**Knettishall Annual Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of Knettishall Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 in Hopton Village Hall.**

1. Present: Cllrs Plackett, Filler, Taylor, Faiers, Capon, Cleveland, Mills, B Cllr Bull and six members of the public.

 2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Crooke and C.C. Spicer

3. The minutes of the meeting on 11th April 2016 were read and approved.

4. Knettishall Country Park. Samantha Norris of Suffolk Wildlife Trust had submitted a report on Knettishall Country Park. Over the winter the public and the ponies were getting used to the new system without the fences and it appears to be working well. There are a number of notices on the fences with a phone number so the public can get in touch in case of an emergency. Woodland contractors have been thinning and clearing large areas for glade and ride creation.

 Work is taking place on clearing tracks to make the paths easier for walkers.

 The number of ponies is increasing to 17. No cattle will be in the Country Park this year but trials with a number of Bagott goats will take place.

 Wildlife surveying continues with an increase in butterflies, invertebrates and sky larks. Night walks are held for the bat group, there are fungi forays and the Hounds of the Heath group is increasing in number.

 The Knettishall Fair will be held on 13th August. Hopton’s kissing gates and nest box have been erected on the eastern side of the reserve on the yellow trail.

Cllr Taylor mentioned that there had been one accident involving a cyclist who had failed to dismount on a cattle grids.

Signed………………………………………………………………………………. Date……………………………………….