

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 7th June, 2016**

Present: Cllrs Mrs P Davies, Mrs K Redfern, Messrs J Rugman, C Bevan, R Lear, D Hubbard, J Barnes, J Powell,

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr C Dell, CSO Vanessa Snape, 3 members of the public

Mr J Rugman chaired the meeting.

- 1) **Apologies:** R Collie,
- 2) **Register / Declarations of Interest** – C Bevan declared an interest in the planning application at 6a
Dispensations – none

Public Question Time

The applicant of the planning application at 6a advised the meeting of why they had submitted this plan, to use the shed as temporary storage while they renovated the cottage. Longer term use when the cottage was finished would be for office and storage use. The area chosen was due to ground levels being lower. Screening with trees is also planned.

In representations from the neighbour living in Cherry Cottage,(a Listed Building) concerns were raised about the size of the proposed building and its positioning on the site, which was directly opposite, and very close to Cherry Cottage, although remote from the applicant's property. A further concern was that the design created a risk that the building could in the future become a permanent dwelling; it was suggested that a more temporary arrangement could be adopted for use during restoration work.

CSO Snape apologised for missing the annual meeting. There were 53 criminal reports during the last year, although many incidents were domestic related, with 10 thefts. CSO Snape reminded the meeting of using Smartwater and other devices to identify equipment. The Safer Neighbourhood Team work from Tenbury Station, which may be moving to the fire station. They can be contacted via the website.

The pools at Wyrebrook have had the locks tampered, all incidents need to be reported. Many more incidents have arisen in Abberley, Great Witley and Shrawley.

CSO Snape agreed to place an article in Teme Span. The Chairman thanked CSO Snape for attending, she left the meeting.

- 3) **District/County Councillor's Report.** Cllr Dell reported that Eastham Bridge will take up to two years to replace due to its listed status, a temporary bridge is planned but it is not known where. Cllr Dell to keep us informed.
- 4) **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May, 2016 were approved.
- 5) **Correspondence:**
 - a) Items of correspondence noted.
 - b) Draft Equality Policy. It was proposed by C Bevan, seconded by R Lear to adopt the policy as circulated, all agreed.

- c) Broadband concerns. An email confirming that a cabinet in Newnham Bridge will be deployed this month was received, together with a website link to keep updated.

It was noted that some short term improvement is in place, this will be circulated to all concerned.

C Bevan left the meeting.

6) **Planning**

- a) There was one planning application.
16/00729/HOU Aston Bank Cottage, KoT. Demolition of modern outbuilding and replacing with a cart shed with ancillary living accommodation and drive. Recommend refusal on size and placement near an adjoining property
The Parish Council feel that any revised approach should seek a substantially smaller building, and located further away from Cherry Cottage.
In considering size, we think a substantially smaller building would be feasible if just for car parking and storage and did not incorporate accommodation. In this we recognise the owners may require temporary accommodation during their project, but they should address this in another way.

C Bevan returned to the meeting.

- b) The following determination was read out:
07/08/2015 Land off Tavern Lane, NB. Outline application with all matters reserved for a residential development of up to 10 detached two storey houses. Refused.
- c) Development at Bickley Lane. Nothing to report.
- d) Draft Local Enforcement Plan. Noted.

7) **Finance.**

- a) Clerks salary £237.42 (£232.02 + £5.40 arrears) & expenses £22.88. Agreed.
- b) Photocopies - £29.22. Agreed.

8) **Highways**

- a) Lengthsman Scheme. Account for May approved at £192.
- b) Wildlife verges – the seed packs have all been sown at various locations, but have yet to yield any flowers, to be monitored.
The tree packs would require landowner and Council approval and may not be suitable for planting on verges, further hedgerow trees are not required.
- c) Blocked gully at High Hall – the Clerk advised she spoke with Highways who are going to jet the drain, but to monitor further as the road has sunk, and it was proven earlier that the drain/pipe has collapsed.
- d) State of road below the caravan park. Temporary filling is planned, some have been done, a further advisory has been raised for patching.
- e) State of road outside Talbot Cottages, no issues found, to be monitored.
- f) Drain below Tavern Lane, to be jetted and further monitored as previous works do not seem to have solved the problem.
- g) Sinking drain along A456 – depression in road to be repaired.
- h) Sinking gulley near Callow Stocking, no issues found, to be monitored.

i) Potholes above Tavern Lane, to be repaired and further monitored.

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

Potholes north of Upper Lowbourne have been repaired.

Potholes previously marked above Aston Bank bridge are worsening and will be reported.

J Hogan advised of potholes in Bickley, to be reported. Potholes near Wrens Nest (Shropshire) are particularly bad and will be reported to Shropshire.

Damaged footpath sign near Upper Lowbourne to be reported to the footpath team.

Potholes outside the bus shelter will be reviewed.

Footpath 633 has been closed due to the collapsed aqueduct.

Various bridleways have been closed in Bickley Road due to a collapsed badger set.

The Chairman advised that he would like to offer a short presentation to the next meeting advising on the work on the church roof.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date