

**KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING APRIL 20th. 2016**

PRESENT: Cllr Lister – Chair, Cllr Pipe, Cllr Read, Cllr Staff, Cllr Wigg, Cllr Baly, SCC Cllr Smith, The Clerk, 9 Members of the Public.

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs Kerridge and McHardy, SCDC Cllrs Haworth-Culf and Jones, Playgroup, Guides and Coldfair Green School,
2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on April 16th. 2015. It was proposed by Cllr.Wigg and seconded by Cllr. Mayhew and agreed by the Parish Council to accept the minutes as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.
3. **MATTERS ARISING.** None
4. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** – included in the file.
5. **REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS**
The following reports were given by village organisations:-
Knodishall Flower Show – read by Mr Murphy
Village Hall Trustees – read by Mr Murphy
Methodist Hall – read by Mrs Biggs
Methodist Ladies Group – read by Mrs Philips
Knodishall Brownies – read by Mrs Smith
Knodishall Guides – read by Cllr Lister
Knodishall Playgroup – read by the Clerk
Women’s Institute – read by Cllr Pipe
Local History Group – read by Cllr Pipe
MP Therese Coffey – read by the Clerk
plus
Coldfair Green School – no report, but gives a report to the Parish Council each month
6. **MATTERS OF VILLAGE INTEREST.**
 - SCC Smith thanked the previous Clerk for her considerable contribution to KPC during her tenure and welcomed the new Clerk. He advised that he was planning to meet with the new head teacher at Coldfair Green School, delayed due to his recent period of convalescence following surgery. He then updated the meeting on his budget focus, referencing the payment of 2 grant allocations – (i) for the Brownies’ storage cupboard in the Village Hall and (ii) tree planting for the Queen’s Birthday event. Lastly he advised that within his £15,750 locality budget he will consider making individual donations as follows:
8 x £1000 to organisations
8 x £500 for purchases
5 x £750 for other payments excluding salaries (e.g. Knodishall Common management)
 - Member of the public, Mr Cassidy, offered congratulations to Cllr Read for the improvements made to the path by the river. Cllr Read thanked him and also praised the contribution made by Mr Fletcher, Mr Murphy and Mr Haxel and thanked them for their help.

- On behalf of the attendees at the Methodist Church, Mrs Biggs and Mrs Philips raised their great concerns about responsibility for managing access to the Hall and the state of the path surface. Cllr Lister stated that management was within the remit of the Parish Council and advised he is therefore intending to improve the stability of the bollard placed on the path by grinding it down for a second time. He also reminded the meeting that it is installed to control unwanted vehicle access. Cllr Wigg said he would review any potential options for improving the path surface with Natural England.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm