

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 1st August, 2017**

Present: Cllrs Messrs D Hubbard, C Bevan, J Rugman, J Barnes, J Powell

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr C Dell, Cllr K Pollock

Mr J Rugman chaired the meeting.

1) **Apologies:** R Collie, K Redfern, R Lear, C Albert,

2) **Register / Declarations of Interest** – none

Dispensations – none

Public Question Time

3) **District/County Councillor's Report.** Cllr K Pollock had circulated his report to all members. The County Council remains constrained financially, it has a new Chief Executive in place. Children's services are currently failing, it expected to take 3-4 years to improve. Tenbury public realm work is still to be finished.

The Tavern Lane development has raised concerns over the entrance and safety, it is adhering to plans. The Chair advised we had suggested laybys be installed due to increased passing traffic and service vehicles. Concerns were raised with the houses being so close to the road and some raised kerbing. A possible deviation in the size/height, number of rooms and an extra floor in the houses will be looked into.

Cllr Dell supported concerns raised over the Tavern Lane development, off road parking will also be checked within the application. Thanks were given to all concerned regarding the success of the Fete. Learn to Ride summer courses for children are being held at venues locally. Severn Trent Water are to repair leaking pipes by Tesco shortly.

Velo Birmingham has a revised route that will not now affect our parish.

Thanks were given to both Councillors who then left the meeting.

4) **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on 6th June, 2017 were approved.
(July meeting cancelled).

5) **Planning**

a) There were no planning applications.

17-01151/HED. Bickley House Farm. Hedgerow removal notice for damson hedge on farm. Not consulted.

A response by Heritage section at MHDC regarding the outstanding plans at Aston Bank Cottage were advised – recommending approval with conditions.

Prior approval application had been received for a change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling house under general permitted development(C3) class for barn adjacent to Commonwood Villa, KoT – ref 17/00810/GPDQ. Refused. Not consulted.

b) The following determination was read out:

17/00749/HP 6 Wyrebrook Orchard, NB. Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of single storey and 2 storey rear extension. Approved.

- c) Planning applications determined under delegated powers:
17/00749/HP 6 Wyrebrook Orchard, NB. Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of single storey and 2 storey rear extension. No comment.
- d) Development at Bickley Lane. No reply had been received to our concerns regarding the rubbish that is still on site. Skips are overflowing with rubbish, this will be chased up.
- e) Consultation on planning applications. CALC advised that anyone can comment on planning applications, we do not need to be consulted to comment. Applications that arise in the future that we are not consulted on will be reviewed for possible inclusion on the agenda.

6) Finance

- a) Clerks salary July-£235.40 and August-£235.40, agreed.
- b) Appointment of Internal Auditor. Neighbouring parishes have been contacted, it is unsure if their auditor will remain in place next year, or they are not very local. DKE Audit services are CALC's recommended company, this was noted with a view to contacting them at a later date. Fees are £150. A checklist will be compiled in case a suitable person comes forward.
- c) 1st quarter accounts were approved. A minor error in which cheque 462 was made out for 10p more than it should have been will be corrected, 10p to be paid back to the bank.

7) Highways

- a) Lengthsman Scheme. Accounts for June-£180 and July £180. Agreed.
- b) Wildlife verges. Contacts at WCC are still to respond following our request for advice. It was considered that a wide stretch of verge be used for an experimental project for wild flowers, possibly by the woodland at the bottom of Jewkes Lane.
- c) BT loose manhole cover – completed.
- d) Station House – another contact has been advised of the outstanding issues, this is being chased up.
- e) Drain below Tavern Lane – completed.
- f) Pothole by Wrens Nest (Shropshire) – completed.
- g) State of road below caravan park – further patching is planned.
- h) BT Kiosk – J Rugman and D Graham continue to repair and maintain the kiosk, thanks also to Ian Mapp for his help. Original note to be included in Temespan.
- i) Blocked drains between Bickley Road and A443 – reported and completed.
- j) Pothole outside Black and White Cottage, Bickley – reported.

8) Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

A BT hole remains in the path along the A456, this has been reported and will be followed up.
Litter pick to be placed on the next agenda for consideration.
Seat at Maes Court to be checked to see if it was preserved upon purchase as it looks quite dry.
A drain needs clearing half way down Tavern steps, Ian to look at first.

- 9) **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September, 2017.
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date