

**KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Staff, C. Lister, J Mayhew, J Pipe, J. Read, A Wigg, E. Hayward,  
The Clerk J.O'Hear, SCC Cllr. Smith, 1 Member of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr G Smith, Cllr Baly, SCDC Cllrs. TJ Haworth-Culf and M Jones
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None for February
3. **MINUTES** – of meeting held on January 18th 2016.  
January minutes proposed by Cllr. Pipe and seconded by Cllr. Read and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting
4. **CLERKS REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING**
  1. The Clerk advised receipt of the latest report on the proposed Sizewell C development from Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group. In addition to a hard copy, it is also posted on the KPC website News page (<http://knodishall.suffolk.cloud>).
  2. Query from Knodishall resident Lisa Ford regarding KPC participation in the Sizewell Stakeholder Group in the context of villagers having a representative voice about the potential increase in traffic through Knodishall once the proposed Sizewell C development work starts The Clerk advised Ms Ford that various concerns including traffic levels continue to be shared via parish councillors through different local channels. In addition, Cllr Lister suggested the Clerk should let Ms Ford know that the SSG meetings are open to the public, should she wish to attend.
  3. Despite verbal indications to Cllr Read from SCC Norse and Blowers, no revised quotes for village grass cutting have been forthcoming. In the case of Blowers this is likely to be due to a recent bad injury and both Cllr Read and the Clerk will keep following up plus the Clerk will look out for alternative local grass cutter providers.
  4. Following January's meeting, the Clerk reported various potholes in Knodishall to Highways at Suffolk County Council via the mandatory relevant website system and subsequently spoke to the relevant local area manager. It seems follow up repairs are now dependent on onsite inspections which gauge pothole severity before initiating repairs. To date some potholes in Post Office Road have been filled.
  5. Following concerns raised about deteriorating public carpark surfaces on Knodishall Common, the Clerk looked into potential sources of help within SCDC but was advised it is the responsibility of KPC as the current steward of Knodishall Common.
5. **PLANNING**

Ref: DC/17/0363/FUL – Application for construction of rear extension and concrete hardstanding at Sparrow Cottage, The Common, Knodishall, IP17 1UZ. No objection to rear extension but parish council majority not in favour of concrete hardstanding on the Common for environmental and drainage reasons – however as it is already there, its inclusion in this application seems redundant.
6. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk followed up with the British Heart Foundation immediately after the January meeting and Knodishall has been fortunate enough to receive one of the last available donated public defibrillators plus a cabinet. Currently the various components are in the process of being delivered. After reviewing location options, and also following a discussion between Cllr. Pipe and Mr Will Smith from Crisps Paramount, the most appropriate and publically accessible location will probably be the garage exterior by Leiston Rd. In addition to installing the cabinet and defibrillator in the next few weeks, it will also be necessary to arrange ongoing maintenance and also promotional training within the Knodishall community. To support this the Clerk will contact the local parish councils who have recently installed public defibrillators and also Mr Smith regarding the optimum location at the garage.

## **7. BATTLES OVER**

A centenary nationwide commemorative tribute to the end of WW1 will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and the target is to light a chain of 1000 beacons across the UK. To support this goal, local councils, parish councils and other organisations are being invited to participate in this event and Knodishall Parish Council has decided to investigate the feasibility of organizing a beacon event in the village. The Clerk will therefore request a copy of a special Guide to Taking Part due to be published in April 2017, after which the parish council will review the feasibility of organizing a local beacon event.

## **8. COMMON MANAGEMENT**

Cllr Wigg reported that the annual Common clearance has made excellent progress and the hard work has been particularly well supported by local volunteers, including some welcome new faces. It should be completed by the end of February. In addition the essential annual pollarding is about to start. The sapling trees for the new wild orchard have also been planted. The Clerk, Cllrs Staff, Wigg and Lister are following up on organizing the requisite certification for pesticide use and waste exemption and also nitrate vulnerable zone record keeping.

- The Clerk advised that Matthew Ginn has suggested KPC should submit an application for potential Capital Works grant support in 2017/18 under the Common HLS scheme in April. Further discussion on this to be included in the March meeting Agenda.

## **9. PLAY AREA**

Cllr Mayhew shared a quote from J Alexander for further repairs to existing Play Area equipment. It was agreed that given the very significant investment required for these repairs, before proceeding with further repairs, it would be advisable to wait for any suggestions from Knodishall residents for future Play Area equipment and activities. It is hope that these will be forthcoming following distribution of a request for ideas in the March Newsletter. SCC Cllr Smith suggested that the Clerk should also contact SCDC Cllrs Haworth-Culf and Jones about any potential grant availability for play space via the 106 fund. Cllr. Mayhew also raised the issue of the need for new chips in the play areas and Cllrs Staff and Wigg agreed to research materials and report back at the next meeting.

## **10. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- Cllr Pipe asked that all required Spring Newsletter contributions should be submitted to her by March 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest.
- Cllr Pipe raised the ongoing issue of overflowing dog bins in Knodishall, especially in The Fitches. Cllr Staff reiterated that existing bins should be moved around so that they are placed in optimum locations and said he would investigate

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Barnes Rosher is including a voluntary £1.00 donation to Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station in every invoice from next month. Currently, Councillors do not feel this is appropriate for KPC.
- Notification received from SCDC and Waveney Council that following the administrative partnership, council elections are anticipated in May 2019.
- The Community Emergency Planning Groups organizing Rest Centre Theory training in March (details distributed).
- Latest Avian Flu Update received and circulated plus posted on the Knodishall website News page. (<http://knodishall.suffolk.cloud>)

- Details of the SALC Planning for All Conference in Mildenhall on March 2<sup>nd</sup> circulated.
- Alternative parish magazine printer details received and circulated.
- Proposed dates for the SNT.PCC 2017 public meetings received and circulated
- Notification of changing anti-social behavior controls under Public Space Protection Orders distributed. Feedback is welcome.

**12. FINANCIAL** - The Clerk had prepared a copy of the Financial Statement relating to due payments. This was proposed by Cllr. Wigg and seconded by Cllr. Hayward The Parish Council agreed to pay the following:

• DD Hall Hire	£17.00
• H Mayhew Wages	£172.80
• J O'Hear Wages	£320.80
• Shaun Wright Tree Services	£761.25
• Premier Toilet Hire (VAT £8.10)	£48.60
• Barnes Rosher (VAT £13.19)	£79.09
• Knodishall Brownies	£65.00
• Knodishall Guides	£100.00
• Knodishall Village Hall	£300.00
• Leiston CAB	£200.00
• Knodishall Playgroup	£100.00
• The British Heart Foundation	£200.00
• J Alexander (Play Area Repairs)	£530.00
• JT Pegg (Tree Ties)	£22.50
• Knodishall PCC (Churchyard Fund)	£300.00

The Clerk requested that she should be notified of any further potential annual 137 local community donations ahead of the March meeting.

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

## REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

*From SCC Cllr. Richard Smith:*

- Locality Budget for 2016/17 has all been spent, concluding with £1000 payment to CATS.
- Cllr Smith voted against the Sizewell C development as it stands but as he was the only no at the SCC Cabinet meeting, the proposal went through.
- 2017/18 Budget of £472 million was approved 39/26 on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and two thirds of this is for vulnerable people including the elderly and children at risk. (Cost per child is up to £300.000 per year). Essential large Capital Work will be funded from the £48 million reserve which cannot be accessed for social spending.
- Due to a meeting commitment in Manchester, Cllr. Smith will not be attending the March parish council meeting. Furthermore, after 7 years he is moving Wards so regretfully this February meeting is his last as the local SCC representative for Knodishall. He will be replaced in Aldeburgh and Leiston Ward by Russ Ranger, Conservative. Cllr Smith added that Knodishall Parish Council continues to be a fine example of an a local organization with a strong "can-do" attitude in its community.

