

**The minutes of Knighton on Teme Parish Council Meeting  
held virtually at 7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020**

**Present:** Cllrs R Lear, K Redfern, D Hubbard, E Mapp, R Bolton, J Barnes

**In attendance:** Clerk, Mrs Karen Yates, Cllr D Godwin, Cllr K Pollock, 1 member of the public.

Mrs K Redfern chaired the meeting.

1 **Apologies:** R James has tendered his resignation.

2 **Register / Declarations of Interest.** E Mapp declared an interest in item 8a.

**Dispensations**

**Public Question Time**

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

Cllr Pollock had circulated his report to all members. Local tiers come into force tomorrow following the second lockdown ending, support for local shops is encouraged.

Cllr Godwin advised of finance available for small/medium businesses, he offered his help for the parish rooms who are struggling acquiring grants because of lease problems.

4 **Minutes:** Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 were approved following a minor amendment.

**5 Correspondence**

a Future of The Talbot Inn – request for advice from the owner / to discuss and consider options.

The owner did not join the meeting so we are unaware of what his request to us is. The Clerk to email advising we cannot consider this further unless we know what is being requested.

The member of public who joined us at the beginning left the meeting.

**6 Planning**

a There were no planning applications

b There were no determinations.

c Planning applications determined under delegated powers. None

d Newnham Farm hedge removal. The recent reply from enforcement advises that some re-planting of hedgerows may be included as a condition of the recent planning application.

e Commonwood Villa. An update was requested but was not received, it was advised at the meeting that the containers have been removed, this will be checked

f Possible unauthorised planning adjacent to Stoney Cross Villa, Bickley Lane. Enforcement have been advised, a reference has been given, it has been assigned a category C priority. An update will be sought.

**7 Finance**

a Clerks salary December-£265.46. Agreed

b Budget/Precept for 2021-2022. A final draft budget was circulated, it was proposed by K Redfern, seconded by E Mapp to approve the budget, agreed. A precept of £6520 will be requested.

c Grant donations for 2020-2021 were agreed as follows: £150 each to Knighton PCC, Temespan, CAB and Lindridge Pre-school. £40 for Parish Rooms toward electricity costs for defibrillator. Proposed by K Redfern, seconded by E Mapp, agreed.

d Internet banking – 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate and debit cards. This has not been progressed as when the Clerk phoned to set up herself and Lengthsman as standing orders, the bank advised Clerk was information only on the account. This has happened numerous times in the past and prompted a letter of complaint which is being dealt with.

**8 Highways**

a Lengthsman Scheme. November-£288,. Agreed.

b Cracked drain opposite Mill Lane – the correct drain top has now been located and reported.

c Complaint of mud on the road/feedback from West Mercia Police. Local Police team reported back that some of the lane had been cleared due to different people bought maize - she was awaiting a reply from the farmer.

Further mud has been left on the road by a contractor to another landowner. Cllr James has since resigned his position due to verbal abuse received when he complained as a private matter of damage to his property. Members agreed this was a disgraceful situation, Cllr James has the full support of the Parish Council but does not want to reconsider his position at this time. Members agreed we were sorry to see him leave. Cllr James intends to deal personally with any threats/abuse that is occurring.

However, for a Parish Councillor to endure / leave due to verbal abuse/threatening behaviour by anyone is unacceptable and potentially a borderline criminal offence. The Chairman has spoken with Cllr James who has agreed for his details to be passed to the police as an official complaint. All agreed.

Cllr James' resignation email to be forwarded to police as a complaint, it was agreed the behaviour received by him was disproportionate regarding the matter concerned.

Cllr James to be advised of our regret at his leaving and informed of this decision.

d Water at Tavern Lane/Bickley Lane junction. This has been reported to highways, inspected and passed to the local team for assessment and monitoring.

e Double white lines along A456. Highways have advised that other than the amendments at the A456/A443 junction, no further work will be carried out.

**9 Safety along A456, Newnham Bridge.**

a Highways have confirmed that they do not offer a rental service.

Further quotes were sought for renting speed signs as well as to purchase. One company offered a total purchase package of £2200. It was proposed by K Redfern, seconded by E Mapp to potentially purchase a speed sign which flashes slow down with 30mph speed. The Bickley Lane junction area was thought the best location, Cllr Hubbard to take photos and circulate. Permission to place a sign on the highway will be sought from Highways.

**10 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.** There are now two vacancies, elections will be informed of the latest resignation.

**11 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.** A litter pick to be arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> March, Temespan to be contacted for advertising in February and March editions.

A complaint about large vehicles accessing Church Hill re SATNAV directions has been made to highways by the landowner at The Waddings requesting suitable signage and copied to us. It was agreed to request the reference number and support this request.

Concerns were made regarding the amount of people walking the lanes without high visibility clothing. To be placed in Temespan and on noticeboards.

The Boundary Commission presentation attended by D Hubbard outlined the process for reviewing wards, further consultation is awaited.

**12 Date of next virtual meeting:** 7pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....