

# KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8 January 2020 in Knebworth Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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Present: Councillors Roger Willcocks (Chairman), Adrienne Charter, Rosemary Conybeare, Jeremy Godfrey, Jenny Harrison, Steve Hemingway, Paul Jobling and Paul Ward

In attendance: The Clerk

**1. Public Participation**

There was no public participation

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Nash, Mr Stringer and Mr Farr.

**3. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Minutes**

Proposed by Mr Ward, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 December 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**5. To Note the minutes of Committee Meetings**

Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 11 December 2019 were noted.

**6. Co-option**

Three people had expressed an interest to be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

The Council voted by a show of hands and it was agreed that Charlotte Cusson would be co-opted to the Council.

Mrs Harrison recommended that new councillors should attend the HAPTC training course. The clerk is to obtain course dates.

**7. NHDC Parking Operational Standards**

NHDC is consulting on the proposed operation standards to implement the Parking Strategy adopted last year.

Mr Hemingway stated that there are numerous parking problem in Knebworth due to the lack of spaces. NHDC focus on towns and maximising car park revenues.

Mr Ward recommended engagement with NHDC. Knebworth is the only station in North Herts which does not have any parking controls. He recommended that the Council should prioritise a review of parking to try to identify solutions.

Mr Ward is to consult the Neighbourhood Plan and draft a response to the consultation.

## **8. Clerk's Report**

8.1 A resident has complained about an opening in a hedge in Stockens Dell which is used as a cut through and which he considers it 'an accident waiting to happen'. The hedge runs along the front of Stockens Dell, at the side of Gibbons Way. This is HCC's responsibility and the clerk is to report it to County Councillor Thake.

8.2 A Highways Liaison Meeting is to be held on 13th January 2020 at 7:00pm, the clerk is to attend.

8.3 The planning application for the illuminated sign on the new pharmacy in St Martins Road has been approved, subject to a restriction that it is only switched on during opening hours

8.4 Park Lane will be closed in February between Deards End Lane and Gypsy Lane to permit gas pipe replacement work to continue.

## **9. Finance**

### **9.1 Accounts Paid**

Proposed by Mrs Harrison, seconded by Mrs Conybeare and

**Resolved:** to approve the accounts paid to from 1 December to 31 December 2019.

### **9.2 Quotes**

Proposed by Mr Ward, seconded by Mrs Conybeare and

**Resolved:** to accept the quote from Red Kite to undertake the felling work on Norton Green Common.

## **10. Station Pub**

The clerk reported that the acquisition of the pub was completed on 8 January 2020. Refurbishment work is to commence on 13 January 2020. An application has been made to building control regarding some internal work. The clerk is to contact NHDC regarding variation of the landscaping condition for the approved planning application affecting the site.

## **11. Any Other Business**

11.1 Mrs Conybeare flagged that the large road sign, which was moved to assist the construction of the McCarthy and Stone building is blocking the footpath. This is more obvious now that the hoarding has been removed. The clerk is to inform County Councillor Thake.

11.2. Mr Hemingway reported that County Councillor Thake has provided statistics on the number of non- resident children being accepted at Knebworth Primary School.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 12 February 2020.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 08.50 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_