

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 4th August, 2015**

Present: Cllrs Miss R Collie, Mrs P Davies, Messrs C Bevan, J Barnes, J Rugman, R Lear.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates.
Cllr J Rugman chaired the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies:** K Redfern, Cllr C Dell, Cllr K Pollock
- 2) **Register / Declarations of Interest** - none.
Dispensations – none

Public Question Time

- 3) **District/County Councillor's Report.**
- 4) **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2015 were approved.
- 5) **Correspondence:**
 - a) Items of correspondence noted.
- 6) **Planning**
 - a) There were no applications
 - b) There were no determinations
 - c) Application determined under delegated powers: none.
- 7) **Finance.**
 - a) Bank mandate. The Clerk advised that information had been accessed via the telephone and Cllr Lear was set up as a signatory.
 - b) First quarter accounts for the current year were circulated and agreed.
- 8) **Highways**
 - a) Lengthsman Scheme. Invoice for July £192 approved. Verge in Newnham Bridge between The Talbot and The Forge to be kept cut back as far as possible.
 - b) Wildlife verges. Following the Bickley verge being cut this year as part of the normal verge cut, a note of our understanding of the agreement for this verge was taken up by K Pollock with Highways. Evidence of this informal agreement could not be found by Highways, and with a change of contractors this year the verge was cut.
Wade Muggleton has responsibility for this at Highways and has been out and reviewed the Bickley verge, he is impressed by our interest in preserving the verges. He advised that he does not like these informal agreements and has offered to reinstate the Bickley verge as a RVNR.
It was agreed by all to accept this offer, and also review other suggestions that have come forward at a later date, such as possibly trialling other verges.
It was further agreed to request support from Wade to improve ordinary verges in the parish concentrating on the wildlife aspect, good practice ideas

for rural verges.

In the past we have also received annual reports on the state of the RVNR's in the parish, this will be requested again.

It was also agreed to contact J&M Hogan to thank them for their hard work over the last few years in keeping the Bickley verge as a RVNR.

Teme Valley Wildlife will also be contacted as a possible source of advice on verge maintenance to reduce degradation.

- 9) **Survey / review of community needs.** The Clerk advised that census statistics show our parish has an older population than the national average. J Barnes advised that various residents have asked him about more seats in the parish, better broadband as well as play areas. The Chairman agreed to draft an article to gauge feeling/interest in the parish about the services they may require – to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

There has been 1 expression of interest in the vacancy.

The state of the road in Tanhouse Lane will be reported, it is breaking up, the road markings will also be chased up.

Concerns of overgrown hedges in Jewkes Lane and Woodgates Green were noted as was the state of the road outside Ivydene.

- 11) **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st September, 2015.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date