

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON January 20th 2016

PRESENT: Councillors C Lister – Chair, A Wigg, J Staff, J Read, G Baly, J Pipe, J Mayhew, J Kerridge, the Clerk J. Harrison, SCC Cllr Smith, 4 Members of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES** – SCDC Cllr Jones
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Mayhew, Cllr Pipe (Item 6)
3. **MINUTES** – of meeting held on December 9th 2015. It was proposed by Cllr Pipe, seconded by Cllr Baly and agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.
4. **CLERKS REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) The clerk had reported the bin by the village hall
 - b) The clerk had reported the dog bins around Knodishall
 - c) SCDC had been contacted about the collection of the Textile Bank
 - d) The Pre-cept forms for the coming year had been completed and submitted
 - e) The police report had been received – 2 crimes reported in December – 2. Criminal Damage to motor vehicle under £5000 (copy with main minutes.)

5. PLANS

DC/15/5074/FUL – 35 Judith Avenue, Knodishall – Detached Garage.

The Council had received a copy of the letter Mrs Fordham had sent to SCDC reference the application.

The Council recommended refusal of the application on the basis it would set a precedent for building in the front gardens in Judith Avenue.

DC/15/5037/OUT – The Firs, 65 Leiston Road – improvement to existing vehicle access to form a shared vehicular access and erection of 2 new dwellings to the rear of The Firs, 65 Leiston Road, Knodishall.

The Council recommended refusal of the application on the basis that access would be a problem especially at School dropping off and collection times.

6. S.137 DONATIONS

The Clerk had prepared a schedule of last year's S.137 donations. It was proposed by Cllr Staff and Seconded by Cllr Kerridge to pay the following; this includes an additional £100 to the Village Hall for this year with regard to any event held at the hall for the Queen's Birthday – agreed by Council

Village Hall	£400.00
Knodishall PCC	£300.00
CAB	£200.00
Parish Magazine	£50.00
Knod.Playgroup	£100.00
Knod. Brownies	£100.00
Knod. Guides	£100.00
CATS	£50.00
Local History Group	£100.00
Youth Club	£100.00

It was proposed by Cllr Wigg and Seconded by Cllr Staff to give a further £50 to Leiston Library – agreed by Council.

7. KNODISHALL COMMON

Community Action were on site from 10-13th January and will be again from 24th – 27th January. Working parties have been meeting over two weekends and would continue to do so, Cllr Pipe had provided hot soup. Cllr Wigg said that the new fire sledge was working well and that the trees would be pollarded within the next three weeks. Cllr Baly is to find out who is ordering chipping for the Common track. Clerk to chase the Environment Agency to clear the river.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Staff had no response to his request for help in the newsletter. He hopes to produce the completed document next month.

9. NEW CLERK

2 applications had been received; this is to be followed up.

10. AUTO ENROLMENT

The Clerk had obtained prices to set up the necessary pension scheme to comply with auto-enrolment (one off payment of £375) and to run a monthly payroll incorporating the changes (£20 per month). The clerk suggested that any changes be implemented at the beginning of the tax year.

11. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

The Council had received a letter from the Village Hall offering help with the event. Cllr Pipe suggested approaching people informally to set up a meeting to discuss ideas. It was suggested to use the Village Hall and the new grass area behind the bus shelter.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Kerridge mentioned blocked footpaths

Cllr Staff stated that the B1069 was still flooding

Cllr Read said that he had been called by Mr Simpson @ Benhaven reference flooding, there was a problem with the drain cover opposite 11 The Whinland and a pothole on the B1069 leaving Knodishall.

Cllr Lister thanked the Common Team for their work.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Suffolk Constabulary reference reduction of PCSO (including Leiston)

Email from Environment Agency ref sea wall at Slaughden

14. FINANCIAL

The Clerk had prepared a copy of the Financial Statement showing the Council's financial position on 20TH January 2016. This was proposed by Cllr Wigg seconded by Cllr Staff

The Parish Council agreed to pay the following

• H Mayhew – Wages	£163.20
• J Harrison – Wages (DD PAYE 56.00)	£223.50
• Hall Hire (DD)	£17.00
• Barnes - Stationery	£27.23
• Sodexo – Community Action 23/25/19 Nov	£270.00
• IS&G – Steel for Fire sledge (VAT 34.30)	£205.80
• Robin Pipe – Labour/boat trailer – fire sledge	£295.00
• Refuse Sacks	£ 4.00

The meeting was closed 8.30pm and the Chairman invited members of the public to speak.

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Cllr Smith gave his report:-

The cut to PSCO's in Leiston & Aldeburgh had been a surprise and Cllr Smith had sort a meeting with the police commissioner. The draft SCC budget in November will have no increase in council tax, although due to the Chancellors commitment to increase the living wage a 2% social care levy will be introduced to meet some of the £8m shortfall caused by the introduction, this will raise an additional £5.4m, this will increase a band D property by £22.50 per year. The Council have made saving this year of £34.4m and have to save £80m over the next two years. Cllr Smith has given £230 to Knodishall Brownies towards a storage cabinet.

Mrs Cassidy asked if the seat held by Cllr Read could be positioned near the pond, she also raised the problem of the dog bin in Post Office Road.

Mrs Fordham asked about the potholes on the road leaving from Knodishall to Saxmundham.

