

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillors J Staff (Chair), L Hayward, N Black, J Read, J Clements, M Smith, Clerk & RFO D Sanders & 3 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 19.30H

1. APOLOGIES –KPC J Mayhew, KPC L Hayward, 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 18th October 2022, Proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Read and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Contacted new tide about parking around hill crest road, they reviewed the asset map and forwarded onto the Neighbourhood officer and will monitor this and provide feedback

4.2 UK Power network have attended and specifically looked at school road trees and nothing of concern as the wires are designed to withstand trees

4.3 East Suffolk Council area to notify you that we are updating our Skin Piercing Byelaws, this will bring them in line with national model standards produced and approved by the Department of Health.

4.4 From Friston parish council –

A critical feature of both the Eurolink and Sealink projects is that they intend to connect to the proposed National Grid substation at Friston. That “substation”, which could more accurately be described as a connection hub, is a separate nationally significant infrastructure project which has been promoted as part of Scottish Power's EA1N and EA2 wind farm projects. Development Consent Orders were granted by the BEIS Secretary of State for those projects earlier this year. However SASES is seeking to have those orders set aside by means of judicial review. That case is due to be heard in mid November and the judgement issued a number of weeks after that. If SASES is successful National Grid will no longer have the necessary planning consent for the proposed National Grid substation. National Grid will therefore be in a position or promoting projects a critical part of which no longer has planning consent.

4.5 Barclays want to receive updated documents however clerk not happy to send via email so have asked for a meeting with Barclays to produce the required documents – suspicious of fraud

5. PLANS

5.1 DC/22/4489/FUL, Proposed Erection of Detached Domestic Garage and Store

5.2 DC/22/4348/FUL, New extension to south elevation of Grade II* listed church. Extension will provide new toilet facility for use by visitors and congregation to the church

5.3 No comments or objections on 5.1 & 5.2 plans

6. PLAY AREA

6.1 The inspection report was handed out, Cllr Staff summarised by saying that the same issues have been on the report for the last 2 years and are known by council. Will discuss further next month.

7. ALLOTMENTS

7.1 Cllr Read has collected most fees, leaving 3 more to collect.

7.2 Cllr Staff asked if any further on interest, Cllr Read said there is 2 plots to hire out and have some interest.

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

9. COMMON FIRE

9.1 Cllr Black said the meeting went well and a summary should be with the clerk

9.2 Clerk Read report from Natural England and Wildlife trust which can be found on the website.

9.3 from the report, a couple of things left to chase which will be actioned with immediate effect.

9.4 Cllr Read said the environmental agency was looking at a particular plant that needs removing

9.5 Cllr Read mentioned the Bridge is need of repair which is unrelated to the fire, Cllr Staff said this was reported.

9.6 Cllr Staff suggested Melvern Pilcher to cut the common which would save money which was unduly proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Clements.

9.7 Cllr Black asked if the blackhorn can be reduced or taken down, gorse on the right is nice and tidy however on the left, looks untidy and has been scalloped in the past. Clerk to look at tree surgeons with Cllr Staff support.

10. WARM ROOM SCHEME - To discuss/consider participating

Cllr Staff and Cllr Mayhew discussed this before the meeting and looked around the village and cannot find a suitable location, unfortunately the village hall cannot afford the heating bill. The Methodist church is yet to asked so will leave on agenda for next month to consider feedback.

11. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS – No further updates however following a village hall meeting it was asked if the holes out the hall can be filled as priority, it was discussed that some plainings were purchased from Askews a few years ago, Clerk will investigate.

12. BENCH FOR CLLR WIGG – Council would like to proceed however discussed about asking for donation from the ESC & SCC – Clerk to contact

13. REVIEW OF CLERKS WAGES

13.1 following an update from SALC/NALC on pay increase, Clerk asked council to review the wages.

13.2 it was proposed that wages are required to be back dated from January 2021 as the previous pay was missed in April 2021.

13.3 in addition due to work load it was agreed to pay additional back pay of 10 hours PCM from Aug-Nov inclusive

13.4 Clerk will then require reverting back to normal hours from December 22 to March 23

13.5 From April 23 clerk will then move onto a new pay scale of £467 take home pay

13.6 Any extra hours needed (related specific project/items) be reviewed 3 monthly (in arrears).

14. BUDGET REVIEW To discuss 2023/24 precept

14.1 precept for 22/23 was set at £17,420 and typically this is increase by 2.5% meaning a new budget of £17855.50 can be applied

14.2 Council reviewed the budget and made some amendments however needs further attention, clerk agreed to review this and present a new budget for council approval for the next meeting.

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

15.1 Cllr Black asked if the willow trees by the river can be cut back, Cllr Staff to send some tree surgeon contacts over

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

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

The Novemebr 2022 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Smith.

15.1. A total of £1635.92 for payments was approved.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 20th December 2022

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:33H and opened to the public.

- A resident mentioned Therese coffey is doing a power forum and have seen some emails regarding grants for a warm hub, will forward onto clerk
- Clerk was asked if the common can be updated on the website relating to the fire update
- Pot holes in car park by Methodist church
- A discussion with Councillors and Residents regarding school road and how it got adopted by the residents and now left to be maintained.

Meeting Closed at 20:40H