

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), L Hayward, N Black, J Read, J Staff, J Clements, Clerk & RFO D Sanders, ESC R Rainger, ESC T Daly. SCC TJ Haworth-Culf & 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 19.28H

1. APOLOGIES –KPC M Smith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Chair J Mayhew & Cllr Clements for item 10 school road repairs

Closed the meeting at 19:30 and opened for the district county councillors.

SCC TJ Haworth-Culf started by sharing that she will be having surgery next week so may not be about for a couple of weeks. Cllr Haworth-Culf apologised for the mix up in funding for School road however this cannot be paid until around May23. A project is being put together to work on vulnerable people during a power cut such as looking at items they may need or a safe place to go. Budget consultations are now complete, once all information is in then this will be pushed out into the relevant villages.

Cllr T Daly explained that there is a funding boost to end rough sleeping. ESC are still seeking more homes to help with the Ukraine scheme. A big campaign now ongoing for ease the squeeze which provides plenty of information on the website and will be roadshows in around Suffolk in the coming weeks.

Cllr R Rainger explained another consultation regarding planning index and asking for input from everybody. Cllr Rainger extended his support for ease the squeeze project, which really does provide help for everybody struggling financially and basic life skills like offering training classes. Clerk asked Cllr Rainger about any update on Hillcrest Road and the response was that all the legal stuff need to be set in order regarding ownership however it is understood that there is a shared ownership.

Closed at 19:47 and reopened the Parish Council meeting.

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2022, Proposed by Cllr Clements, seconded by Cllr Hayward and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING

4.1 On Friday 28th October 2022 the Air cadets squadron will be holding its annual presentation evening, the evening is a chance to review the achievements of the Squadron and the individual Cadets as well as present the annual awards. As we currently have cadets from Knodishall it is my great pleasure on behalf of the Squadron to invite a representative from the Knodishall Parish Council to join us for the evening so they can see the opportunities we offer to young people of the area.

4.2 Helen will be taking 21st until the 31st October as holiday

4.3 Environmental agency reply for river hundred clearing – read report

4.4 Renewed insurance policy for 1 year due to may need to update assets

4.5 Reminder – 10th November is when Natural England and wildlife trust will be visiting – who can attend?

4.6 Contacted the police about speeding along Snape road which they have copied in the Safety Camera Van Team to this email and will ask them to does some monitoring should this be possible

4.7 Contacted UK power networks about tall trees there reply – “So we can raise a job for our engineers to attend regarding the trees please can you provide us with a bit more information. Can you please provide whereabouts the trees are located and your full address and postcode. Once we have received these we can then ask our Tree contractors to attend”

4.8 Contacted pear tree lodge about parking, they replied saying sorry for any obstruction caused by our staff and please pass on my apologies to the other residents. I will make our staff aware of their parking. Thank you for bringing this to my attention. If you have any further issues, please contact myself.

4.9 ROSPA inspection - Your inspection has not yet been completed. Our Inspector is working hard to complete the inspections in your area and once completed the report will be sent across to you.

4.10 Ease the squeeze - Over the coming weeks, East Suffolk Council are holding a series of events across the district to help provide advice to people who might be struggling with the rising cost of living.

4.11 On 3 September 2022, the Government announced a new, £110m [Rural England Prosperity Fund \(REPF\)](#) which will help to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities, East Suffolk has been allocated £1.129m of REPF funding, to be delivered over the next two years (2023/24 and 2024/25). The REPF will provide capital grants to small businesses and community infrastructure in the district's rural area.

5. PLANS to review – No plans

6. PLAY AREA

6.1 Cllr Mayhew looked into doing the fence line and will cost in the region of £700 for materials, Cllr Mayhew will work out a firm price for the next meeting.

6.2 Cllr Clements has been in contact about some funding which could help, Cllr Clements will email and copy in the clerk for more information

7. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Read has began issuing out the contracts and fees, hope to have all settled by end of the month.

7.1 Someone has requested a reduction in the fee for the unused allotments – Council agreed a £6 reduction in plot due to its condition.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN Cllr Staff has looked at this and requires a few amendments and condensing down, Clerk will be sent a computer copy and print so all councillors can review

9. COMMON FIRE

9.1 Village Hall wants to proceed in cutting down the gorse at the front, council agreed to cutting it down to 5ft in height and decreasing the depth by half. It was requested for the council to organise and the village hall to make a donation in return for the work, clerk to get some quotes

9.2 Clerk was asked to get blowers to do the final cut of the season

10. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS – Clerk was asked if an updated quote has been sent through which it hasn't, Cllr Mayhew to chase this up.

10.1 village hall are still prepared to make a donation for the repair of the road

11. REVIEW ASSET REGISTER – all councillors reviewed all assets, this will be updated forwarded onto the insurance company.

12. REVIEW POST OFFICE ROAD PARKING

Cllr Mayhew mentioned that a recently listed house for sale is advertising allocated parking – Clerk was asked to write a letter to the residents explaining this is not allocated parking and can be used as general parking and that all signage in the parking spaces to be removed.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

13.1 Cllr Staff asked about the reef this year for remembrance day, however Cllr Mayhew have already arranged this and forwarded on the invoice to the Clerk.

13.2 Cllr Clements shared the news that the music event playgroup organised, raised £1836.61 which is a massive achievement.

13.3 Cllr Mayhew extended the report regarding the air cadets presentation evening and would like to invite a member of the council to which Cllr Staff volunteered.

13.4 Village hall are putting together a memorial for Cllr Wigg and asking for a contribution for a bench – it was agreed to be on the agenda for next month to discuss further.

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

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

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

15.1. A total of £1723.95 for payments was approved.

15.2 pre approval of payment of £25 for wreath for remembrance day – to pay asap.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21st November 2022

- Broken post other side of play area – Councillors to review
- Appears that people are parking wherever they want around Hillcrest – Clerk to contact newtyde
- 3 areas in the village where weeds are growing very high – Cllr Staff will tackle some and authorised the resident to cut some herself.

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:53H and opened to the public.

Meeting Closed at 21:04

