

**KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON March 16th 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors C Lister – Chair, G Baly, J Mayhew, J Pipe, J Read, J Staff, A Wigg, the Clerk J.O’Hear, SCDC Maureen Jones, 4 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES –Cllr Kerridge, Cllr McHardy, , SCC Cllr Smith, SCDC Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST –None

3. MINUTES – of meeting held on February 17th 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Read, seconded by Cllr Staff and agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERKS REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING –

The Clerk reported that activities had been focused on role induction and handover from the outgoing clerk and any matters arising from the previous February meeting were incorporated for review into the subsequent relevant agenda items

- The Chair of Friston PC has notified the Clerk that public protest meetings against the proposed Two Hoots Barn development in Sternfield of the B1121 are currently being organised.

5. PLANS

The Clerk only received DC/16/0974/FUL planning application relating to front and rear extensions to 3 Hawthorn Close, Knodishall on March 16th 2016. by April 6th at latest. Documents to be circulated for review by all Parish Councillors and feedback returned to Clerk by March 29th. SCDC to be advised accordingly by April 6th latest.

6. AREA AROUND THE POND

Clerk to follow up with Crown and Ladybird Nurseries and report back at next meeting about price including delivery of 2 appropriate trees and best planting time for the Queen’s Birthday. Clerk will also follow up with Plymouth Brethren about its proposed purchase of an additional seat.

7. KNODISHALL COMMON

- Report received from Susan Stone from Suffolk Wildlife Trust summarising her observations following her review of the ongoing work on the Common. She recommended Craig Mackay of Kiwi Services in Snape as a potential supplier of topping work (www.kiwi-services.com).
- Quotes inclusive of VAT for improvements to the children’s play area: Replacement of posts @ £355 (excluding swing pod post); multiplay platform only @ £158 and a guide price of £200 for platform steps materials. These were proposed by Cllr Wigg and seconded by Cllr Mayhew. Cllr Mayhew to research quote for fencing for review in April KPC meeting.
- Cllr Lister to follow up relevant person at Green Trees.
- Cllr Wigg to follow up with Mathew Ginn, Conservation Advisor at Natural England about capital works claim by the end of March.
- Cllr Kerridge absent so feedback on horse being ridden on footpaths will take place at the April meeting.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Staff circulated the Community Emergency Plan for review and discussion at the April meeting.

9. KNODISHALL METHODIST HALL TRACK

Following receipt of letter outlining issues of concern about the area around the Hall, Cllr Pope stressed the importance of avoiding conflict and Cllr Lister said the trip hazard needed to be addressed. The Clerk will send a conciliatory reply to the Church Council Secretary.

10. LITTER PICK DATE

April 9th confirmed as the date of the next Litter Pick. The Village Hall is booked and litter grabbers and sacks are available from SCDC.

12. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Cllr Pipe confirmed that the planning meeting is scheduled for April 6th in the Village Hall. The £250 grant from SCC Cllr Smith not to be used for refreshments and not all of it for trees. Purchase of flyers agreed and Cllr Reed to check Rackhams for price and availability of large hessian sacks for sack races. Agreed that appropriate bunting is stored in the Village Hall.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Staff said that cars still inconveniently parked by the Judith Road junction and at the end of School Road at school times. He also said that potholes are only fixed on at a time and that flood water remains under the pylons on Leiston Road.
- Cllr Bally suggested consideration should be given to building a hutch for the ducks on the pond.
- Cllr Wigg reported that the planned volunteer group work to clear up the Common will wait until May when other work is also scheduled.
- Cllr Pipe raised the issue of KPC contributing money towards the track across the Common as SCC and SCDC only contribute to highway maintenance. Cllr Bally to investigate funding options which will be included on the April KPC meeting agenda.
- Cllr Lister made a presentation to the outgoing clerk

15. FINANCIAL

The Clerk had prepared a copy of the Financial Statement showing the Council's financial position on 16th March 2016. This was proposed by Cllr Wigg and seconded by Cllr Bally. The Parish Council agreed to pay the following

- DD Hall Hire £17.00
- H Mayhew Wages £163,20
- J Harrison Wages £223.70
- DD PAYE £55.00
- J O'Hear Wages £335.79
- Sodexo – Common £450.00 (VAT 75.00)
- Ogilvie – Allotment rent £320.00
- Flowers £25.00

16. SCDC REPORT

SCD Cllr Jones presented the latest SCDC report jointly produced by SCG Cllr Haworth Culf and herself. Reference was also made regarding the availability to Knodishall of funds for dog bins from the Community Locality Budget.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm and the Chairman invited members of the public to speak.

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