

East Knoyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council on Tuesday 9th November 7.30pm, 2011 at East Knoyle Village Hall

Present

Cllr Booth Chairman, Cllrs Garrett, Dawson, Southerden , Wharton , Bateman

1. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** - Information and Questions from the Public. None
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs Hyde, Coffin, Campbell.
3. **Notices of Interest.** None
4. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th Sept 2011.** Signed as a true record
5. **Matters arising.** Chairman reported organizer of Underhill festival had not made contact in reference to the donation to PC funds. Cllr Southerden asked about progress with Allotments and was advised of the meeting 26th Nov with interested parties. Chairman also asked that risk assessment forms be issued to all Council members not just Common Lands members. Clerk to organize this.
6. **Chairman's Report.** Chairman advised his activities had included meetings with Richard Keenlyside reference Common Lands asset valuation and also a meeting with rights of way officer regarding blocked footpaths.
7. **Committee Reports from respective Chairmen of:**
 - **Planning Committee.** The Committee had met twice Chairman not present to give report.
 - **Common Lands, Highways and Rights-of-Way Committee.** Cllr Hyde not present but Chairman gave details of Coppicing project and outlined that there was a cost of £750 to the PC. Councilors voted unanimously to proceed with this initiative. Lucy Cowles to be informed.
 - **Finance Committee.** See item 9
8. **Other Reports from Councilors' with Special Responsibilities for:**
 - **Wiltshire County Council County** - Not Present.
 - **Village Hall Management Committee.** Cllr Webster not present no report.
 - **East Knoyle Community Shop Association.** Cllr Coffin was absent but Clerk read out a shortened version of her report outlining concerns for the future of the shop and in particular the pressure under which Janine had been recently. Cllr Booth said that he would offer our support at the next shop meeting and Cllr Southerden raised the matter of succession planning which he considered to be vitally important in the case of the shop.
 - **Neighborhood Watch.** No members of the Police present but Chairman advised a meeting of the Neighborhood watch team was imminent.
 - **Youth Group.** Cllr Wharton gave details of the summer activities in which 25 youngsters had participated. A visit to the Ice skating arena was planned for December. Clerk to write to Rev Morgan to ask that youth activities be put in newsletter and enquire as to the number of East Knoyle youngsters who had attended the summer activities.
- 9 **Agree Budget/Precept request for 2012/2013.** Cllr Dawson ran through the budget discussions that had taken place at Finance meeting and summarized the Councils strategy for next year. Grants to Village organizations would be maintained and precept request would be maintained at £7000. Any overspend next year to be taken from reserves. The Committee agreed to maintain shop rent at current levels in the next financial year Budget was adopted by the Council, proposed by Cllr Dawson , Seconded by Cllr Southerden.
- 10 **Coppicing Windmill Hill-** See item 7, Council voted to accept proposal.

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11 Shop Rent Review and Common Lands Valuation- Chairman thanked Richard Keenlyside of Gilyard Scarth for his report which would be placed on file. Council voted to maintain shop rent at current levels ,proposed Cllr Wharton ,seconded Cllr Dawson

12 Discuss placing of Grit Bin. Following a discussion it was decided the grit bin should be placed on bank opposite Seymour Arms.

13 Discuss Shop request to display fruit and Veg outside shop-Letter from Paul Egginton. It was agreed that there were no issues preventing this and that the shop should proceed with this initiative. Several other issues raised in the letter from Paul had been dealt with by the Chairman ,these mostly concerned work carried out by contractors.

14 Manorial Waste –Letter from Paul Egginton- Chairman has looked into this matter and has discovered that local council has the right to police this land. Paul would like to buy this piece of land but in the meantime the Chairman will look at the cost of a professional review of these sections of land that lie around the village. Clerk to write holding letter to Paul Egginton asking him to remove the fencing until the matter is resolved.

15 Young peoples initiative- Clerk to follow up discussion with Martin Snell to assess progress on releasing youth club funds.

16 Purchase of Marquee/Gazebo – Good tent has been found, Chairman to see if it is still possible for shop to go 50/50 with PC on purchase of this item.

17 Big Stink Petition –Stanley Wilson not present but Chairman will meet with Stanley to agree contents of letter to be sent to local MP, other interested parties and Alistair Hammond.300 signatures have been collected.

18 Jubilee Celebrations- Cllr Booth has sought and received beacon status for a fire on Windmill Hill. Clerk has obtained guidelines for PC spending on this event.

19 Results of Housing Survey-Chairman has asked Wiltshire Land Trust to attend next PC meeting to discuss the way forward with this scheme.

20 AOB Chairman asked Cllr Bateman to join Common Lands and Finance Committees, Cllr Bateman accepted these posts. Cllr Wharton asked about the lack of activity on footpaths running up to Church from Village centre. Cllr Booth reported estate would not fix problems as it was tenant’s responsibility but that he would be bringing pressure to bear on Philip Kirk as the situation was clearly out of hand. Clerk to write to Mr Kirk at Marlborough Office.

Clerk to purchase bike racks for KHG. Cllr Dawson asked if the land purchased at Clouds crossroads (Hilly Ground) had been registered as common land, Chairman though not, Clerk to register this land .

Clerk showed Cllr Dawson copy of letter to Mr Crotty addressing his query over parking at the Windmill.

Meeting Close 9.18pm

Next Meeting Jan 11th 2011

Chairman..... Date.....