

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Tuesday 10th September 2013 at 7.30

Present, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Ward, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Keay
Cllr Walpole (Shropshire Council)
Clerk: P. O'Hagan,

0 members of the public present

54/13 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies for absence

Cllr Roberts
Cllr Donovan

55/13 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. - none
2. To consider dispensation applications - none

56/13 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 present

57/13 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th July 2013

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9.7.13 and they were duly signed as a true record.

58/13 REPORTS – RESOLVED to note the following reports

Police – The Clerk read out the police report which outlined recent crimes in the parish.
Shropshire Council – Cllr Walpole reported on the day care centre consultation that is being undertaken by Shropshire Council.
LJC – Cllr Walpole reported that the next LJC meeting is on Tuesday 8th October, Trefonen.

59/13 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Items for Information –

13/02816/TCA To fell 4no. Acer Sacharinum trees within Knockin Conservation Area Church Of St Mary Church Lane – no objection
13/01915/FUL Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act for the change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden land; erection of boundary wall and railings Ashford Hall Knockin SY10 8HL - refused

b) Planning matters for discussion

13/03196/FUL Erection of replacement walls and gateways following demolition of existing The Hollies Knockin Oswestry Shropshire SY10 8HJ
Cllr Doyle declared a bias interest on the application and took no part in discussions on the application.
RESOLVED not to comment

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

13/03572/TCA Land At Church Lane, Knockin - To fell 1No Cherry Tree and pollard back to established pollard heads 1No Norway Maple within Knockin Conservation Area
RESOLVED not to comment

d) Planning Correspondence – to consider correspondence received relating to planning issues - The Clerk read out a letter from Bidwells which asked for the Parish Council's opinion on the best way to consult with the residents over the development of land north of Lower House Farm and it was **AGREED** that a letter drop from Bidwells to all residents to inform them of the development proposals as well as an exhibition on the proposed development plans in the Assembly Rooms would be the best way to consult locally.

e) Parish Council's Approach to planning application comments - Cllr Ward presented this item and outlined the need for the Parish Council to be consistent in its approach to all planning applications. This is especially important when applicants seek to consult with the Parish Council prior to a formal application being submitted to ensure that they are all treated in the same manner. The Clerk was asked to request a leaflet from Shropshire Council outlining what works can and cannot be carried out to properties in a conservation area that could be distributed to all households.

60/13 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Income – RESOLVED to note the following income

£338.07 – HMRC VAT repayment

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval

RESOLVED to make the following payments

Payee	Amount	Chq number
Clerks Salary		10215
PAYE		10214
Mazars (External Audit)	120.00	10213

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	110.50	10216
Information Commissioner (Freedom of Information)	£35	10217

d) Annual Return External Audit – to note the completion of the annual return - It was **RESOLVED** to note that the Annual Return had been approved by the external auditor with no comments

e) to consider 6 month budget report – to note. The 6 month budget report was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to note the budget report.

61/13 PARISH MATTERS

Policing In West Mercia - To consider response to survey for Town and Parish Councils. The survey was considered and answers were agreed by the Parish Council for submission by the Parish Clerk

Road Safety Concerns – To consider any community road safety concerns to be reported to Shropshire

Council in line with the road safety policy.

RESOLVED to submit the following road safety concerns

Rolly Farm Junction	Safety concerns at the junction where drivers turning right from Knockin to travel towards Maesbury regularly cut the corner of the junction which causing a danger to other road users. Action here to improve line markings would help the situation. There have been a number of accidents at this junction
Kinnerley Road	The road to Kinnerley from Knockin is very narrow and concerns have been raised over highway safety along the road. Cars often travel on the wrong side of the road on the bends of this road. The council considers that there is a need for white line markings to define the road more especially on corner by cricket pitch.
Knockin Village	Speeding through Knockin Village continues to be a concern of residents.

Free Tree Scheme – for update on application for free trees, it was reported the application submitted for free trees had been approved and that they would be delivered in the Spring.

Amenity area – It was reported that a regular monthly inspection of the area was now being undertaken as per the insurance conditions. The inspection had picked up the problem that the football net was worn in places and could pose a risk to users it **RESOLVED** to remove the goal net completely.

62/13 HIGHWAYS

a) **Rights of Way** -To receive an update on the Parish Paths Partnership project. Cllr Ward reported on work over the summer and his report was noted.

63/13 CORRESPONDENCE

To consider list of correspondence received since last meeting – **RESOLVED** to note the following items
ALC Updates including training programme and quality parish scheme review results

Shropshire Council 2013-2014 tree scheme notification

Connecting Shropshire - August update

Shropshire Housing Alliance - Annual General Meeting 14/11/13

3.00pm – 5.00pm Council Chambers, Shirehall,

Baschurch Parish Council – response from Owen Patterson to concerns over fire station closure –

Councillors were also made aware of meeting to be held on 4.10.13 on the issue in Weston Lullingfields

The Rural Fair Share Petition – to consider supporting - to consider supporting **RESOLVED** to support petition.

SW Shropshire and Marches Campaign for better broadband petition - to consider supporting **RESOLVED** to support petition.

64/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – **RESOLVED** that the council would alter its meeting night to the first Tuesday of every other month so that reports can meet the monthly Telescope editorial deadline. Next meeting 5/11/13

Meeting ended 20.44