported on very inconsistent noise levels probably due to the noise being funneled by land contours and Cllr Dawson had not received the flyer Mr Powell had indicated everyone within 1.5km of the site would receive.However Cllr Coffin and Southerden had received a flyer. More feed back once Mr Powell had been in contact.

**13 KHG Play area incident 3-9-11** Clerk reported on the incident on new zip wire in KHG recently. The accident had been caused by over exuberant play not by any fault in the equipment and this was noted in the Para-Medics report. Bob Bourne had been on site during the incident and had spoken to the child’s parents who confirmed the cause of the accident in which their child was taken to hospital, an ambulance and an air ambulance were on site. A safety inspection of the equipment had been carried out on 24<sup>th</sup> April following installation .A play at own risk sign to be placed in KHG,Cllr Booth to arrange.

**14 Anne-Marie Dean-Good Neighbor Scheme-** Anne-Marie gave details of the scheme to help elderly people remain independent and self sufficient in their own homes. Local reps, of which Anne-Marie was now one would help elderly or vulnerable in the community get the support they need by pointing them in the right direction of those who can help. Anne-Marie will be visiting groups and meetings in the area to raise

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awareness of this scheme. Anne –Marie will be covering East and West Knoyle, Chilmark, Teffont, Hindon and other local settlements.

**15 Correspondence-** Paul Knocker had written drawing our attention to Dorset plans for a massive wind turbine scheme on the edge of the Blackmoor Vale and urged the PC to keep a close eye on developments. Cllr Wayman advised details of the scheme could be seen on the Dorset web site.

**16 Siting of new notice Board** Two new notice boards to be commissioned one for Park Houses and one to replace very old worn our board at the Green –Clerk to approach Martin Snell .

**17 AOB** Cllr Booth advised prices had been obtained for new Gazebo, details to be discussed at next meeting.

**Meeting Close 9.45pm**

**Next Meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**Chairman..... Date.....**