

# WEST KNOYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

**MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in West Knoyle Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Jinny Brockway, Tony Davis, Andre Filleau, Cathleen Hoskins & Paul Yates  
Also Wiltshire Cllr. George Jeans.

## **Public Session**

*The Chairman will re-convene the Parish Council meeting after the public session (please note that members of the public are no longer permitted to speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman).*

It was pointed out that elements of the village website were out of date: Parish Council: Councillors: (Parish Councillors names) & Our Community: St. Mary's Church: (the fact that the organ had been restored and reinstated)

The Chairman said that she had been rather vocal at a recent Highways meeting where she spoke about the argument over who owns the land where the asbestos had been dumped and the fact that she had managed to find a website which showed this lane going onto the A303. She said that Tim Woolford, the Local Highways Area Manager, had been very pleasant and that the road was much better than it was. The Chairman also informed those present that volunteers from the village had carried out a clean-up in the play area.

Those present had an informal discussion about the pros and cons of lifting the weight limit on the B3089.

**Apologies for absence** – None received

**19. Minutes** – RESOLVED to approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 on proposal made by Cllr. Yates, seconded by Cllr. Filleau and carried with a unanimous vote.

## **20. Matters Arising**

None

**21. Planning** (All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's website

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline/planningsearch.htm> – and type in the relevant application number)

### **a) Applications to consider at the meeting:**

Application Ref: 17/07074/FUL

Application for: Full Planning

Proposal: External alterations including painted brickwork, outside seating area with pergola and replacement windows to refurbish Little Chef building as a Starbucks

At: Little Chef, A303 Willoughby Hedge East to Furze Hedge, West Knoyle, Wiltshire.  
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Cllrs. Filleau & Hoskins said that they had no objections to the application & Cllr. Yates said that, apart from a change in appearance, it would be no different to the Little Chef. RESOLVED to recommend approval of the application but to point out the following concerns:

The Parish Council would like more effort to be made to manage the litter in the vicinity. Volunteers from the village carry out regular community litter picks throughout the village and particularly along the road leading into the village from Willoughby Hedge. 90% of the litter collected comes from either the Little Chef/Starbucks or the Willoughby Hedge garage shop. The Parish Council remains concerned about the

number of vehicle drivers that leave the Little Chef/Starbucks site entering the B3089 on the wrong side of the road, believing it to be a one way service road onto the A303 from the site.

As an aside, members noted that the field adjacent to the site was for sale. The Clerk agreed to write to the Eurogarages to point out that the field was for sale with the thought that the purchase of this field may provide them with an opportunity to extend car parking facilities.

**b) Applications considered/determined since last meeting:** - None

**c) Planning Enforcement Issues** – The Chairman said that she did go to see the owners of Mill Hayes House for an informal discussion and they explained that they had been carrying out work for a number of neighbours which was why there was machinery on site and they refuted any breach of enforcement.

**d) Draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan** – Cllr. Jeans informed the Parish Council that the Mere Area had an overall housing requirement of 285 houses (235 in Mere itself and 50 in the Mere Community Area) of those 235, 163 had already been completed and there were developable commitments for 144, leaving a residual requirement of only 8 houses which indeed, were for the Community Area and not for Mere itself. However, because West Knoyle is classified as non-sustainable village there is no housing boundary as Wiltshire Council does not want to promote housing here. Cllr. Jeans said that he does not want to see the area become a dormitory village full of older people with no younger people to look after them. He pointed out that he had suggested to other villages in the area, also classified as non-sustainable, that they might respond to say that they felt they should be allowed a small number of dwellings for local people and those working locally. Members agreed to submit the following response: Due to the settlement strategy set out in Core Policy 1 and the fact that the village of West Knoyle has no Housing Settlement Boundary as it is regarded as non-sustainable, the village is at risk of becoming a dormitory village full of elderly people with no younger people around to look out for them. Rural businesses in the area struggle to find employees and local amenities are suffering due to lack of younger attendees/volunteers. Whilst members accept the fact that it would be wholly inappropriate to encourage any large-scale development within the village, the current limitations would appear to prohibit any form of development for local workers and younger families other than via an Exception Policy. The Parish Council would like to see some relaxation in the policies in order to allow some minor low-key development for local employees and young people.

## **22. Reports**

**a) Wiltshire Councillors report** – Cllr. Jeans reported that the Area Board was aware that lots of villages are keen to get some housing. Cllr. Jeans said that he had visited Stoney Bridge because several of the residents had asked about parking which was currently diabolical. Wiltshire Council officers will not agree to allocate parking to individual residents but are sympathetic and would agree to them parking on their own gardens if the residents were happy to pay for the access and infrastructure required.

**b) Neighbourhood Police report** - None

## **23. Footpaths, Highways, Traffic & Transport**

**a) Highway and footpath issues for parish steward** – Cllr. Tony Davis confirmed that he was liaising with the Parish Steward and that he would ask him to side out the footpath between the village hall and Stoney Bridge. Cllr. Yates said that he would speak to the farmer about cutting back the hedges opposite the church (with landowner's permission). Cllr. Davis said that he would cut the hedge at the 2 entrances to the playing field.

**b) Highway & Transport Newsletters (attached) + CATG meeting reports** – it was agreed to request some more salt/grit for the Parish Council. The Chairman said that she may try and attend the next CATG meeting.

**c) Repairs to Edge deterioration/verge damage on C297 New Close (West Knoyle to B3089)** – The Chairman said that the works carried out had made some improvement but she understood that the work had not yet been completed and she would try and email Tim Woolford to find out when they were coming back.

**d) Condition of highway along Old Barrow Street** – With reference to the recent highway works which had raised the level of the road thus causing a huge difference in height between the road surface and the verges. Members pointed out that as the lanes were narrow this meant that cars often had to pull onto the verge to let other vehicles pass and would result in damage to the bottom of cars and the fact that this was also dangerous for cyclists. RESOLVED to send a letter to Tim Woolford to state the Parish Council's dissatisfaction and to highlight our safety concerns and to ask if anything can be done to improve the situation.

## 24. Play Area

The Clerk informed members that the RoSPA play area inspection would be carried out some time this month. Members were aware that there were 3 posts that were rotting at the bottom – partly due to trimmer damage and partly due to wet ground conditions. The Clerk informed members that she had asked the grass cutting contractor to spray around the posts rather than to trim around them in future. The Clerk said that she would get a quotation for replacement posts with protection sleeves.

## 25. Finance

**a) Payments** – RESOLVED to approve payments as shown in payment schedule.

T. J. Thornley	Updates for website (adding year end account info)	20.00
West Knoyle Social Club	Village Hall Insurance (buildings cover)	331.64
Rob Pearce Ground Maintenance	Playing Field – Grass cutting	270.00
L. C. Wood	Salary Q2	154.95
HMRC	PAYE Q2	38.80
BT Payphones	Purchase of Telephone Kiosk	1.00

**b) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk** – The Clerk confirmed that the Chairman had signed the agreement to purchase the telephone kiosk and that this had now been returned signed by BT and the Clerk had received confirmation that BT had completed the decommissioning of the telephone kiosk. The telephone kiosk (type K6) now belonged to the Parish Council. The Parish Council discussed ideas of what to do with the kiosk and it was generally agreed that it needed a good clean and tidy up but the Chairman pointed out that when she went in there the other day the floor was full of water but she thought that this might have been because the ground surface around the kiosk was very high. Cllr. Davis said that he would investigate and report back to the Council. Meanwhile, it was agreed to ask parishioners for ideas on how to use the facility in the parish magazine.

**c) Public Access Defibrillator** – The Chairman reported that the village had raised enough funds to purchase a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) and that she had therefore instructed the Clerk to order one on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk had ordered the Public Access Defibrillator from the Community Heartbeat Trust. The CPAD needs a volunteer that carries out weekly checks, monthly checks and annual checks on the defibrillators and the equipment and these checks are recorded on a web based notification system which forms part of the Parish Councils governance agreement with the Community Heartbeat Trust and which is approved by the ambulance service. The Chairman said that the CPAD will be situated on the wall outside the Village Hall and will need an electrical connection. Once the CPAD has been installed and is on the webnos system then the Parish Council can ask the Community Heartbeat Trust to come along and give an awareness session.

**d) Conclusion of Audit for accounts year ended 31 March 2017** – the Clerk said that she had not yet received the external auditors report.

**e) SWW Area Board Imitative – Grants for Speed Indicator Devices** – members discussed whether or not they should submit a grant application for an extra Speed Indicator Device. It was pointed out that the device within the village was working but it was the batteries which did not last. It was agreed that the

Parish Council should not submit a grant application but should instead discuss the issue of raising funds to convert the existing Speed Indicator Device from battery to solar at the Annual Budget Meeting.

**f) Support for West Knoyle Social Club's SWW Area Board Grant application for kitchen refurbishment** – The Chairman reported that the Social Club had submitted a grant application to the Area Board for a kitchen refurbishment project – the grant requested being £3610. The Area Board may look to the Parish Council to show financial support. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be happy to show financial support towards this project, finances permitting and the Chairman said that she would go along to the Area Board meeting to demonstrate the Parish Council's support of this project.

## **26 . General Items**

**a) Close of Lloyds Bank Mere and location/times of mobile bank** – The Clerk reported that the bank will close on 25<sup>th</sup> September. The new mobile bank will be in The George Car Park on Tuesdays 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. and then again on Friday 9.30 – 11.00 am.

**b) Date of next meeting** – it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk pointed out that this would include the Annual Budget setting.

## **26. Forthcoming meetings/events**

12<sup>th</sup> September – Wiltshire Council's Planning Training Event

19<sup>th</sup> September – Community Area Transport Group Meeting – 2.00 pm, Nadder Centre, Tisbury

27<sup>th</sup> September – South West Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Fair – 2.00pm – 5.00 pm, Nadder Centre

27<sup>th</sup> September – South West Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership meeting – 6.00 pm, Nadder Centre

*Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.*