KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12 September 2018 in the Knebworth Village Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Roger Willcocks (Chairman), Adrienne Charter, Rosemary Conybeare, , Philip Farr, Jenny Harrison, Paul Jobling, Steve Hemingway, Colin Stringer, Chris Trowbridge and Paul Ward

In attendance: the Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Godfrey.

2. Chairman's announcements

Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.

Ms Nash declared that she is chair of the SOS Pub group.

Mr Farr declared that he may be affected by the WHBC Green Belt Review.

3. Minutes

Proposed by Mr Ward, seconded by Ms Nash and

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 August 2018 the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 29 August 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

5.1 Station Pub Appeal Update

A planning consultant has been appointed and Rule 6 status granted for the SOSpub group and the Parish Council. NHDC is to review its reasons for refusal at its next Planning Control meeting, to mitigate costs and defend the strongest reasons.

6. Local Plans

6.1 To consider comment on the WHBC Green Belt review Stage 3

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has published a Green Belt review. A draft response has been produced for Woolmer Green Parish Council.

Proposed by Mr Ward, seconded by Mr Jobling and

Resolved: to support the response to the Green Belt review and to highlight the potential impact of development on site p3b.

6.2 To receive an update on NHDC Local Plan
The planning inspector is expected to seek further information or make a decision on the Lcoal Plan this month.

7. Council Vacancy
Messrs Trowbridge and Farr having signed the deceleration of acceptance of office. All vacancies have now been filled.

8. Website
Mr Stringer proposed that photographs of councillors should be included on the website. Councillors are to provide photographs if they want them included. It was agreed that the name and council email address were the only essential information required.

9. Recreation Grounds
9.1 To consider CCTV system
The Council reviewed the quotes for CCTV in the main recreation grounds.
Proposed by Mrs Harrison, seconded by Mr Hemingway and
Resolved: to accept the quote of £12950 from Rapid vision to install and upgrade CCTV in the recreation ground.

Mr Willcocks proposed and it was
Resolved: that a one year contract is entered into with HCCTVP to monitor the CCTV.

9.2 To review maintenance of zip wire
It was agreed that the necessary repairs should be undertaken on the zippier at a cost of £340.

10. Insurance Review
This item was deferred.

11. Office equipment
Proposed by Mrs Conybeare seconded by Mrs Charter and
Resolved: to purchase a desk top computer at a cost of no more that £800.

12. Meeting Schedule
It was agreed that the next Amenities Committee meeting is scheduled for 24 October 2018.

13. Clerk's Report
13.1 NHDC has updated its pitch play strategy and has asked for revisions before it is adopted.
13.2 The Entech site (70 dwellings plus retail and office space) Planning Inquiry starts on 18 September.
13.3 A resident of Old Knebworth has complained about a litter bin next to a bench not being emptied since the new waste contract came into force. NHDC has stated that it is not their bin because it is the wrong type, and have told the clerk that it is the PC's responsibility. The Parish Council has never been responsible for litter bins on the highway. The clerk has contacted NHDC waste officer and its two District Councillors to try to resolve the problem.
13.4 The painting in the pavilion has been completed.

13.5 The gate to the timber play equipment has been replaced. It would benefit from two paving slabs being laid outside the gate.
13.6 FOKs would like to hold a dog show in the recreation grounds next May.
13.7 Barclays Bank has written regarding the community account held by the Council. It is no longer available to the Council and the account will be transferred to an account with an expected monthly charge of £30. The clerk is to look for other available accounts.

14. Accounts

14.1 To approve the List of Payments 1 August 2018 to 31 August 2018
Proposed by Mrs Ward, seconded by Mrs Charter and
Resolved: that the list of accounts paid during Accounts Period 3 2018/19 from 1-31 August 2018 be approved
14.2 To approve quotes
Proposed by Mrs Nash, seconded by Mr Hemingway and
Resolved: to accept the Playquest quote of £300 to inspect the timber play equipment.
Proposed by Mr Stringer, seconded by Mrs Conybeare and
Resolved: to accept the Red Kite quote of £980 to undertake tree work on Norton Green Common.
Proposed by Mr Ward seconded by Mrs Conybeare and
Resolved: to accept the Maydencroft quote of £480 to undertake ditch work at Norton Green Common.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Mrs Harrison asked for content for the Parish News.
15.2 The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2018.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.55 p.m.

Chairman _____

Date _____

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