

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present, Cllr Roberts (chairman), Cllr Doyle, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ward, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Keay, Cllr Lawson
Clerk: P. O'Hagan.

5 members of the public present

Sam Metson from Bidwells property consultants Agents representing the Bradford Estate gave a short presentation at the beginning of the meeting on future development options for Knockin Parish

Mr Metson reported that Bradford Estate had identified 2 potential sites for development which are

1. The land behind the war memorial which could hold 15-18 houses along with the creation of a memorial garden
2. Land off Kinnerley road adjacent to the doctor's surgery which has the capacity for 30 dwellings, however he considered that it would be unrealistic that the whole site will be put forward for development.

It was reported that consultants are currently carrying out phase 1 studies of environmental and archaeological features on both sites and nothing of note has been found so far

In addition to this it was reported that there may be some scope to develop the land behind the old post office in partnership with another land owner which could include the amenity area

The next round of consultations which will include Shropshire Council's preferred sites for development in the parish and this will take place during the early part of 2012.

A discussion took place with regard to the pros and cons of both of the sites including the impact that additional traffic on Kinnerley Road would have on existing residents and pedestrians' accessing the doctors as it is already a problem.

A discussion took place on the need to repair of parish walls as they are in a poor state of repair and it was felt that this could be identified as a potential project to spend any community infrastructure levy generated from new development in the parish on.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

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 13th September 2011**
RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the 13/9/11 and they were duly signed as a true record

5 **REPORTS**

Shropshire Council – Cllr Warpole gave his report which included an update on changes to the council, he reported that employees contracts have been changed and the first phase of the staff salary cuts have been implemented. The vehicle activated sign will be up in the next few weeks with Knockin having use of it first. He also reported that the road bridge in Llanymynech will have a 7.5 tonnes weight restriction imposed as it need some essential works. Cllr Ward raised the problem that residents are not being consulted when trees are being felled in the parish as a number of important trees in the Avenue had been felled recently. Cllr Warpole agreed to find out more information on this matter

Police – none

Local Joint Committee – Cllr Roberts reported that he had attended this meeting which focussed on broadband provision locally and some questions were raised as to how the broadband survey was being promoted to residents. Cllr Roberts also attended an area LJC at the Marches School which focussed on health.

Other - none

6 **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Planning Application decisions for Information

11/03834/FUL Unit 1, Knockin Egg Farm, Maesbrook, Shropshire Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels - *granted*

11/03836/FUL Unit 23 Knockin Egg Farm Maesbrook, Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels - *granted*

11/03835/FUL Unit 7 Knockin Egg Farm Maesbrook Shropshire Ref. No: Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic panels - *granted*

b) Planning matters for discussion - *None at time of printing the agenda*

c) To consider applications received after the agenda has been sent out - none

d) Delivering Local Priorities through Partnership Working – to consider letter on Community Infrastructure Levy from Shropshire Council. Cllr Lawson and Cllr Moseley AGREED to attend the workshop on the Levy and that the annual review of the infrastructure priorities for the parish would be deferred until the January meeting

7 **FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) Income

Great Ness and little Ness Parish Council £160 (contribution to clerks training)

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council £ 316 (contribution to clerks training)

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval

RESOLVED to make the following payments

Payee	Amount	Chq number
Knockin assembly Room Hire	£14	10146
Scottish Power (electricity charges)	£33.86	10143
Graham Taylor		10144
Amenity Area grasscutting	£450	
Black brook and sheep dip grasscutting	£192	
Tree pruning black brook	£18	
Total	£660	

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

RESOLVED to make the following payments

Payee	Amount	Chq number
Ian Cullep Smith	£32	10145
The Enterprise poppy wreath (s137)	£15	10147

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PARISH MATTERS

a) Knockin Heath Business Park– To consider correspondence from neighbours of the former greyhound plant concerned about operations on the site. Cllr Warpole reported that things are progressing on this issue. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to Matthew Farmer outlining the concerns of the Council in relation to the noise and stone crushing activities taking place on the site.

b) Mid Wales Connection Project – to receive a report on Infrastructure Planning Committee Meeting and National Grid update meeting held 19/10/11. Cllr Ward and Cllr Roberts attended this meeting and reported that the preferred route will be announced in the Spring. The IPC event was also useful and provided information on the decision making process.

c) Improving partnership working with Parish Councils – to consider letter from Shropshire Council and to receive a report from the meeting held on 1/11/11 Cllr Keay gave a report on this meeting which was noted.

d) Knockin Amenity Area – to discuss licence agreement and to consider options with regard to the possible purchase of the land for the community. A letter had been received signed by a number of young people and parents which highlighted the importance of the amenity area to them. It was however reported that no update was available as the landowners are not currently in a position to make a decision on the future of the amenity area. It was AGREED that this item would be deferred until a formal response has been received from the landowners.

e) New Footway between Rolly Lane and the Pound – to consider request to create a new footway to link Rolly Lane with the footway outside Ivy House Farm. Cllr Roberts proposed this item requested that the Parish Council consider the feasibility of creating a new footway and it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Steve Oakley for his opinion on this idea.

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HIGHWAYS

- a) **Parish Speed Visor** – for update on progress on the speed visor project. It was reported that the visor would be in place soon and the Clerk was asked to request that priority is given to Knockin to have the visor over the summer as it is a main route for holiday traffic.
- b) **Rights of Way** -To receive an update on the Parish Paths Partnership project.

10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**To consider list of correspondence received since last meeting –
RESOLVED to note the following items**

Department of Health's new *Be Clear On Cancer* campaign – toolkit

Ofsted Press Office – press release on new online questionnaire that will allow parents and carers to give their views on their child's school at any time of the year.

Shropshire Council

Notification of changes to garden waste collection service

Draft Development Management Member Training programme

Highways Agency and Shropshire Council Liaison Meeting 20 July 2011 Minutes

Notice of closure of Ifton Heath primary School

LJC committee papers

Severn Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) - consultation on a proposal to restructure the RFCC in Midlands into two new committees based on the English Severn and Wye catchments, and the Trent Catchment

SLCC – notification of promotions for members

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper – request for funds

National Grid Mid Wales Connection Project – Project News and invitation to a project briefing on 19/10/11 at The Lord hill Hotel, Shrewsbury 6-8pm

Items circulated via email

NALC

Guide on how to respond to planning applications

NALC updates including power of well being, Code of conduct and data protection information (via email)

Boundary Commission for England – 2012 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

Information Commissioners Office Confirmation of renewal

ALC

Training information

AGM papers including proposal for Kinlet PC to revert to name of Shropshire Association of Local Councils

Information Commissioners office – confirmation of renewal of register entry

Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide to taking part

Came and Company – Parish Matters Autumn

Shropshire Community Council – Information on fuel buying scheme.

11 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** - Meeting ended 9pm, next meeting 10/1/12