

KNEESALL, KERSALL & OMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

21 March 2017

1. **Present:** T Kirk (Chairman), R Taylor (V Chairman), Miss M Lissaman, P Davies & B Allebon
2. **Apologies:** Mrs E Fidler, Ms S Gemmell, C Cutts & D Yeardley
B Laughton (C. Councillor) & Mrs S Michael (District Councillor)
3. **Public:** None
4. **Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 3 May 2016** Were confirmed as a true and correct record. **Proposed** T Kirk **Seconded** M Lissaman
5. **Matters Arising From the Minutes:** No Matters were raised

6. **Chairman's Report:**

Good evening and welcome everyone.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to our 2016/2017 year achievements. To Bob for collating the information of minutes and agenda plus numerous phone calls and e-mails. Even contributing from the other side of the world some 10K miles away – technology is a wonderful thing if you understand it.

Many thanks to Alan Corlett who has led his sub – committee in laying the foundations of our Village Plan. Subsequent thanks go to Sam Gemmell in joining our council to continue Alan's work. Other Issues covered were:-

The War Memorial Plaque – funding required still.

Maplebeck Wind Turbine has been objected to and has become dormant of late.

The Bilsthorpe Incinerator has also hit the buffers and has become an impractical proposition.

Thanks to Brian for his involvement in both issues and attending pressure groups.

The elusive Broadband in Kneesall continues to be a problem. Promises of it being operational fully in September 2016 have not come to fruition and a new date of March 2018 has been indicated by Outreach.

A further dog bin for Kneesall is about to be installed at the end of Laxton Lane soon.

He Baulk Lane pothole saga goes on for yet another year. Reported to the Council on many occasions, I fear for people being unaware of their Lethal State and our holes not qualifying for repairs as they are not vast enough!

The excessive barking from the 7 dogs at the Old Vicarage on Baulk Lane has been resolved.

Their noise has now been taken to Norwell where they continue to annoy residents.

Meetings have taken place to improve the outdated format of the Kneesall Knatter. Thanks go to Liz and Merrinda for bringing about this change after almost 40 years. Contributions from all will improve its readability.

The Village Green Grass Cutting Saga has hopefully come to an end. After an unacceptable union with Town and Country, we have now reverted to a contract with Notts County Council. It should be restored to its original standard.

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Chairman's Report (cont.)

The proposed 50 mph speed limit between Wellow to Ompton, Ompton to Kneesall and Kneesall to South Muskham has not come to fruition yet, but will undoubtedly happen in the future.

Thanks to Pete for his attendance at the fracking meeting in Shirebrook. He learned that fracking licences had been issued to explore Ompton initially, but Kneesall was by no means exempt. Poem for the future?

Pete has also replaced the notice board in Ompton much to his credit!!!

Drains in Kersall have been an issue, but the highways promise to unblock them in the next financial year.

Planning:-

Thoresby Estates (or Kneesall Estates as Nick Brown refers to us!) have had quite an eventful year. The Old Village Hall has had a considerable amount of money and effort spent on it. Its transformation into a bursary and preschool will undoubtedly have some impact on our Community Centre. Time will tell whether it will lead to its demise with conflicting interests.

Wood Close Farm has also had funds spent and manpower used on it to breathe life into these disused buildings. It now operates as a centre for the safety of children who have been victims of poor parenting or care. Now the work is complete both Clive and John have retired and makes our connection lessen.

Fortune Farm has seen a massive step in change in the last couple of weeks whereby all the old farm buildings have been demolished and removed. It looks far better already.

High View Cottage on Kneesall Green has had a single storey extension built on the side and is nearing completion.

Rose Lea on the A616 has had permission to demolish the existing building and build a substantial property in its place. Work will take place soon.

Thanks again to all involved.

Looking forward to the challenges and aspirations for 2017/2018

7. Presentation of Accounts: The Clerk presented the **provisional** Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 to the Council. The accounts were discussed and will now be audited by the internal auditor before being sent to the external auditor Grant Thornton. **Proposed T Kirk**

Seconded R Taylor

8. Clerk's Fee £83.12

9. Kneesall Knatter: A meeting to be held at "The Barn" 13 April 2017

10. Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 7.30 pm

11. Meeting Closed: 7.45 pm

