

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2021 REMOTELY ON ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillors J Staff (Chair), E Hayward, J Mayhew, M Smith, A Wigg, and Clerk H Brewell
ESC Cllr J Bond and Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr Black, Cllr Read, ESC Cllr Cooper and SCC Rainger.

Chair closed the meeting at 7.31pm

ESC Cllr Haworth-Culf gave an update on actions being taken locally regarding COVID, with a focus to get unregistered / unpaid carers vaccinated. ESC Cllr Haworth-Culf also advised that there has been a significant rise on local social media about dog fouling on footpaths.

ESC Cllr Bond advised that councillors have been contacting residents under the Home But Not Alone campaign, and asked for details of anyone that may benefit from this type of support.

ESC Cllr Bond and Cllr Haworth-Culf left the meeting at 7.40pm, and the Chair re-opened the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2021. Proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Mayhew and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Following on from February minutes item 6.3 – the vehicle parked on common land has been moved.

4.2. Following on from February minutes item 7.2 regarding the green in Post Office Road being placed on the 'one cut' list as a trial for 2021 – the clerk has received confirmation for this request from Suffolk Coastal Norse and East Suffolk Council.

4.3. An update has been received from the Friston Parish clerk regarding the Quiet Lane proposal for Grove Road. The clerk will deal with this matter.

4.4. The clerk continues to investigate the issue of ownership / lease for the play area.

4.5. SALC are encouraging parishes to have representation at the Community Partnership meetings. The clerk offered to attend.

4.6. The clerk confirmed that all councillors supported allowing The Butchers Arms to place tables on the village green.

4.7. The Refuse Collection Contract for April 2021 to March 2022 has been received from Suffolk Norse. The clerk to sign and return.

4.8. The clerk attended an online audit training course with SALC. It was agreed to book SALC for the 2020-2021 internal audit.

5. PLAY AREA

5.1. A quote has been received to replace wooden posts on the wobbly bridge. Approved.

5.2. Update on repair of the fencing – to be carried out by the end of May. The clerk to seek commitment to this completion date.

5.3. Repair / replace of swings will be discussed when the lease issue is resolved.

5.4. A working party to replace chippings will be formed once lockdown restrictions allow.

5.5. Cllr Staff and Cllr Mayhew will carry out a further site visit.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

6.1. Cllr Hayward raised the issue of the possibility of a zebra crossing being installed on Snape Road near Judith Avenue due to the increase in traffic.

6.2. Cllr Hayward and Cllr Smith raised the issue of refuse bin locations and replacements. The clerk to contact Suffolk Norse.

6.3. Cllr Wigg raised the issue of new pot holes on Snape Road near The Burch's. These are being reported.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letters for the council donations have been received from Knodishall Village Hall, Knodishall Brownies and Leiston Citizens Advice.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1. The March 2021 financial statement reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Wigg.

8.2. It was agreed to use the Common reserve fund to offset the addition costs of common work due to the lack of unpaid labour such as Community Payback and village working groups, due to lockdown restrictions. Proposed by Cllr Wigg and seconded by Cllr Mayhew.

8.3. Back dated CIL report for 2018-2019 was approved by Cllr Mayhew and seconded by Cllr Smith.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20th April 2021 on Zoom and will include the Annual Parish meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.