

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 5th August, 2014**

Present: Cllrs Mrs Davies, Miss Collie, Mrs Redfern, Mrs Hogan, Messrs Rugman, Bevan,

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates. Cllr C Dell, 1 member of the public
Cllr J Rugman chaired the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies:** R Lewis, J Powell, Cllr K Pollock.
- 2) **Register / Declarations of Interest.** J Rugman declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to St Michael's Church.

Dispensations – none

Public Question Time

Concerns regarding access onto Tavern Lane, the existing narrowness of Tavern Lane where large vehicles especially are concerned and the lack of passing places were raised in relation to the planning application for the Tavern. The small frontages planned would not help these issues. It was further suggested that if development was granted, as no provision for affordable housing was included, money be made available for the community for bus shelters, seats and notice boards. Visibility remains a major concern, water run off from the lane was also a concern.

- 3) **District/County Councillor's Report.** C Dell advised of a surgery being held at Bayton Village Hall on 22nd August for local people to voice their concerns, Cllr Harriet Baldwin will be present. Recent missed refuse collections are being looked at. Concerns regarding the building at the rear of the old post office and the lack of enforcement procedures are being looked at, the developer has re-submitted plans which are being reviewed. C Dell to request what the function/role of the enforcement team is in light of this situation.
- 4) **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July, 2014 were approved.
- 5) **Correspondence:**
 - a) Items of correspondence noted.
 - b) Request for removal / relocation of post box at The Old Post Office, NB. Although the post box is ready for installation, the specialist vehicle used is being repaired and all new installations are on hold, an update to be sought for the next meeting.
 - c) Station Close:
Dumping of rubbish – following enquiries to WM Housing, anyone can make a request anonymously to have the area cleared of rubbish, recently it was reported that the grasscutting team could not cut an area due to this. This information will be passed on. Tel: 0300 7906 555 to report.
Tidiness of site - a contractor is being instructed to tidy up the site, a map will be sent back highlighting the problem areas.

- 6) **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor** – the election office advised that there has been no request for an election, nor any applications received. A notice of co-option has been placed around the village, the closing date is 22nd August. One application has been received to date.

7) **Planning**

- a) There were 3 planning applications:
14/00841/OUT. The Tavern, Tavern Lane, NB. Outline for proposed demolition of 3 dwellings and erection of 7 dwellings.
It was proposed by K Redfern, seconded by R Collie that this application as currently proposed be rejected, 4 members agreed, 2 against – carried.
We object to this application for the following reasons:
The narrowness of Tavern Lane which creates particular problems for vehicles servicing those and other houses and traffic along the lane – in particular larger vehicles such as dustcarts, mobile library and parking on this narrow lane.
The access onto Tavern Lane from Bickley Lane (C2093) is already difficult and where congestion, caused by the number and frequency of vehicles, or the narrowness of Tavern Lane leads to reversing blindly on to that lane, causes severe issues. This will be compounded by this development and is dangerous. It maybe that the scheme could be re-designed to accommodate these issues.
We are concerned about the information regarding surface water and are not convinced by the comments of the Drainage Engineer.
Knowing how Tavern Lane is used, it will be highly problematic if a pavement is not installed.

14/00784/HOU. Tyree, Woodgate Green. Erection of detached timber garage-retrospective.

We object to this application in relation to its scale and position.

J Rugman left the meeting, C Bevan took the Chair

14/00867/FUL. St Michaels Church, KoT. Replacement of existing cedar shingles on spire by riven oak shingles. No objections.

J Rugman returned to the Chair.

- b) There were no determinations
c) Application determined under delegated powers: none.
d) Development of land to rear of Old Post Office. The enforcement team are dealing with the planning issues that have arisen.

8) **Finance.**

- a) Review of bank signatories. The Chairman advised that conversations had taken place between the bank with the Clerk and himself, a form is being sent and the Clerk is being set up as a telephone user on the account. To date a form has not been received.
b) CALC funding – support is being requested from CALC who have had cuts in funding to ensure this service continues. It was agreed to write in support and to also advise Cllr Pollock.

9) **Highways**

- a) Lengthsman Scheme. Ian's account for June agreed at 15 hours (£180).
Links with the jetting team still to be established via Ian.
- b) Blocked drains A456/Aston Bank junction – to be emptied and jetted.
- c) Verge cutting-response from complaint. A meeting has not been organised to date, it was agreed not to pursue this as the verges have been cut better this time.
- d) Relocation of seat in Newnham Bridge – no suitable site had been found, to be reviewed at a later date.
- e) Noticeboard at Bickley – to be placed on the next agenda.

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

Footpath stiles and their general state of repair to be placed on the next agenda.
Speeding concerns through the village were noted.

11) **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd September, 2014.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date