

WEST KNOYLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 5th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in West Knoyle Village Hall.

Present: Councillors P. Yates (Chairman), Alex Davies, Tony Davis, Marcus Randall.
Also 4 members of public

Meeting convened at 7.31pm with Public Session

The applicant of planning application PL/2021/05135, Jane Crosskey, spoke in support of her application stating that in view of the consultation responses to her original application, she has amended the proposal and hoped that these amendments had addressed the concerns that had been raised.

Mr. Toby Bridge said that his main objection was that this was a large building in an AONB which changes the use of the field for which it was formerly used. He said that he owned & maintained the track which now requires a hard surface to be laid. He said that he felt that the building was too large and the field would be in use all year rather than just for the summer months and he was also concerned about the increased risk of flooding.

Janet Howard said that she had sent in her objections to Wiltshire Council but confirmed that she shared Toby's concerns and that the revised plans had not altered her view. She said that the building was too large, was inappropriate and would change the nature of the village.

The Chairman asked for clarification on the track and it was pointed out that the track was owned by Toby Bridge although it had a public footpath running along its length and the occupants of three properties and the owner of the field in question had a right to use the track although Mr. Bridge had a right to request a financial contribution towards the maintenance of the track. Mr. Randall asked if there was going to be an electricity supply to the proposed barn and Jane Crosskey confirmed that there would be no electricity supply although there would be a water connection.

Jane Crosskey said that the drainage had been addressed with a soak away sloping down the field. She said that the barn was an agricultural building and she thought it would fit in well with the character of the village.

Apologies for absence received from Wiltshire Cllr. George Jeans.

44. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. *Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the West Knoyle Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.*

- None received

45. Minutes – RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 be approved as a correct record (Minutes attached) on proposal made by Cllr. Randall & seconded by Cllr. Davis

46. Casual Vacancy – The Clerk confirmed that although the deadline for the request of an election by ten electors had passed (30th September) she had been unable to get confirmation from Wiltshire Council’s Electoral Services on whether or not the Parish Council could co-opt a new member or whether, in fact, an election had been requested. She said that the matter would therefore be raised on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

47. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022 – with reference to the information and discussion at the last meeting (Minute No. 42), the Clerk confirmed that the official guide for taking part in the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons was now available. The Beacons will be lit on Thursday, 2nd June 2022 at 9.15 pm

48. Reports & Consultations

a) Wiltshire Councillors report - None

49. Planning

a) Planning applications to consider at the meeting

Application No:	PL/2021/05135
Application Type:	Full planning permission (Revised plans)
Proposal:	Erection of a barn to house 4 stables plus hay/straw/fodder storage and tackroom.
Site Address:	Land situated off left side of track opposite Broadmead Farm, West Knoyle, Wiltshire BA12 6AE.
Planning Register Link:	https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000015QadY

The clerk informed members of the planning policies that were relevant to this application and advised that members could only consider the planning application presented to them and not what might happen in the future or what did happen in the past. Animal welfare is not a consideration in the planning process and it is therefore not relevant to mention whether or not the field is big enough for 3 horses. The Clerk gave advice on the Wiltshire Core Strategy Policies, specific development restrictions and possible conditions. Cllr. Randall said that he thought that most people in the village were worried about the scale and size of the building which takes up a fairly large footprint on what is a very small field. He said that he personally did not like the perspex polycarbonate materials for the roof lights as, in his experience, this material was not very long lasting and deteriorated. **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds of overdevelopment (the barn being too large and disproportionate for the size of the field and the associated hardstanding and provision of two parking spaces is substantial development in a small rural field) and Use of Materials (members being unhappy about the proposed materials for the roof treatment i.e. fibre cement and polycarbonate rooflights). Proposal made by Cllr. Tony Davis, seconded by Cllr. Randall and carried with a unanimous vote. Members unanimously agreed to ask Wiltshire Councillor Jeans to call in the application to committee if the planning officer is mindful to approve it.

50. Play Area

a) Damage to play equipment as reported by Cllr. Randall when carrying out routine inspection check –

Cllr. Randall reported that the balance beam looked as though it had been hit, possibly by the tractor

whilst cutting the hedge recently. The Clerk agreed to contact Kevin Holmes from Alvian to come and assess the equipment at his earliest convenience.

b) Report on schedule to carry out actions identified in Annual RoSPA Play Area Inspection report – The Clerk advised that the latest Inspection Report was due any day but had not yet been received.

51. Finance, Policy & Resources

a) Payments – **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment.

T. J. Thornley	Updates for website and adding accounts & audit information	25.00
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52. Date of next meeting – it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 at 7.30 pm. The Clerk pointed out that this would incorporate the budget setting for 2022/23.

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.

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