

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Tuesday 11th September 2012 at 19.30

Present, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Keay, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Ward, Cllr Roberts.

Clerk: P. O'Hagan,
0 members of the public present

Siobhan Reedy from Shropshire Council attended the meeting to discuss the management of trees in the Parish especially trees on The Avenue, she outlined her role and that of her team. It was reported that in 2010 a survey of the trees along The Avenue was carried out as the trees are owned by the Highway Authority and some felling of trees that were in poor condition was undertaken. A recent inspection of The Avenue has identified space to plant 3 new oak trees and it would be useful if the Parish Council could undertake some basic maintenance of the trees to keep them free of weeds, in addition to this it would be useful if the Cherry trees could have the ivy removed from the trunks. Ms Reedy also promoted the free tree scheme that was available to landowners.

Councillors raised concerns over the lack of consultation with the Parish Council when a tree was to be felled on highway land and it was agreed that this was an area that Shropshire Council should improve on. The issue of the lack of trees by the cut at the other end of the village was also discussed and it was reported that the trees had been removed in this area due to the fact that they were diseased.

272/12 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies for absence
Cllr Jones

273/12 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

274/12 Public Participation Session – a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak on any items on the agenda (this may be extended at the discretion of the chairman)

None

275/12 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th July and 23rd July and 28th August 2012

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 10/7/12 and they were duly signed as a true record.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 23/7/12 and they were duly signed as a true record.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 28/8/12 and they were duly signed as a true record.

276/12 REPORTS –

Police, ALC, Shropshire Council, LJC

Cllr Ward reported that following the recent CIL meeting he attended in July it was reported that a properly

worked up design will be needed before anything can be spent on the CIL and this would have enormous cost implications for the Parish Council. It was AGREED to refer this issue to the OALC meeting on 20.9.12.

277/12 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Items for Information – RESOLVED to note the following items

- 1) 12/01865/FUL Top House farm, Knockin- Erection of 2 one bedroom dwellings including garage and carport following demolition of existing garage. – *pending consideration*.
- 2) 12/02377/FUL Top Farm House, Knockin,SY10 8HN -Erection of porch to south elevation; replacement windows on east, west and south elevations - granted
- 3) 12/02689/FUL Paddock Lodge, Kinnerley Road, SY10 8DB - Change of use of paddock for the siting of 4 holiday chalets; formation of vehicular access/estate roads; installation of sewage treatment plant - *refused*
- 4) Tree Preservation Order Land at Lower House Farm – to note confirmation of the order
- 5) 12/03203/CPL The Laurels, Church Lane - Application for a lawful development certificate for the erection of a rear conservatory

b) Planning matters for discussion – none

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

278/12 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Income

£2500 Bradford Estate Grant

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval

RESOLVED to make the following payment

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
PAYE	132.40	10174
Penny O'Hagan salary to 30.9.12	529.95	10173
Knockin Assembly Rooms Hire 23.7.12, 28.8.12, 11.9.12	44.00	10179
Ian Cullep Smith	138.00	10172
ALC Chairmans training	20.00	10171
Mazars External Audit	144.00	10170
V and W Electrics (repair streetlight)	55.90	10177
Information Commissioner	35.00	10175

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

d) Annual Return – to note the completion of the annual return **RESOLVED** to note.

279/12 PARISH MATTERS

a) Management of Trees along the Avenue – It was **AGREED** that Cllr Ward would liaise with Siobhan to discuss the location of the new trees on the Avenue and the work involved to prepare the ground.

b) Greyhound Site – for update on concerns over pollution and noise raised by local residents. It was reported that there had been a problem with noise over the summer but this had now ceased.

280/12 HIGHWAYS

a) Rights of Way -To receive an update on the Parish Paths Partnership project. It was reported that Dave

Arden is retiring from carrying out footpath maintenance in the parish and that the kissing gate catch on Church Lane is to be replaced by Shropshire Council.

281/12 CORRESPONDENCE

To consider list of correspondence received since last meeting –

Scottish Power – notification of change of charge for Streetlight electricity – The clerk was asked to seek quotes for an alternative energy supplier prior to the November meeting and in consultation with the chairman switch supplier if deemed appropriate.

RESOLVED to note the following items

ALC - weekly emails including NALC updates (circulated via email) and training bulletin

Shropshire Council – register of electors update

Notification of code of conduct training

Severn Tributaries Flood Forum Agenda 28th August 2012

Digital Futures conference Monday, 10 September 2012 from 09:30 to 16:30

Notification of Review of Shropshire Councils Speed Management Policy.

OALC and Code of Conduct training 20.9.12

282/12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 13th November 2012

283/12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BODIES (admission to meeting's) ACT 1960 *to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public

1. Knockin Amenity Area – For update on the purchase of the amenity area, it was reported that the offer had been accepted by the Edwards family and a draft contract had been prepared.

A discussion took place on the draft contract and it was **AGREED** to submit the following instructions to the solicitor.

- To agree pay a 10% deposit at exchange of contracts
- To request that a local search and chancel search are undertaken.
- Covenants – to amend proposed covenant to allow the erection of play equipment on the land and to remove the covenant that only allows the land to be used in conjunction with the village hall.
- To request that the overage period is reduced from 50 years to 15 years.
- To instruct the solicitor to request that the Bradford Estate permit the Parish Council a right of way over the Assembly rooms car park.