

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting  
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs R Collie, Mrs K Redfern, Messrs D Hubbard, C Bevan, J Rugman, J Barnes, R Lear, J Powell.

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr C Dell, Cllr K Pollock  
Mr J Rugman chaired the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies:** The Chairman advised he and the Clerk had visited Pearl, who has handed in her resignation. A letter of thanks will be sent to Pearl for her long service on the Parish Council.
- 2) **Register / Declarations of Interest** – R Lear declared an interest in the planning application outlined at 6a  
**Dispensations** – none

**Public Question Time** - a suggestion was forwarded that an recreational/play area be considered at the green area in the application at 6a, or its use as a wildflower meadow.

- 3) **District/County Councillor's Report.** Cllr K Pollock had circulated his report which is available to read on our website. Tesco in Tenbury has a proposed open date of 23<sup>rd</sup> February, but there are ongoing discussions regarding the public realm work that has yet to be completed. Thanks to Cllr Pollock who left the meeting.  
Cllr C Dell advised that refuse collection is likely to remain in house and not be contracted out. He also confirmed discussions regarding enforcement and Tesco.
- 4) **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017 were approved.
- 5) **Correspondence:**
  - a) Items of correspondence noted.
  - b) BT Kiosk adoption. BT are aware of our interest to adopt the kiosk and will be in touch to progress our request.
  - c) Dog Control Consultation – it was agreed to support the suggestions being put forward in the Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control and respond accordingly.
  - d) Local Transport Plan 4 – No specific plans were proposed for our area, however, it was agreed there was a need to address the fact that no provision had been made for an integrated public transport system for rural areas facing an ageing population. Neither was there any ideas proposed for this provision whether it be a full bus service or a voluntary part time system. Rural areas seemed to have largely been ignored. There has been no provision made for cycle routes or lanes.

6) **Planning**

- a) There was one planning application:  
16/01574/REM. The Tavern, Tavern Lane, NB. Application for the approval of reserved matters, access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following approval of 14/00841/OUT for the proposed demolition of existing buildings (3 dwellings) and the erection of 7 dwellings. AMENDED PLANS  
R Lear left the meeting.

The Parish Council noted the amended plan which provides for a number of passing places on the south side of the lane to facilitate “informal passing”. This proposal is in response to the concerns from the Parish Council, and others, that the existing lane width opposite the new development would be inadequate for vehicles to pass in that stretch, but considered whether the new proposal was likely to meet the requirement.

It accepted that passing at modest speeds would be possible providing the passing places were kept clear of obstructions such as cars, bins, skips etc., and providing drivers were alert to the arrangement. As regards the latter, appropriate road marking and signage would be needed.

As regards obstructions, this was considered more difficult to ensure, as no obvious means of enforcement presented itself. It is suggested means of discouraging obstruction of the bays by both householders and others should be identified, including terms in house deeds.

It is suggested that the green space to the rear of the properties be used as a wildflower meadow.

The new proposed border fence and hedgerow allowed for improved visibility down Bickley Lane, the old estate fence was not fit for purpose.

R Lear returned to the meeting.

- b) There were no determinations.  
c) Planning applications determined under delegated powers: none.  
d) Development at Bickley Lane. Nothing to report.

7) **Finance.**

- a) Clerks salary £232.02. Agreed.  
b) A form had been received from the bank to remove P Davies and add J Barnes as signatories. This was approved and passed to J Barnes to action.  
c) Parish Room hire fees including defibrillator costs were agreed at £365.

8) **Highways**

- a) Lengthsman Scheme. Account for January agreed at £192.  
Drains need clearing between the barn conversions and Lowbourne.  
b) Wildlife verges / review of seeds. The Clerk advised she had spoken with the consultancy department of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust who have advised they are willing to tour the parish looking at suitable sites to establish wild flower areas for a small fee. It was suggested that areas away from the cutting regime be established and managed by locals with the possibility of them becoming RNVR's in the future. We await their reply/costs.

Possible areas to consider may be the woodland area at the junction with Aston Bank/Jewkes Lane, opposite Commonwood Villa or further areas at Long Length.

- c) Damaged seat outside Maes Court. The seat has been delivered, fixing in place is in hand. Invoice for £727.20 agreed. The Clerk advised this has been forwarded to the insurers and we await reimbursement less £100 excess as agreed.

9) **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.**

Potholes to be reported by Strawberry Cottage, outside Mathon and between Mill Lane and Bickley Lane.

A site meeting with WM Housing to look at overgrown trees is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> February, the Clerk and D Hubbard to attend.

Litter pick scheduled for either March or April – date to be confirmed. To be advertised in Teme Span and Teme Valley Times as well as locally and the website

- 10) **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....