

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Tuesday 18th May 2011 at 20.30

Present, Cllr Ward, Cllr Roberts (chairman), Cllr Doyle, Cllr Keay, Cllr Jones Cllr Moseley

Clerk: P. O'Hagan.

4 members of the public present

1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2011/12

i to elect a chairman – Cllr Roberts

ii to elect a vice chairman – Cllr Lawson

2 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE duly signed

3 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Miranda Lawson – away

Cllr Ward – working away.

RESOLVED to accept the apologies and reasons for absence

4 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

It was AGREED to appoint the following Councillors onto parish committees

a) ALC Local Area Committee – Chairman

b) Assembly Rooms Committee – Cllr Moseley

c) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Lawson, Ian Powell

d) Emergency planning officer – to ask in Knockin Shop Sandy Norton

e) Parish Paths Partnership Officer – Pam Ward

f) Local Joint Committee – Cllr Ward for the June meeting only. It was AGREED that a representative would be nominated at the July meeting of the Council

g) Helicopter liaison Group – Cllr Lawson

5 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

6 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8/3/11

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the 8/3/11 and they were duly signed as a true record.

192/11 PARISH MATTERS

a) **Parish Wires** – The Clerk reported that she had made some enquiries into this project and was

awaiting a response from Scottish Power.

b) Church View Parking Project – It was reported that this project has now been completed

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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 bed roomed 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)

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

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 - granted

11/00899/COU The Waen Knockin SY10 8HR Use of existing building for parking of Parish Mini Buses and for maintenance purposes – granted.

b) PLANNING MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

None received at time of publishing agenda

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

None

d) Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan and Local Infrastructure Priorities – to agree a date for a special Parish Council meeting to consider items to be included as Local Infrastructure Priorities for the Parish. Following a discussion on this item it was AGREED that this item would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting and that Tim Morris from Shropshire Council would be invited to attend the meeting to give a n update on the process.

e) Planning Training – no report

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FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Income

Precept £4670

HMRC refund £175.20

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval

RESOLVED to make the following payments

Communicorp (Clerks and Councils Direct subscription) £11

ALC subscription £118.24

Knockin Assembly Room Hire £14

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

RESOLVED to make the following payments

Ian Cullup Smith - £90

Penny O'Hagan annual equipment depreciation and home office contribution £70

B. Townson Internal Audit £100

d) Other

To approve the following

1. 2010/11 accounts, was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for 2010/11 along with the final budget breakdown.
2. To consider internal auditors report and to discuss internal audit procedures for 2011-12 The Internal auditors report was discussed and noted that no major issues were raised. The effectiveness of the internal audit was considered and it was **AGREED** that Cllr Doyle would continue to check the bank statements and reconciliation on a six monthly basis and to report back to the council.
3. To consider the annual governance statement of the annual return. The Annual Governance statement was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to answer yes was answered to all applicable questions in section 2 of the 2010/11 annual return.

e). Parish Council Insurance – to consider quote from Aviva £300.38. The insurance was reviewed and it was **AGREED** to renew the insurance with Aviva

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

National Grid Route Corridor Proposals – To agree a response from Knockin Parish Council on the route corridor proposals (following a discussion during Annual Parish Meeting)

It was **AGREED** to submit the following response.

Knockin Parish Council has considered the consultation by National Grid on the Mid Wales Connection Project and the Parish Council does not support any of the proposed route corridors put forward by National Grid as part of the consultation. They consider that all the proposed routes will have a detrimental impact on the countryside and communities of Shropshire and Mid Wales. Furthermore the Parish Council insist that any route running through Shropshire must be placed underground.

Objections with regard to all route corridors

1. Pylons are Visually Damaging in the Landscape and are Inappropriate Development in Open Countryside.
2. Loss of Employment for Counties tourism industries.
3. Loss of valuable High Quality Agricultural Land.
4. The development does NOT Preserve or Enhance the Area in fact the pylons will constitute over development of the countryside.
5. The Parish Council consider that there are a number of Health Risks related to the erection of electricity pylons near dwellings.

In regard to the route corridor *encompassing purple route North and South* the Parish Council has the following specific objections

1. The installation of pylons in the Parish will have a negative effect on tourism which will create adverse impact on the local economy affecting particularly caravan and camping sites, B & B facilities, local pubs.
2. The Pylons will be Incompatible with the Rural Character of Knockin Parish.
3. The visual impact of the pylons will be harmful to the natural beauty of the Parish
4. Pylons will dominate nearby homes and other public buildings and therefore could threaten the viability and vitality of our settlements.
5. The pylons will be a danger to helicopters flying from Nesscliffe Army Camp.
6. The airport at Sandford would be directly affected by the pylons.
7. The route is directly in the path of Knockin Telescope which is part of the Jodrell Bank telescope network

In addition to these objections the installation of Pylons across Knockin Parish will detract from the historic and architectural value of the Listed Buildings in the parish especially as Knockin is classified as a Conservation Area.

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HIGHWAYS

a) Parish Speed Visor – for update on parish consultation and proposals for installation of a speed visor in the parish. It was **AGREED** that the proposal to install a speed visor in the 30mph limit close to the Jubilee chair be accepted and that this would be funded partly by the Local joint committee and partly by Shropshire Council.

b) Rights of Way -To receive an update on the easy access route and Parish Paths Partnership project. – a letter was read out about complaining about the installation of the new kissing gates in the Church Lane area and the Clerk was asked to respond to the writer.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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

Shropshire Council

Shropshire Historic Community – Climate Guidance Document

Keith Barrow – Future ways of working together letter

Localism Event 9th June 2011, 10am - 4pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury

A Boards – issues and enforcement

ALC – subscription letter, Parish Pump (via email)

NALC – updated legal topic notes Occupiers Liability, Easements, Right of Way, Highways, Common Land, Private access (via email)

Helicopter Liaison Group – meeting papers

Concept Town Planning – Localism Bill advertising material

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Next meeting July 12th the meeting ended at 21.10