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Highlights of recent meetings

June

Cllr Staff advised that the Emergency Plan has been sent to SCC Emergency Planning Officer Keith Falkner Simpson for ratification prior to local distribution and introduction.

Cllr Baly raised concerns of local residents over recent unauthorised camping and camp fires on the common. Any future incidents should be reported to police and fire services immediately along with dates and photographic evidence if possible.

Cllr Hayward suggested the Parish Council should initiate a Village Fun Day event in summer 2018. It was agreed she would liaise with Cllr Baly over this.

Countryside Projects Officer Neil Lister is gauging interest in creating a Community Tree Nurseries scheme in Suffolk Coast and Heaths. It was agreed to reply with a tentative 'yes' on behalf of Knodishall.

Planning – DC/15/5073/OUT, The Firs, 65 Leiston Road. Concerned were raised by the council over access and height and character of proposed dwellings.

July

An analytics check of visitors to KPC website in the past month revealed 52% were returning and 48% were new visitors.

Community Payback have volunteered to cut and clear around the pond and play area

on a regular basis. Concerns were also raised about overgrown footpaths.

Cllrs Mayhew and Baly raised the issue of effectively maintaining and progressing the Play Area. It was agreed to evaluate options over the next few meetings.

Cllr Lister made a strong complaint to SCDC about the continuing lack of action over the overgrown and neglected state of 9 Hillcrest. SCDC Jones said the requisite process was continuing and that she would follow it up and report back.

August

Following completion of the statutory electoral period for the Casual Vacancy, Nigel Black of Provident Cottage, St Andrews Road was proposed and seconded for co-option onto the Parish Council, and duly elected as parish councillor.

The Clerk advised receipt of the Conclusion of Audit Certificate for KPC 2016 -17. In accordance with Transparency Code requirements for small parish councils, the relevant documents were available for review either by appointment with the Clerk or via the website Finance page.

The Clerk had reported increased sightings of Himalayan Balsam in the River Hundred to Stephen Quinn at the Environment Agency. He advised he was aware of it from last year and it would be monitored ahead of routine maintenance later this year. Natural England and Suffolk Wildlife were also copied in.

Planning – DC/15/5073/OUT, The Firs, 65 Leiston Road. Following the requested review, the Planning Application for this development was approved by SCDC.

Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Hall. All are welcome. In addition to being displayed on the Knodishall noticeboard, details and full minutes of all meetings, general parish news and events can now be accessed at knodishall.suffolk.cloud

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KNODISHALL PARISH NEWSLETTER

New Parish Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Nigel Black as a new parish councillor. Nigel has already been involved in a lot of work on the Common and joined in many village activities – not least making the winning scarecrow at last year's celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday! Nigel says 'I was born in St Albans in Hertfordshire and worked in an analytical laboratory after leaving school. After being made redundant I worked with my father in his upholstery business and later as an assistant school caretaker. In 2014 I left to look after my terminally ill father and in early 2016 I moved to Knodishall. I have found everyone very friendly and helpful and I look forward to helping with community activities. I have two sons in their 20s and in my spare time I like to go metal detecting.'

Community Defibrillator

Following the installation of the community defibrillator at Crisps Garage the parish council organised an awareness session in the village hall at the end of July. Around 20 people took the opportunity to learn how to perform chest compressions and familiarise themselves with the use of a defibrillator. We are grateful to Carl Carrington of the East of England Ambulance Service for giving his time and sharing his knowledge. We hope to organise a further session next year so more of you can learn these life saving techniques.

Village Litter Pick

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Village Litter Pick in July. We were pleased to see some new faces helping to keep our village clean and tidy. Sadly it

doesn't last long so we will be out again in the spring!

Plan for the Future of the District

A new local plan for Suffolk Coastal District is being prepared and you have an opportunity to take part in its preparation. A Local Plan sets out the level of growth which needs to be planned in an area and identifies where that growth should be located and how it should be delivered up to 2036. Local issues for Suffolk Coastal cover a range of topics such as tourism, climate change, environment and design. Public drop-in sessions are being held over the issues and options with a consultation period running from August 18th to October 30th.

A local drop-in session will be held at the Riverside Centre in Stratford St Andrew from 4pm to 7.30pm on Wednesday October 11th, or more information can be found by visiting eastsuffolk.gov.uk/suffolklocalplanreview

Children's Play Area

A recent ROSPA inspection of the play equipment has highlighted the need for some costly maintenance and repair work. Every year there is something to repair or replace and special wood chippings are an ongoing expense. The parish council has limited funds available and we have to ask the question if it is wise to continue to repair and replace or whether it would be more cost effective to invest in new equipment. This would involve fundraising and seeking out grant monies. We know that many of you use and appreciate the play area and we would like to hear your opinions and ideas of any improvements that could be made. Please do

talk to your councillors, write or email the Clerk. We want to hear from you.

Knodishall Flower Show

We again held a very successful show with over 600 entries including several first time exhibitors. Exhibits were of a good standard and the hall looked impressive. Children's entries were up, due to the excellent support of the Brownies. Unfortunately rain curtailed outside activities and stalls were forced to shut up shop. Phil, George and John retired inside but still kept playing. We would like to thank all entrants, helpers, furniture movers and the ladies who washed up. Many thanks!

Results-

Flower Show Cup (most points overall) Jackie Bell; Robert Bushill Trophy (vegetables 1-32) David Murphy; WB Franklin Bowl (flower arranging 33-40) Jayne Emerson; Graham Baggott Trophy (cut flowers and pot plants 41-55) Avril Ziebart; Jenny Sheppard Trophy (best arrangement 33-40) Jennifer White; Domestic Trophy, Jackie Bell; Handicraft Trophy, Wendy Merfield; Willis Shield (children 98-108) Owen Coxage; Family Tray, Murphy Family; William Gildersleeves Trophy (collection of 5 vegetables) Alex Wright; Whiting Shield (best handicraft exhibit) Carolyn Law; Senior Citizen's Shield (most points in vegetables) David Murphy; Newton Certificates (highest points in young People's section) under 5 yrs Lara Haxell and Freddie McFarlane, 5-8 yrs Chelsey Teager, Oliver Miller Smith, 9-14yrs Owen Coxage; Barclays Bank Trophy (Summer Gardens) Mr and Mrs Dungey; Mary Enright Trophy (hanging basket or container) Mr and Mrs Farmer; Josephine Smith Trophy (best chutney) Jackie Bell.

A Villager's Notes

As autumn and winter bring darkness over the land, and we exchange summer activities for a more sedentary, indoor life we in Knodishall have much to contemplate. Not least the question of light and whether we can have more of it.

We can be proud that the British not only passed the time of day productively and happily for many hundreds of years, but moreover, in the pomp and confidence of Victorian times we formally invented it in 1855 when Greenwich became the world's epicentre by virtue of standing astride 0° longitude. From then the world knew what the time was by setting their clocks to Greenwich Mean Time plus or minus a few hours depending on their longitude. This changed in

the First World War when the Germans invented daylight saving to increase production. They cunningly put their clocks back by one hour in the spring of 1915. Not to be outdone we swiftly followed suit, and in the Second World War we stole a further march by moving our clocks back a full two hours during spring and summer.

Amidst all this one might wonder why France which is largely on almost the same longitude as ourselves are on Central European Time and not GMT – they moved to CET during their German occupation in the war and have remained so since. The upshot of all this is that we can quite easily have more light if we choose, especially if it enables us to increase production in the face of Brexit.

Knodishall Carpet Bowls Club

With around 50 members the club is the largest in the Heritage Carpet Bowls League and probably the largest in Suffolk. Two teams, A and B, represent the club in the Heritage League and we are currently looking forward to the start of the 2017/18 league season with the first game on September 28th.

During the summer with many of our members taking to the greens for outdoor bowling, those remaining have for the last five years entered the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association's Summer League, competing against 35 club teams. Knodishall have won this competition twice, but this year the trophy went to Barking.

The club also hosts a less competitive session on Monday afternoons starting at 2pm. This social session offers friendly bowling with gentle exercise and the opportunity for a chat and refreshments. New members will receive a warm welcome in the village hall.

Community Speed Watch

Suffolk Police are committed to working with Roadsafes partners to achieve casualty reduction targets and reduce serious injuries and fatalities on our roads. But officers cannot carry out regular speed enforcement checks in every community on a regular basis, so they are recruiting Community Speed Watch volunteers. Trained volunteers can verify and record registration numbers of speeding vehicles and Suffolk Police will send offenders a letter. Persistent offenders may be targeted for police enforcement.

There need to be at least six volunteers in each scheme including a co-ordinator

responsible for equipment and administration. The cost of training and admin is covered by the police, but not the cost of speed detection equipment so this cost must be taken into account. If you are interested in volunteering and getting a group together please contact the Parish Council.

Oil-club.co.uk

The Oil-Club has launched a new club for Saxmundham and surrounding area. It is an independent organisation whose aim is to reduce the cost of heating for its members. By grouping deliveries by village they are able to negotiate the best bulk purchase price for heating oil, and pass savings on to members. A club with 100 members will also save 150 to 180 heavy duty vehicle trips a year through their village, saving wear and tear on roads and the environment. To find out more visit www.oil-club.co.uk

Knodishall WI

Knodishall WI meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. We are a friendly group, and always welcome new members and visitors.

Our October meeting will be a talk on Old Sayings and their Origins by Peter Banham. November is our AGM, and in December we will welcome members of Leiston British Legion Band, who will entertain us with Christmas carols and songs. This is an open meeting and both men and women are welcome to join us.

The Common Rambler

Although the common was not teeming with butterflies this year there has been a good selection. Butterflies tend to have a specific flight period, the Orange Tip being one of the earliest is on the wing in April and May. Some have as many as three broods so are about over a longer period.

There was a good showing of Ringlets, a darkish brown butterfly with a thin golden yellow frill on the wings. When it settles it reveals small rings on the underside, rather like bulls eyes of white, black and gold.

Another butterfly doing well is the Comma, orange with distinctive black markings. It looks as though someone has chewed the edges of its wings to create a jagged appearance. When closed they reveal a very dark brown with a golden comma on each wing. Hence the name! Other butterflies seen include Red Admiral, Peacock, Painted Lady, Cabbage White, Small Skipper, Gatekeeper,

Speckled Wood, Small Copper and Holly Blue.

Walking across the old football pitch in early July I came across a few cinnabar moths, obviously just emerged from their pupae. The black and red wings had not dried off and they were incapable of proper flight. Like most moths they fly nocturnally. Their bright yellow and black caterpillars feed on ragwort and they pupate on or just below ground.

In my spring notes I mentioned the first migrant, the Chiffchaff. One was still calling in early September, 6 months of singing! Winter migrants will be arriving next month. Look out for field fares near the Old Post Office.

Spotted on the Buxlow Road

An unusual sighting has been reported, of an adult bittern in Buxlow. It stood in the middle of the road for a while and then in its own good time walked into the field and flew off. Is this a first for Knodishall?

Cancer Research Christmas Fayre

Knodishall Cancer Research UK Support Group are holding their annual Christmas Fayre in Knodishall Village Hall from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 25th November. We will be serving coffee, cakes and light lunches. Stalls will include the Grand Draw, Christmas Cakes, Cancer Research UK Christmas Cards, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery, Crafts, Bird Boxes, Books and Games. So start your Christmas shopping here, bring the children to see Father Christmas and help raise money for this very worthy cause. Contact me if you'd like to help with our fund raising or wish to donate any items.

Jo Mayhew, Organiser, 831748

News from the Methodist Church

Work to remove asbestos has been safely completed and all our usual activities are starting up again. Our Sunday service is held at 10.30am and all are welcome. Open House is an enjoyable afternoon of tea, cake and activities on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm - 4 pm. Scrabble Tea is on the second Friday afternoon. Ladies Group is at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday in the month with a good varied programme. Youth Club and Messy Play welcome all young people. Dates, times and contact numbers are listed in church porch. We hope to hold a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December from 11am to 3pm with hot soup and puddings available. For further information call 01728 603892.