

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), L Hayward, N Black, J Staff, J Read, M Smith, Clerk & RFO D Sanders, ESC R Rainger and 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 19.30H

1. **APOLOGIES** –SCC TJ Haworth-Culf, ESC T Daly
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Chair J Mayhew for item 8 school road
3. **MINUTES** – Cllr Smith mentioned that in his draft copy, his name was missing from being in attendance, Clerk amended the non-draft minutes for Chair to sign prior to meeting therefor approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st June 2022, Proposed by Cllr Hayward, 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. Sizewell C project Pushed back again until 20th July
- 4.2 No updates regarding Hillcrest Road – read report from Cllr Rainger
- 4.3 Tree that was falling down in allotments has been sorted

During Clerk report it was reported that the car park for the allotments is overgrown and needs attention – Clerk will contact CDC blowers to get cut.

Chair closed meeting for Cllr Rainger at 19:35

Open at 19:35

- ESC Chief executive due to retire at the end of December and now beginning to recruit for the position.
- Anglian revenue recorded energy costs and have some money left by already giving out to home bands A-D, the remaining balance will be given out to homes on band E-H but only who receive certain qualified benefits, and this could help in the region of 330 homes.
- A new engagement programme has begun called “operation camouflage” which is aimed towards activities for kids, East Suffolk are fully supporting this.
- University of Suffolk has been identified as a training ground for dentistry which should see more dentists in Suffolk and local dentists to be encouraged to take on NHS custom.
- Cllr Staff asked if Cllr Rainger know anything about the 3 way pending road works by the pub, as nothing has happened for a few days causing unnecessary car fumes while waiting for lights – Cllr Rainger did not know anything however encouraged people to look at the network services which should detail it there.

Closed at 19:43

Council meeting resumed at 19:43

5. **PLANS** To review any planning – nothing

6. PLAY AREA – Clerk provided 2 further quotes for a double timber swing & stainless steel from creative play and playdale and Cllr Staff provided a quote from Wickstead for a double stainless steel swing giving 3 quotes in total. It was agreed by council that Wickstead was in favour but need to consider costs and how to fund.

6.1 Play area bin has arrived and will be installed.

6.2 Councillors agreed dates within the month to carry out some repairs.

6.3 Clerk has tried to contact various fencing companies with still no luck, Clerk will continue to pursue this.

6.4 Councillors will look at the condition of the swings to see if should be taken down

6.5 Cllr Staff mentioned Community Suffolk may help with funding, clerk will look at this.

6.6 Clerk to order 6 bags of chippings as ordered before

6.7 Cllr Staff said he will open an account with coastal to help with supplies

6.8 Play area inspection is booked for September - cost £70

7. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

7.1 Cllr Smith raised concern that a road speed sign has been flattened on Aldringham road, Cllr Staff to report the issue to fix my street.

7.2 Cllr Smith also asked if there is any updates on Barclays to be set up for online banking – Clerk reported saying that the Chair needed to sign to approve and will be sent back to the mandate team.

7.2 Cllr Black asked if the community service could come back and do a shift on the common as believe areas have been changed during lock down.

7.3 Cllr Mayhew asked clerk how the rural payments is progressing – Clerk reported to council that the claim is in and everything is updated with full access.

7.4 Cllr Read gave an overview of what amendments are required to rent out plots on the allotments, Cllr Hayward mentioned to add about filling up the water tanks and to add general maintenance of the car park moving forward.

7.5 Cllr Staff provided a quote for the base, it was agreed to walk down and point out an exact position, so work can be carried out. Payment approved by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Hayward.

8. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS –

8.1 Discussion has been had with the village hall on how to help fund, discussions will continue and hopefully provide help on this, to be confirmed at next meeting.

8.2 Cllr Mayhew will contact contractors to clarify exact works involved.

8.3 SCC Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf may be able to help fund however will need further information on how else we can contribute.

8.4 It was discussed that council could afford in the region of 4k of the work.

9. CO-OPTING COUNCILLORS – Due to 2 unfilled seats which was given notice last year the council are free to co-opt – Jo-Anne Clements in attendance has agreed to join as a councillor of Knodishall parish council, this was proposed by Cllr Hayward and Seconded by Cllr Staff, Clerk asked to receive details from Jo to get everything in order. Chair Cllr Mayhew welcomed Jo to the council and will attend 16th August as her first meeting as a councillor.

10. CORRESPONDENCE Note correspondence received (information only).

10.1 Jane, secretary of the Knodishall womens group have asked to use the common for a picnic on 10th August – this was agreed by council.

11. BACS PAYMENTS

11.1 carried out a couple £1 test transfers to see if bacs work and was successful

11.2 bank transfer is now set up – Cllr Staff to sign to authorise RFO to manage online banking. In time can have Cllr Smith set up to authorise.

11.3 BACS was used for this month's wages and was successful

11.4 Where necessary all payments will now be using Bacs and not cheques.

11.5 Cllr Staff mentioned that the financial standing orders will be to be updated to reflect the new bacs payments – Clerk to amend.

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

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

12.1. A total of £991.59 for payments was approved.

12.3. Received £500 jubilee funding, that's £1100 in total and made payments of £834.39 leaving a balance of £265.61 – Cllr Mayhew mentioned the remaining balance will be used to update the village sign.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 16th August 2022

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:39H

Opened to the public at 20.39

- Can some of the costs to repair Hillcrest Road be recovered from the farm as they use that road for access?
- There appears to be concrete blocks in the play area which could cause damage

Closed at 20:44

