

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting  
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs R Lear, R Bolton, J Barnes, D Hubbard

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr C Dell.

Mr D Hubbard chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** C Albert, K Redfern, E Mapp, Cllr K Pollock.

2 **Register / Declarations of Interest** - none

**Dispensations** – none

**Public Question Time**

3 **District/County Councillor's Report.**

Cllr Pollock had submitted his report to all members.

Cllr Dell offered his support to local issues, took questions and left the meeting.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 were approved.

**5 Correspondence**

**6 Planning**

a There were no planning applications

b The following determination was granted:

18/01834/FUL Newnham Farm, Newnham Bridge. Covered yard for agricultural purposes.

c Planning applications determined under delegated powers: none.

d Station House. Malvern have confirmed they have received the application to locally list parts of the site. They do not at present have a local list, but consider the significance of buildings as and when they enter the planning process and will declare them as non-heritage designated heritage assets as necessary. As the site has been sold it will be assessed with heritage in mind. We have been asked if we require the whole site to be included as such. It was agreed to respond seeking their opinion on this when a site visit is arranged. It was also agreed to request information on the new owners, and what would stop potential demolition work beginning upon purchase of the property bearing in mind our request is now in the system.

No response to our request to the previous owners regarding the state of the pipes and guttering has been received. As the site has been sold, this will be forwarded when new owners are known.

e Ongoing planning concerns at Tavern Lane. Local residents have been trying to clarify who is responsible for boundary fencing with ongoing earthworks with machinery at the very edge of the property borders, and ongoing concerns of subsidence. Further concerns of the lane being blocked and historic fires and a FOI request have not been responded to satisfactorily. There seems to be a distinct issue of each department that has been contacted not taking responsibility or answering local residents' concerns. Cllr Dell has advised us to contact the Leader and Chief Executive of our local council and advise MP Harriet Baldwin.

Planning enforcement have not responded to our request for an update following their site visit, which will be further requested, it has also been advised that contractors were on site on Saturday out of the hours allowed – this will be reported.

C Albert to update us on tree preservation issues raised when known.

**7 Finance**

- a Clerks salary March £247.55 & expenses £21.98. Agreed.
- b Photocopies January – March 2019 - £11.64. Agreed.
- c Litter bins invoice to Broxap - £500.40. Agreed.  
D Hubbard to advise on fixings.
- d Request to support Parish Rooms grant to improve thermal efficiency. Quotes are currently being sought.
- e Remembrance bench – request for support/financial assistance via grants/donation. £1132.20 has been raised to date, a further £100 from the church committee has been donated. Quotes and a final decision on the site are awaited.

**8 Highways**

- a Lengthsman Scheme. Invoice for February to be placed on the next agenda.  
A further urgent request for an itemised list of equipment will be requested, to ensure our Lengthsman can work safely on the highway and ours and Countys’ responsibilities are being met. The Clerk to further liaise with the Clerk at Eastham.
- b Pothole outside Wrens Nest, Shropshire – re-reported.
- c Speeding concerns through Newnham Bridge. Highways have confirmed that although the mean average of speed data shows at 34mph, they understand our concern in asking for cables to be laid. They suggest using roundels and repeater 30mph signs. They are set into the verge and painted on the carriageway at different points throughout the village. The roundels are £200 per set, cost to us. This was considered too costly for what would be of minor benefit. It was noted that the speed enforcement van attends more regularly.
- d Overgrown hedges at Woodgates Green and Jewkes Lane hedges. After forwarding photographs, the hedges in Jewkes Lane have been cut back by Highways to reveal the 30mph sign. Details of the landowner have been forwarded to highways regarding hedges at Woodgates Green.
- e Sunken verge in Jewkes Lane. Further concerns to be made, they are looking at possible solutions.
- f Litter pick – 24<sup>th</sup> March. Meeting at the parish rooms at 10am. Quotes will be sought for purchasing some litter picking sticks.
- g Church Hill – state of road – reported.
- h Blocked drains along the A456 will be reported from the Worcester road boundary to Wyrebrook Orchard.
- i Wildlife verges – a local resident has offered to cut the Bickley and Long Length verges as part of their own conservation verges to ensure their continuity. This was welcomed by the Parish Council as County may not secure a contract to continue this. It was agreed to ask if it would be possible to include Jewkes Lane verges.

**9 Glass recycling in the parish.** The Parish Room committee have provisionally agreed to siting a glass recycling unit in the car park, confirmation on keeping it secure and emptying is required. Clarification is being sought on other sites around the parish from Malvern, the layby on the A456 was suggested.

**10 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.** Vacancies now exist for two members.

**11 Elections.** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019. The Clerk to obtain forms from Malvern.

**12 Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda.** Litter has built up in the layby on the A456 and along the verge to the Shropshire boundary, this will be reported. The BT manhole cover by Bickley Lane/A456 junction has been reported due to the noise it is making.

**13 Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....