

KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of **KNOCKIN PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Assembly Rooms, Knockin on Tuesday 5th January 2016 19.30

Present, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Keay, Cllr Donovan, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Edwards, M. Moseley, Cllr Roberts.

Clerk: P. O'Hagan,

Cllr. A. Walpole. 1 member of the public present.

156/16 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE none

157/16 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. (councillors will be issued with updated code of conduct)

Cllr Moseley declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 163b Diversion of public footpath

2. To consider dispensation applications.

158/16 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3.11.15

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3.11.15 and they were duly signed as a true record.

159/16 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)

Brian Turner reported that the church was seeking to replace the church noticeboard to be located outside the church wall.

160/16 REPORTS

Police – no report.

Shropshire Council – Cllr Walpole presented his report on recent activities at Shropshire Council which included an update on the Big Conversation at Shropshire Council, budget concerns and the recent changes in the council leadership.

Other reports from councillors attending meetings or training courses on the council's behalf – none received.

161/16 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Items for Information – none at time of printing agenda.

b) Planning matters for discussion - none at time of printing agenda.

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

d) SAMDev Briefing Note – for information. It was reported that the inspector had found the SAMDEV report to be sound. **RESOLVED to note**

e) Changes to the Annual Review of Place Plans – to note. It was reported that the place plan review would not be undertaken this year and that a review was being undertaken into how Parish Council's update their place plans. However if the Council considered that it wished to update its place plan priorities it could do at any time throughout the year.

162/16 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Income – to note income received – none received.

b) Outstanding Payments for Approval
RESOLVED to approve the following payments

Payee	Amount	
Graham Taylor (amenity area fencing)	424.80	10299
P O'Hagan salary to 31.12.15	600.10	10300
HMRC	150.00	10301

c) To consider other invoices received after the agenda has been sent out.
None received

d) Budget– to consider the 3rd quarter budget report and set the Parish Council budget for 2016-17
RESOLVED to note the 3rd quarter budget report.
FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council's budget for 2016-17 (attached)

e) Parish Precept – to agree the parish precept for 2016-17
RESOLVED to approve a precept of for 2016-17 of £9455

f) Staff pension requirements– for update. It was reported that provision needs to be in place for staff pensions by June 2016, however it was anticipated that this would not be necessary as the Parish Clerk's salary was under the threshold. The Clerk was asked to find out the actual position and report back to the March meeting.
RESOLVED to note.

163/16 Parish Matters

a) Shropnet – to discuss need for new website and grant application for new site. The Clerk reported that Shropnet is to close due to budget cuts at Shropshire Council and that in order to comply with the Transparency Act the Council would need a website to replace it. It was reported that grant were available to smaller councils to fund the cost of websites and that a grant application had been submitted to SALC to cover the costs of the set up of a new website.
RESOLVED to approve the grant application.

b) Knockin – Diversion of Footpath 7 (part) under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980 s119 – for consideration. Cllr Moseley left the room and took no part in discussions. Following a discussion it was;

RESOLVED to comment that the parish council object to the proposed diversion as the existing path is more direct and the proposed diversion overcomplicates the existing path network.

However in light of the knowledge of a potential planning application on the land over which the footpath that is to be diverted currently runs, the Parish Council are of the opinion that this diversion should be considered under the town and county planning act as part of the overall planning application which is due to be submitted shortly.

d) Council lone worker policy – for update. **RESOLVED to approve**

e) Amenity Area play equipment grant– for update. It was reported that a grant application had been submitted to Tesco to fund a small mulitplay unit on the amenity area and that if the application made it through to the final stage, the decision on who will be awarded the grant will be decided by Tesco customers. **RESOLVED to note.**

164/16 HIGHWAYS

a) Bollards in Knockin – no update. It was reported that the bollards are dangerous to pedestrians and caused an obstruction. Following a vote it was **RESOLVED that the Parish Council continues to request that the bollards are removed as the Council considers that they are an obstruction and not in keeping with a conservation area.**

Cllr Keay recorded his opposition to this proposal

b) Vehicle Activated Signs –for update on proposals for the Knockin VAS – no update received however Cllr Walpole was confident that the new VAS would be in place before the end of the financial year.

c) Road Safety in Our Rural Villages & Towns – to consider attendance at course Cllr Moseley and Cllr Lawson to attend.

165/16 CORRESPONDENCE -To consider list of correspondence received since last meeting **RESOLVED to note the following items**

Shropshire Community Assets and Services - Inspiration Event 26.1.16

Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter December 2015 / January 2016

FW: New Year 2017 Honours - request from nominations

Sector Led Audit Information

Big Conversation new press release - please help promote

Empty Homes Newsletter

PCC weekly newsletter

December Health & Wellbeing news update

NALC Newsletter - 25 November 2015

AEDdonate- Defibrillators for your community information.

Oswestry Area Committee 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17th February 2016 Oswestry Town Council
Update from Connecting Shropshire.

166/16 Meeting Date -To note date and time of next meeting. RESOLVED to note that the next meeting would be held on 1.3.16

Meeting ended 20.45