

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
held virtually at 7pm on 6th April, 2021**

Present: Cllrs R Lear, K Redfern, D Hubbard, L Shorney

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr D Godwin, Cllr K Pollock

Mrs K Redfern chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** J Barnes, R Bolton

2 **Register / Declarations of Interest.**

Dispensations

Public Question Time

3 **District/County Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Pollock had circulated his report to all members and will update us on the Broadband grant situation.

Cllr Godwin updated the meeting on district matters.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on 2nd March, 2021 were approved.

5 **Planning**

a The following planning application was received:

21/00219/HP Station House, Newnham Bridge. Erection of first floor side extension (incl. enlargement of part of ground floor) and erection of detached double garage and home office.

No objections.

b There were no determinations.

c Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None

d Commonwood Villa. An update for the next meeting will be requested.

e Possible unauthorised planning adjacent to Stoney Cross Villa, Bickley Lane. An update to be sought for the next meeting.

6 **Finance**

a Clerks salary March-£265.46. Agreed.

b Zoom – April meeting - £14.39. Paid. Agreed.

7 **Highways**

a Lengthsman Scheme. No work as previously agreed in March. Contracts have been received for this year from Worcestershire, contract for Ian to be sent out. Training has been updated.

b Cracked drain opposite Mill Lane – WCC in ongoing talks with Severn Trent to fix, seek update.

c Litter pick – 21st March.

The community litter pick took place on 21st March. Sadly, our litter problem in the parish has increased and we picked more litter than ever. The parish council are looking at purchasing further bins, we are asking for Malvern council to deploy wardens to patrol our parish so that anyone dropping litter can be targeted and they will be fined.

Dog fouling is another form of littering and is also a problem within the parish., this is detailed for all people to read on the notice boards and later in Temespan.

We are asking for support and volunteers to help us with our next litter pick to help us keep our parish litter free.

We would like to highlight the excellent work Matilda Wall has undertaken. She has been working very hard in our Parish picking up litter and completing her Duke of Edinburgh Award. She has been an outstanding example of community spirit and is a shining example.

Thank you for your hard work, and well done.

The Chairman reminded all members that we have undertaken to support the litter campaign and received free kits, each member is expected to attend at least one litter pick.

Costings for bins: - 2 further small litter bins - £204 + VAT each. 1 Large bin (120ltr) – £335+VAT+fixings £9.95 + delivery. Further small costs for fitting.

The budget previously set will allow for the purchase of these bins but will reduce reserves, it was proposed to purchase 3 further bins following permissions from Highways and confirmation they will be emptied. All agreed.

d Width/restricted access sign on Church Hill. Awaiting feedback. Costings for 9ft width maximum signs/unsuitable for HGV's will be sought.

e Road sweeper – request to sweep A456 – completed.

f Pothole outside Wayside – reported, an update to be sought.

g State of road between Jewkes Lane junction and caravan park – reported, an updated will be requested.

h Blocked/collapsed drain outside High Hall – reported, an update to be sought.

i Litter bin costings – previously discussed.

j Land drain at Old Harp Lodge – this has now been resolved.

k Broken sign in verge on A456 – to be reported.

l Water leaks at Bickley Lane/Tavern junction in hand – due to Severn Trent works. Leaks outside Church and Jewkes Lane junction to be reported.

8 Broadband issues in the parish. BT to be contacted regarding our application, Cllr Pollock to advise on the grant status.

9 Safety along A456, Newnham Bridge.

a Sites to place a sign / permission from Highways. A site meeting is taking place tomorrow with Highways and the Chairman.

b 2 battery powered, 40ah, with solar assisted charging, 40w, 30mph fixed speed signs for the sum of £1995.00 + vat including delivery. Posts £135. Subject to permissions, it was agreed to purchase 2 signs – all agreed.

10 Dogs:

Walkers/Landowner responsibilities on footpaths incl. dog fouling. A flyer outlining legal responsibilities will be inserted into the next Temespan.

Public footpaths- footpath officer and landowner responsibilities. Flyer above to include legal position with footpaths. All footpath queries in first instance to be report to footpath officer

Blocked footpaths – Commonwood Farm/bottom of Stipershill. There is a loose step on the footpath near to Commonwood Farm and a blocked footpath at the bottom of Stipershill.

It was further agreed to contact local papers to highlight this issue.

11 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. An application had been received from John Ruffles, it was proposed by K Redfern, seconded by L Shorney to co-opt John to the council

12 Sewerage problems at Newnham Bridge. This has been checked out by Stonewater who have confirmed there was a blockage which has now been cleared.

13 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. Potholes by Field Farm and towards Bickley Corner will be reported.

14 Date of next virtual meeting: 7pm on Tuesday 4th May, 2021.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date