

KNEESALL, KERSALL & OMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

7 March 2017

Present: T Kirk, (Chairman), P Davies, Ms M Lissaman, D Yeardley, B Allebon, Ms S Gemmell & R Taylor (V. Chairman)
B Laughton (C.C) & Mrs S Michael (D.C)

Apologies: Mrs E Fidler & C Cutts

Public Participation: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of previous Meeting 31 January 2017 were approved
R Taylor/D Yeardley

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. **Kneesall Knatter** – Editorial meeting still to be arranged but will now be in April with Richard Lawrence, Councillors Kirk, Fidler & Lissaman
2. **Dog Mess Bin** – To be sited at the entrance to Laxton Lane but is not yet in position.
3. **Caldecott Foundation** – No information has been forthcoming but it is understood the CEO - Clive Lee has resigned/retired as has John Gifford. It is also understood that the Thoresby/Kneesall Estate manager Nick Brown has also resigned/retired.
4. **Village Triangle** – Revised quote from Notts. CC had been accepted and a final account from Town & Country for £138.00 had been received.
5. **Precept** – A 2% increase has been granted which amounts to £47.00
6. **Casual Vacancy** – Formalities have been completed to allow Ms Samantha Gemmell to be co-opted onto the Council and she was welcomed by the Chairman.
7. **War Memorial Cleaning** – Chairman contacted Mr I Thorne again regarding the cleaning and the creation of a memorial plaque but to create a plaque will require to be funded from an outside source. Mr Thorne felt that Memorial should be allowed to “fade away” as the years pass.
8. **Ompton Notice Board** – Councillor Davies advised this was now in position and the Chairman thanked him for his efforts.
9. **Defibrillators** – Councillor Gemmell advised that Kneesall School is happy to have one on their site but she advised that a bill was passing through Parliament to change to law re defibrillators and where they are to be sited. (E.g schools, community centres) As Government funding will be available in due course it was suggested no action be taken until the funding was available.
10. **Finances** – Amount of £83.25 (not detailed in minutes) is in respect of Community Centre Hall Hire.

Declaration of Interest: None

Correspondence: - In

Transparency Funding – Further information regarding applying

ROC – Invitation to meeting at Kelham Hall. No further Action

Plunkett Foundation – Councillor Gemmell will investigate further

Veolia – (Lesley Taylor) Invitation to visit Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield

Finance – NALC - £76.90

Ultimate Print - £100 Kneesall Knatter printing 5 Editions

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Planning Applications – Old Village Hall – The renovation and conversion continues although the Parish Council has received no further information. It is understood that Mr N Brown of Kneesall/Thoresby Estate has resigned but no confirmation has been received. It appears that the existing car park has been dug up and is to be replaced. It seems various amendments have been made to the existing plans although no information has been received.

Chairman’s Comments –

Grass Damage, High View Cottage, Ossington Road – The householders will be contacted regarding the damage caused by contractors to the grass verge once the building works have been completed.

Transparency – Councillor Gemmell will liaise with the Clerk regarding the implication. Audits will be abolished but all documentation is required to be uploaded computers. Funding is available to allow the purchase of equipment which will remain the property of the Parish Council. Application has been made prior to the end of March and further funds are available after that date for another application to be made. Councils will be expected to create their own websites rather than “tag onto” sites such as NSDC. Maintenance funding will be available for 2 years.

Baulk Lane Potholes – The Clerk was requested to contact Mr M Keeling of **Via** (Highways Division, Notts CC) regarding the worsening state of the surface of Baulk Lane.

Other Matters –

Councillor Gemmell – To complete a “Declaration of Interest” form for NSDC.

She also put forward some suggestions to move forward the Neighbourhood Plan forward which included:-

1. Residents Questionnaire issued via Kneesall Knatter
2. Look at other plans for further ideas
3. Available funding

B Laughton (C.C) – Advised there there was no further information (at this stage) regarding the 50 mph restriction proposal for the A616 between Wellow and S Muskham.

The collapsed 30 mph warning sign at Kneesall will be replaced.

The Bilsthorpe Gasification Project is struggling to become a reality for a number of reasons including flawed technology, No Environmental Licence and being unable to sell Planning Permission. It seems likely that a new application will be made for an ordinary incinerator.

Councillor Davis – Advised that the replacement notice board for Ompton was complete in position.

Councillor Taylor – Advised that he had disturbed burglars has he entered the farmyard.

Councillor Allebon – Expressed concern about the possible closure of “The Angel” and wondered if there was enough interest and finance within the Village to consider taking it over to run for the benefit of the Village.

Date of Next Meeting

21 March 2017 – Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting Closed

9.00 pm