

KNETTISHALL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 11th April 2016

Draft until Approved

Present: Cllrs Mrs Plackett, Mr Cleveland, Mrs Mills, Mr Faiers, Mr Crooke, Dr Taylor, Mr Filler, B Cllr Bull, C Cllr Spicer and 7 members of the public.

Apologies. Robert Capon

- 1. Minutes** of meeting on 13th April 2015 were read and approved.
- 2. Report from Knettishall Country Park.** Samantha Gaye had submitted a report, read by Cllr Plackett. The cattle grids have been installed and woodland contractors worked from October to March thinning woodland to help dissipate unnatural compartmentalised habitats which has improved bat numbers and varieties of flora. The next stage of the development is the removal of the roadside fences; a date for this is still to be arranged. There are 11 Exmoor and 4 Dartmoor ponies as well as 2 domestic horses in the Country Park. Shorthorn cattle will return to the riverside meadows in May. The wildlife survey is ongoing. There are good numbers of slow worms, adders, grass snakes and lizards. Skylark numbers are increasing. The Knettishall Fair is to be bi-annual. C Cllr Spicer emphasised the fact that any accidents on the road involving animals must be reported back. The further car park along the road across the site is to have cattlegrids installed. Two options were given for the location of the kissing gate with plaque donated by the Parish Council and the site nearest to Hopton was chosen by the Councillors. Clerk to notify Sam Gaye.

Signed.....**Date**.....