

Knighton on Teme Parish Council
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The Minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 16th March 2023 at 7.00pm at the Parish Rooms

Present: Cllr D Hubbard, Cllr R Bolton, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr J Ruffles
In Attendance: District Councillor D Godwin

PC65 Apologies To consider the acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors.
Apologies received from Cllr Mrs E Mapp and Cllr R Lear.

PC66 Declarations of Interest:
No Declarations

Public Question Time (7pm – 7.30pm)
No Public questions or attendees

PC67 County/District Councillors Reports – David Chambers/Douglas Godwin
No report from County Council D Chambers

District Councillor D Godwin reported:

It was stressed that all voting at polling stations now requires photo ID such as passport or photo driving licence, you cannot vote without it.

Total number of Councillors at MHDC had gone down.
Recent Council Tax letters, increases mainly due to County Council for health and welfare services across the County.

Recycling going well, however, glass recycling proving to be uneconomical, so remote collection glass points were going to be removed. Hartlebury incinerator running to full capacity. It was emphasised that more care needs to be taken to ensure recycled materials can be processed, such as removing all plastics and tape from cardboard as it cannot be processed, plus not contaminating recycling with other rubbish, most notably disposable nappies! Also of note, wet cardboard cannot be processed and is automatically sent to landfill. In order to recycle any cardboard or paper materials they have to be dry.

Lindridge Ward will now include Pensax in its next elections in May.

Power Line work still taking place within the area, now at Abberley.

A tree preservation order survey would be taking place in the near future as part of Worcestershire councils efforts to improve its environmental green agenda. More details to follow.

Policing in the area may be noticed more, particularly during the evenings, where police have been asked to patrol frequently in rural areas.

PC68 Minutes of the 7th December 2022
The Minutes were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PC69 Safety along A456, Newnham Bridge

Update on VAS sign and posts

In Progress. The Chairman commented that an email had been sent to Highways indicating the poor state of repair of the current road signage in Newnham Bridge and would need updating in order to make maximum impact alongside the VAS.

Update on white village gates

Highways had found a purchaser for the white village gates and an invoice had been raised but as yet no payment received.

Other comment: The Clerk had requested that the A443 from Eastham Bridge through to Corn Brook be swept via road sweeper. Councillors confirmed that part of this had happened.

PC70 Planning

- a. Applications received: REFERENCE M/22/01259/CU Change of use of land for the siting of 3 cabins to be used for holiday accommodation. Land at Knighton on Teme. WITHDRAWN
- b.
- c. M/23/00201/HP – 10 Wyrebrook Orchard, Newnham Bridge, WR15 8JD – Rear Extension. There were no objections from the Parish Council.
- d.
- e. M/23/00090/CLE – Sugar Hill, Bickley, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8JD – Occupation of property in breach of agricultural occupancy restriction. There were no objections from the Parish Council.
- f.
- g. M/23/00219/OUT – Station House, Newnham Bridge, WR15 8JE – Outline application for the erection of 2 No. self build dwellings with access from A456. All other matters reserved. Discussions held on M/23/00219/OUT – The Parish Council discussed this application. There are issues relating to rain and foul water disposal, plus matters relating to proportionate size of the land for two houses, current land slippage, access etc. The first planning application received for this site was for 5 properties which was rejected by planning and received objections from the parish and highways. Over time, a further application for three houses has been approved and a further two are within this application. The Parish Council would comment on this application.
- h. Severn Trust Application – local habitat biodiversity on parts of Field Farm.

Determinations received:

- a. 19/01286/FUL – Knighton Lodge, Knighton on Teme, WR15 8NA, Conversion of 1 dwelling to 2 dwellings – APPROVED

Planning applications determined under delegated powers-none.

PC71 Finance

Councillors agreed, checked and signed accounts. Cheques signed by Cllr Hubbard and Cllr Barnes.

Accounts Paid since last meeting

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| a. Parish Clerk Salary – December 2022 | £315.37 |
| b. HMRC – PAYE Payments – Month 8 | £ 78.80 |

c. Clerks Expenses – December 2022	£ 23.50
d. Knighton on Teme Parish Room – Hire of Hall for meetings and Annual Electricity Charge for Defibrillator	£140.00
e. TVN-PCC General Account – Donation to Knighton on Teme Church	£150.00
f. TVN Churches Temespan – Donation to Temespan	£150.00
g. Parish Lengthsman – December 2022	£288.00
h. Parish Clerk Salary – January & February 2023	£630.74
i. ICO – Annual Fee	£ 35.00
j. HMRC – PAYE Payments – Month 9 and 10	£157.60

Accounts Unpaid

a. Clerks Expenses – January and February 2023	£ 38.50
b. Clerks backdated pay increase effective 1 st April 2022	£249.48

PC72 Highways

- a. Two drains to be jetted around The Talbot - **CLERK TO FOLLOW UP**
- b. Church Hill has been completely resurfaced following a request for necessary repairs. There has been extensive resurfacing throughout the parish area over the last year making the roads safer and fit for purpose.

The next litter pick was confirmed to take place on Sunday 2nd April, meeting at the parish rooms for 10am.

A special thank you goes out to Sam Barnes who as part of his Duke Of Edinburgh Awards has been litter picking throughout the parish area accompanied by his father and councillor Jon Barnes. It all makes a big difference to making the area a prettier place to live. Well done.

PC73. Update on Defibrillators

After the last meeting, the defibrillators were taken to a local company for assessment. Both required repairs and servicing and replacement parts purchasing. This is currently being undertaken. Once returned to the Parish Hall and Knighton on Teme Caravan Park, the Parish Council would take responsibility for checking and maintenance of these in the future. They will be registered on a national index for defibrillators enabling easier access and a yearly service plan will be put into place.

It was agreed to Precept for 2024-2025 for a new defib within Newnham Bridge due to the expanding occupancy within that area and time factors for effective use.

PC74 Email addresses/Website.

This would be followed up within the next financial year when the new council convene.

PC75 Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

Elections to take place in May. Any vacancies would be advertised afterwards.

PC76 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Nothing to report.

PC77 Correspondence for Information

- a. Letter received from Temespan – thank you for donation.
- b. Quotations for servicing of 2 defibs in the Parish
- c. Confirmation email to MHDC – re: 2023-2024 Precept
- d. Invoice to WCC for sale of White Gates

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- e. Letter received from Severn Rivers Trust – Woodlands Program on Field Farm

PC78 **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting ended at 8.25 pm.