

# KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a special meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 19.30  
Present, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Ward, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Roberts (chairman), Cllr Moseley  
Clerk: P. O'Hagan,  
14 members of the public present.

**1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Keay, Cllr Jones

**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.

**3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION** – with respect to items on the agenda Cllr Moseley declared a prejudicial interest as one of the sites she owns was represented in the document. A member of the public stated that they were pleased to receive the questionnaire, the Chairman then agreed to take comments from the public throughout the meeting when each section of the document was considered.

**153/10 SITE ALLOCATIONS and MANAGEMENT of DEVELOPMENT DPD (SAMDEV) issues and options –**

The results of the questionnaire sent to all electors were presented by Cllr Ward and considered it was **RESOLVED** that the following comments be submitted

**Question B1. In your view, which villages should be considered for status as “Community Hubs” or “Community Clusters, and why?**

Knockin should be either a Community cluster with Kinnerley and its outlying settlements or a community hub

**Reasons**

- Knockin shares a number of key services with Kinnerley Parish –Children from Knockin attend Kinnerley School and attend Kinnerley with Knockin playgroup. Other joint services shared with Kinnerley include the doctors surgery (in Knockin) and various sports clubs. The Parish Council feel that a case could be made for the parish to be considered a cluster with Kinnerley
- However Knockin also has a number of key services based in the parish including a shop and post office, village hall, pub, church, bus service and a number of local groups and the parish council consider that the Parish could also stand alone as a hub if necessary
- Regardless of whether the Parish is viewed as a hub or a cluster the Parish Council believe that the Parish should have development in the future to sustain it as a viable community. However the Council are unable to put a figure on the actual number of houses that should be built.

- In order to formulate this response a questionnaire was sent out to all parishioners asking what rate of development they would like to see in the parish and the majority response was that residents would like the rate of development to be slightly lower than the rate in the past
- The Council feel that affordability and type of housing are also important issues that need to be considering when looking at future development. More small houses are needed to attract younger people into the community.

### **Question B3.**

#### **What are your priorities for local infrastructure investment in each settlement, in association with new development?**

- Children's play area.
- Traffic calming measures, formal crossing area to enable residents from Church Road side of the village to access facilities including the shop, pub and village hall
- Affordability and a good mix of size and type of housing is needed
- Improvements to the Assembly Rooms to upgrade facilities

### **Question B4**

#### **What type of sites would be appropriate in each one?**

- A number of small allocations

### **Question B5 should the Parish have a development boundary**

- Yes

### **Question B6. For each settlement with a map, what is the best direction(s) for their future growth?**

- In the questionnaire on this issue sent to all parishioners in June 2010 no clear directions for growth were identified so the Parish Council are unable to comment on a direction for growth.

### **Question B7. Should any sites be identified for economic development / employment use? If so, where should provision be made?**

- The development of new industries and additions to existing industries which would create significant additional generation of heavy good vehicles will not normally be allowed in the rural area unless they are located on sites which have convenient access to the Primary Route Network and which do not necessitate the passage of vehicles through residential areas.

### **Question B8. Where you live, what open spaces or environmental features are particularly valued and should be protected and/or enhanced?**

- Knockin already has a dedicated Conservation area and this needs to be protected as it has a number of important features including the Village Pound, The Black Brook and Sheep Dip and Jubilee Chair
- The Cricket pitch on Kinnerley Road is also a key feature and it is important that this should be designated as a playing field

- The Parish also has an important Byway Open to All Traffic known locally as Rolly Lane

**Question B10. Are there any other issues that we should take account of?**

- The Bradford Arms Pub is a vital part of the parish and applications for change of use should be resisted.

**5 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting closed at 20.30.**