

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting  
held at Knighton on Teme Parish Room at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs R Bolton, D Hubbard, E Mapp, R Lear, R Higginson, K Redfern, R James

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates.

Mrs K Redfern chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** J Barnes, Cllr K Pollock

2 **Register / Declarations of Interest** – E Mapp, item 7a  
**Dispensations** – none

**Public Question Time**

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

Cllr Pollock had circulated his report to members to be placed on the website.

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

**5 Planning**

a There was one planning application:

19/01660/HP 7 The Willows, Tavern Lane, Newnham Bridge. Retrospective application for erection of boundary fence and soft landscaping.

This is a retrospective application for a fence already built and the owner feels the submitted plans fit the consent required. However, there are very strong objections from the neighbour outlining the plans do not reflect the reality of the height of the wall and subsequent fence on top of the wall. The objections also discuss the ground height being raised on the development which is not reflected in the current application or approved on previous applications. This causes a loss of privacy.

The neighbour also complains that the wall is structurally unsound with cracks already in the wall and objections state the wall appears to be giving way. Objections also raise concerns that the neighbour cannot access his own roof to repair damage caused by the new development.

Complaints also state a loss of light due to the height of the wall and affected views.

We would also highlight points 6 & 7 in the decision notice 16/01574/REM relating to Tavern Bungalow and to these specific objections being raised.

Based on this information, the Parish Council raise strong objections to this application and would ask planners to give due consideration to the above issues.

b There were no determinations.

c Planning applications determined under delegated powers: none

d Station House. A reply had been received stating that the property was being put back on the market. A copy of the listing information has been forwarded to them and our further concerns regarding the lack of repairs.

e Newnham Farm hedge removal. Confirmation of our complaint has been acknowledged and classed as priority C, investigations to start within 10 days from 13<sup>th</sup> November.

f SWDP consultation. Our parish remains a category 4 village with limited services and public transport. Further housing is planned for Tenbury along Bromyard Road. A comment to be submitted to request that planning and building control applications are considered carefully and decisions taken are seen through to the end of development by properly trained officers.

**6 Finance**

a Clerks salary December £258.97 and expenses £16.16. Agreed. 0.3p deducted due to November cheque being read incorrectly at the bank.

- b Grants for 2020-2021 – it was proposed by R Lear, seconded by K Redfern to award grants of £150 each to Knighton on Teme PCC, Teme Span, CAB, Lindridge Pre-school, All agreed.
- c Final budget for 2020-2021. It was proposed by R Lear, seconded by K Redfern to approve the budget and request a precept of £6520 for 2020-2021, all agreed.
- d Photocopies for October-December - £11.52. Agreed.

## 7 Highways

- a Lengthsman Scheme. Invoice for November - £240 + £48, total £288. Agreed.  
An assessment of the pavements from Talbot towards Worcester to be requested.
- b Blocked drain outside Field Farm – No feedback received from Cllr Pollock, this will be chased up.
- c Pothole outside Wrens Nest, Shropshire. This has been passed to Burford Parish Council.
- d Overgrown hedges at Woodgates Green – no feedback from Cllr Pollock. Cllr Hubbard has since spoken to the landowner who advised the hedges will be cut back soon.
- e Drain below Tavern Lane. Reported.
- f A456 request for white lines by Smithy. This will be assessed and if it meets the criteria new road markings will be ordered.
- g Overgrown hedges along A456 – there has been no response from the landowner adjacent to Riverside following two requests. The landowner at Riverside telephone to advise that the hedges did not belong to them, this land was sold off separately, it is not known who the land belongs to. Highways to be contacted to request to cut back.
- h Potholes at Bickley x3 – reported, awaiting feedback.
- i Missing cover along the A456. This will be re-reported as the wrong location was given.
- j State of road between Little London and Jewkes Lane. Reported, highways have been out and are assessing the area.
- k Risk assessments on assets. Bickley noticeboard has since been removed by Mr Powell as it had blown over, a new one has been built to include a planter as originally agreed. However the landowner of the hedge has emailed to complain that a planter is not needed at this site as she feels it does not fit in and raised concerns of how it will be maintained. A response will be sent advising that this is what was originally agreed, requesting permission to site the noticeboard in the hedge and advising the planter will be on the highway. Confirmation of planting and maintenance from Mr Powell will be sought.  
Permission to site the planter on the verge will be sought from Highways.
- l Collapsed drain at Little London. Reported and being assessed.
- m Blocked drains along A456 near Wyrebrook Orchard. Reported.

8 **Vacancy a Parish Councillor.** One vacancy remains.

## 9 Promotion / inclusion of community ideas.

- a – S106 monies, inclusion of noticeboards. Noticeboards cannot be funded from S106 monies.
- b – S106 monies, inclusion of traffic calming measures. An application to be drafted for gates/signs.

## 10 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

A complaint regarding the litter bin near Tavern Lane has been raised by the landowner advising it is obscuring the view as vehicles exit their property. A reply to be sent advising that permission was sought and granted by highways to site the bin at this location.  
Concerns about footpaths to be passed to the Footpath Officer.  
Concerns about the stability of the road bridge to be passed to highways.

11 **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....