

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH DECEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), J Staff, L Hayward, N Black, J Clements, Clerk & RFO D Sanders

The meeting commenced at 19.30H

1. APOLOGIES –KPC M Smith, KPC J Read, ESC R Rainger, ESC T Daly. SCC TJ Haworth-Culf

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nothing

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd November 2022, Proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Staff and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

4.1 East Suffolk encouraging residents to only burn seasoned/dry firewood on their open fires or in their woodburning stoves this winter, in a bid to improve air quality in their homes.

4.2 Contacted Barclays and needed to initial Cllr Smiths first name change as it was spelt wrong hence the hold up

4.3 TJ have come back saying she would like to contribute towards Cllr Wiggs Bench – she will confirm how much once she has looked in the pot she has available

4.4 Citizens advice are asking for support/donations for 23/24 budget.

4.5 New annual registers of electors is ready to view

5. PLANS – No plans

6. ALLOTMENTS

6.1 Cllr Read was not present at the meeting however clerk has not received any further payments, Clerk will contact Cllr Read for an update

7. EMERGENCY PLAN Cllr Staff has not had the opportunity to do any further with this.

8. COMMON FIRE

8.1 We have received a 5 year extension to the HLS agreement from RPA totalling £1638 a year, this was unaffected by the fire due to the report from natural England saying the common is coming back to life.

8.2 Meeting with natural England to discuss the extension and next steps for the 5 year plan

8.3 After investigation the reason why we never received the payment from RPA over the last 2 years was because we were penalised for not submitting the claim form each year

8.4 Report from the fire service – total of £69, this was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Black to cover this cost

8.5 Website has been updated for the common tab in relation to the common fire

8.6 Cllr staff asked if the Clerk has received quotes back from Paul Bush about taking trees down by village hall and around the common, Clerk has heard nothing yet and will chase.

9. WARM ROOM SCHEME - To discuss/consider participating

9.1 Cllr Clements spoke to the Methodist church and was unable to help

10. BUDGET REVIEW To discuss 2023/24 precept

10.1 There is currently no council tax referendum limit for Parish Councils limiting the amount that they can raise via their precept. District Councils and County Councils are subject to council tax referendum limits, although these have been increased by the Chancellor in his autumn statement. However, Central Government has always indicated that it will keep referendum limits

under review and expects Parish Councils to demonstrate restraint, and as a general principle, Town and Parish Councils should be able to explain and justify larger precept increases. There is no requirement for District Councillor approval.

10.2 Precept for 23/24 was approved at £19,360, this was because of inflation reason/ wage increases and further common maintenance.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS To receive comments from Parish Councillors.

11.1 Cllr Black asked if we are still planning to sort the fence line out in the play area, Cllr Mayhew said that will is still the plan and will be back on the agenda next month to discuss further.

11.2 A general discussion was had regarding the talking bench which is still in Cllr Staff's garden ready to be put in place, Cllr Staff asked for SDS drill so he can drill the holes and place on the already laid concrete base by the common, I was agreed to be done over the Christmas period.

11.3 Clerk was asked if a bench has been purchased for Cllr Wigg however TJ has not confirmed funding yet however she is planning to support this, Clerk asked councillors what type of bench as can depend on budget, Cllr Staff mentioned that previous benches were purchased from realise futures which is a plastic compound similar to the one located in the play area and the recent talking bench one. Clerk will investigate and present a price at the next meeting.

11.4 Cllr Clements mentioned that School road repairs were brought up at the village hall meeting and was reported back that we are waiting for funding and further advice. Cllr Staff mentioned to purchase road plainings from askews to which the clerk will contact for a quote, School road repairs to be on next months agenda to discuss further.

12. CORRESPONDENCE Note correspondence received (information only). Nothing

13. FINANCIAL To review the current financial position and approve.

The December 2022 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Staff.

13.1. A total of £1009.20 for payments was approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 17th January 2023

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:08H and opened to the public.

No Public present therefore the Meeting Closed at 20:08H

