

Kniveton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at The Village Hall, Kniveton on Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7pm

Present: Chairman: R. Barnett,
Councillors: H. Nelson, R Savidge, J. Bradbury and G. Bates

Absent: Councillor L. Rose

Also, in Attendance: 3 members of the public
3 Peak Waste delegates
County Councillor Ratcliffe

Councillor Barnett welcomed the representatives of Peak Waste and Councillor Savidge to his first meeting.

NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

FC/1119/01 Apologies for Absence

None

FC/1119/02 Variation of Order of Business

Item 9 taken after item 4

FC/1119/03 Declaration of Members Interest

The following interests were declared:

- Parish Field and Churchyard Mowing - Councillor Bradbury
- Rights of Way – Councillor Barnett

FC/1119/04

Richard Martin – Peak Waste

- Explained that the current planning application is to consolidate all areas of the site that haven't had planning permissions approved.
- Advised that originally, they had plans to amend the access to the car park, but this had been removed.

County Councillor Ratcliffe – Peak Waste

- Gave her opinion following her discussions with planning officers that the planning application would lead to a much better site which would help with inspections and monitoring.
- Noted the amendment regarding access but reassured the Council that the application would not bring any additional traffic to the site.

Richard Martin

- Explained that since they applied for the bio mass boiler permission there was a shortage of timber, so the figures are no longer viable. The planning permission expires in May 2020 and Peak Waste did not expect that they would be installing the boiler although if that position changed, they would advise the Parish Council. The proposed Peak Waste/Parish Council liaison meeting would therefore not be necessary

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FC/1119/09 Planning Applications

The Council considered the planning application set out in Appendix A of the agenda and **Resolved:** to make no objections but to contact Highways explaining that there was a pinch point between the Peak Waste site entrance and the B5035 which would benefit from road widening. .

FC/1119/05 Exclusion of the Public

In view of the confidential nature of items 15 (decision on staffing) and item 14 (4) which is linked to the staffing decision it was **Resolved:** to exclude the press and public from the meeting at the decision making time in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, to discuss these items.

FC/1119/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 September 2019, were confirmed as a correct record under the provisions for approval and signed by the Chair

FC/1119/07 Highways

- **Planters**

Councillor Nelson updated the Council on the meeting with Plantscape and it was **Resolved:**

- 1) To speak to the homeowners near noticeboard and bench to ascertain if they had any objection to a planter being installed in that area.
- 2) Depending on 1) to apply for permission to install a tower planter near the noticeboard and bench
- 3) To advise DCC that the planter outside the Village Hall would be changed from a Manchester planter to a Tower planter.
- 4) To request Plantscape remove the debris left from removal of the planters.

- **BT Telephone Box**

The Clerk advised that BT had approved the adoption and the Chair signed the contract between Kniveton Parish Council and BT. It was **Resolved:** to look at options for a professional company to renovate the exterior of the telephone box.

- **Village Pump**

The Council noted that no additional volunteers to maintain the pump had come forward and **Resolved:** to accept offers from 1 resident, Councillors Nelson and Savidge to form the working party to clean and maintain the pump

- **Other Highways Issues**

- **Faulty Drain near village pump**

Councillor Ratcliffe agreed to take this up with DCC.

- **Flooding on the B5035**

Councillor Barnett advised she had contacted DCC (Highways Hub) regarding this requesting action.

- **Speed on B5035**

The Councillors discussed concerns with the speed motorists came through the village and **Resolved:**

- a) To research initiatives in other areas where Parish Councils and schools had taken action
- b) To contact Ashbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team to request a new speed watch exercise
- c) To consider a DCC Speed Check in 2020

FC/1119/08 Footpaths

The Council:

- Thanked Councillor Nelson for addressing the issue of slippery manhole covers near the school.
- Discussed the list of footpath maintenance jobs and noted that these were not likely to be addressed by resources in the village.

FC/1119/10 VE Day

The Council discussed the national programme for the weekend of 8 May 2020, and it was **Resolved:**

- 1) To produce a short survey seeking views from residents for activities that might be held in the village over VE weekend.
- 2) To put an article in Kniveton News
- 3) Councillor Bradbury to discuss arrangements with Church
- 4) Councillor Nelson to seek views from Red Lion on involvement.

FC/1119/11 Report of the Clerk

- **Action Plan**

The Council noted the updated report and progress and matters arising from the last meeting.

- **General Correspondence**

The Council noted the general correspondence.

- **Grit Supply**

The Council discussed concerns with the Snow Warden scheme that the Clerk will seek advice on. It was noted that no grit is needed as supplies are sufficient.

FC/1119/12 Consultations

Noted

FC/1119/13 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The Council noted the contents of Circular 11/2019.

FC/1119/14 Finance

- a) Payment of invoices

The Council considered the monthly payments as attached at Schedule 1 and **Resolved:** to approve the payments with cheques signed by account signatories.

- b) Revised Financial Regulations

The Council noted and approved the contents.

- c) Year-end forecast and bank reconciliation

1. The Vice Chair verified the bank reconciliations for all accounts produced by the RFO and signed the reconciliations and the original bank statements as evidence of verification.

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2. The Council noted that the Clerk was still in the process of producing the year-end comparisons
- d) S137 Applications

None

FC/1119/16 Items for information only

1. Reports from outside bodies

The editor of Kniveton News explained the current position with the Newsletter.

2. Items for inclusion on next agenda – Planters; Telephone Kiosk; Village Pump; VE Day; year-end forecast

FC/1119/17 Date and Time of Next meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14 January at 7pm at the Village Hall, Kniveton

Meeting closed to the public at 8.30pm

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

FC/1119/15 Staffing

The Council discussed the Clerk's report recommending that the Council employ a contractor to assist in keeping the village clean and tidy - hedge strimming; footpath clearance; small works such as repairing broken fences. Councillors noted the impact of County and District budget positions had led to a reduction in services and that this supported the suggestion of assisting them with undertaking some localised work. It was **Resolved:** to engage a reputable contractor for 1 day a month between April and November 2020

FC/1119/14 (4)

The Council considered the costs of the decision FC/1119/15 to be £1600 per annum and discussed funding options, it was **Resolved:** to increase the Parish Precept by £800 per annum and use £800 from reserves.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Schedule 1

Description	Payee	Amount
Kiosk Adoption Fee	BT	£1.00
Oct/Nov Wages	Kath Gruber	£308.14
HMRC	HMRC	£0.00
Oct/Nov Expenses	Kath Gruber	£27.52
		£336.66

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