The Parish council meeting started promptly at 7.45 and this month we had two members of the public with us, one of those being Cllr Nick Chard, our KCC Councillor. As always, the first ten minutes were handed over to the public. Cllr Chard said he had come along in case there were any questions arising from the Local Plan. He asked that we could pass on that he had replied to all the emails and was working his way through the letters. He was pleased that so many people had written individual letters, as these are better that one letter with lots of signatures. Nick was also asked about the 431 bus as it appears that the 4.30 bus from Sevenoaks to Knockholt doesn’t seem to be running. He is going to look into it for us.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed. All payments were agreed for the month as well.

The meeting was then handed over to the committee news. Amenities had had a meeting where converting the village street lighting to LED was discussed. Apparently, there are approximately five years of life left in the current lighting, so it was agreed that any faulty lights over the next 3 years would be replaced with LED lamps. In 2021 the remaining lights would be converted, and some vintage lamp posts installed around The Pound.

The tree audit had to be abandoned as it got dark too quickly, so it was agreed to reconvene soon but during the morning. Pot holes have been looked at throughout the village and many now have white lines painted around them, so hopefully will soon be repaired. New vintage style street signs have now been put up on Rushmore Hill and Harrow Road.

There was no planning meeting this month, but everybody should have received ‘The Housing Needs Survey’. Please remember to fill in the form and send it back as soon as possible.

We will also be ordering a slow down/speeding sign for the village. Hopefully this will be helpful in combating the speeding cars through the village. Remember the sun is low at the moment which can suddenly affect your visibility.

There was a Sports and Leisure meeting. Lots of work has taken place on the cycle track, A generator will soon be ordered so that the junior footballers can train during the winter months with the use of flood lights. We discussed new seating for both the recreation ground and the extension land. Benches made from recycled plastics were a popular choice, especially for the environment.

Only one police report this month. A Ford Transit in Old London Road was broken into and cash stolen.

We are sad to announce that Freda our Parish Clerk will be leaving at the end of the year. We have been so lucky to have her and she will be missed.

With Remembrance Day coming up, we will be looking into buying some large poppies to connect to the lamp posts around the village.

Events

Fireworks ~ November 3rd.

Remembrance Sunday ~ November 11th.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th November and all residents are welcome to come along and express their views and any concerns.

This article represents the personal views of the author, however to view the approved minutes please visit the Parish council website at [**www.knockholtparish.co.uk**](http://www.knockholtparish.co.uk)

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