

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Tuesday 8th March 2011 at 19.30

Present, Cllr Ward, Cllr Lawson (chairman), Cllr Doyle, Cllr Keay, Cllr Jones

Clerk: P. O'Hagan.

1 member or the public present

Cllr Walpole,

Laura Viner Community Support Officer attended

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Roberts – working

RESOLVED to accept the apologies and reasons for absence

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Section 50-52 of the Local Government Act and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001.

None

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION with respect to items on the agenda or of relevance to the parish.

None

4 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 11th January 2011 and 10th February 2011

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the 11/1/11 and 10/2/11 and they were duly signed as a true record.

5 REPORTS – Shropshire Council – Cllr Walpole gave his report which included an update on proposed school closures and he reported that the new leisure centre in Oswestry will be open in late July. The Clerk raised the issue of Shropshire Council ceasing to provide free ink and paper to Clerks and she was asked to put her concerns in writing to ALC requesting that they ask for a rethink by Shropshire Council on this policy.

Police – Laura Viner CSO for the area introduced herself and updated on crimes in the area. She reported that speeding checks will be taking place in the area in the next couple of months.

Local Joint Committee – Dave Ward gave his report on the recent LJC and reported that a grant had been awarded to install a number of kissing gates on rights of way in the parish which would create an easy access route. He also reported that he had attended a meeting to look at

problems of traffic on the A483 and reported that the parish council has been asked of their view on the idea to ban right hand turns out of Maesbury Road industrial estate to help improve the safety at the junction. Following a discussion it was AGREED that more information is required on the idea before it can be considered in full.

185/11 PARISH MATTERS

a) Parish Wires – to consider project to put electricity wires supplying properties in the parish underground. The Clerk reported that she had not been able to find out much information on this issue and it was suggested that Steve Oakley could help. A letter from the National Grid concerning proposed new routes of pylons carrying electric transmission cables to connect electricity created by wind farms in Wales with existing pylons was considered. Following a discussion on the affect the proposals could have on the parish it was AGREED that Cllr Doyle and Cllr Keay attend an initial consultation at Shire Hall for Parish Councillors and that all Cllr's try to attend a local road-show so that a response can be AGREED at the May meeting. The Clerk was asked to discuss with the Telescope committee the best way to ascertain the views of parishioners on the proposals prior to the May meeting.

b) Church View Parking Project – It was reported that this project is now going ahead and the money has been allocated by Shropshire Council. The Clerk was asked to confirm details of the project with Highways staff at Shropshire Council.

c) Jubilee Chair – The Clerk reported that she had received an email from James Squier stating that “The consultant engineer had reported that there has been insignificant movement of the structure of the chair. Accordingly we do not consider it sensible to carry out any works to the structure. Some lime mortar repointing has been carried to keep moisture out of the stonework” **RESOLVED** to note the report.

186/11 PLANNING MATTERS

a) PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS FOR INFORMATION

10/05252/FUL 10/05251/LBC - Ivy House Farm, Knockin, Conversion of existing buildings into two residential dwellings to include the erection of a two storey extension to 'The Granary' with detached garage and store; erection of a detached 4 bedroomed dwelling, change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage; erection of a new farm building and refurbishment of roofs of two existing buildings following demolition of existing dutch barn, silo and modern farm building (access previously approved under reference 09/01551/FUL) – pending consideration.

09/05166/FUL, Old School House Knockin, Erection of a two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing single storey extension - granted

11/00045/FUL Brooklyn Knockin SY10 8HJ Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear - Pending Consideration

10/05625/FUL Little Heath Farm Weirbrook Alterations and additions to include 2 storey and single storey extensions, retention of single storey music room following demolition of fire damaged structure –Pending Consideration

b) PLANNING MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

09/01552/FUL – Ivy House Farm rebuilding of the wall – Clerk reported she had spoken to the planning officer and the application was proceeding and that the comments of the Parish Council were being taken into consideration.

10/05625/FUL Little Heath Farm, Weirbrook – to consider correspondence from the agent, The letter from the agent was read out and following a discussion the Parish Council AGREED that there was no need to change their objection to the application and the comments of the letter were noted.

c) To consider applications received after the agenda has been sent out

None

d) Consultation Draft Supplementary planning document SPD on Draft Sustainable Design and draft SPD on developer contributions –

It was AGREED that the following comment would be submitted
Knockin Parish Council consider that the Parish Plan should be referred to when considering allocation of funds from the levy for community use.

e) Planning Training 14/3/11 and 24/3/11– to nominate representative to attend Cllr Lawson to attend training on 14th and Cllr Ward will attend on the 24th March.

187/11 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Income

£500 – Parish Paths Partnership Grant

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval – RESOLVED to make the following payments

Assembly rooms Hire £28 (February and March)

Ian Cullep Smith bus shelter cleaning, general maintenance £98

P O’Hagan Salary £498.74

HMRC £124.60

P O’Hagan – expenses £65.84

Knockin Amenity Area Lease £15

c) To consider other payments received after the agenda has been sent out

none

d) To appoint internal auditor for 2010-11 and consider the effectiveness of the Council’s internal audit procedures along with the Councils risk assessment policy for 2011-12

RESOLVED to appoint Mr B Townson as Parish Council’s internal auditor and the effectiveness of the parishes internal audit controls were considered and it was AGREED that Cllr Doyle would continue to carry out 6 monthly checks on the invoices and reconciliations. The Councils Risk Assessment Policy for 2011-12 was also considered and AGREED.

- 188/11 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**
- a) **Emergency Planning Briefing** – to nominate councillor to attend, none available
 - b) **Local Council Highway Maintenance Grant** – it was AGREED to submit an application for the sum of £500
- 189/11 HIGHWAYS**
- a) **Parish Speed Visor** – for update on Parish consultation and proposals for installation of a speed visor in the parish in the 30mph limit. The Clerk reported that so far 11 responses against the raising of the precept to part fund a speed visor had been received that all stated that they did not agree with the proposal. Cllr Ward reported that it now seemed that all the funding could be found from different allocations in Shropshire Council so there should not be a need to increase the precept. A discussion took place on the best location for the sign and it was AGREED to request that it be located in the 30mph zone near the Jubilee Chair for traffic entering the village.
- b) **Rights of Way** -To receive an update on the easy access route and Parish Paths Partnership project. Cllr Ward read out the Parish Paths partnership report and reported that £2000 had been awarded by the LJC for the kissing gate project, additional funds had also been allocated from the Parish Paths Project.
- 190/11 CORRESPONDENCE**
- To consider list of correspondence received since last meeting **RESOLVED** to note
- Shropshire Council
 - Local Joint committee papers
 - Register of Electors monthly update
 - Severn hospice – request for funds
 - Knockin Lunch Club – thank you letter for grant
- ALC**
- Legal Topic note – byelaws and information transparency
- 191/11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – 10/5/11 Annual Parish Meeting