

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), N Black, J Clements, L Hayward, J Staff, Clerk D Sanders ESC Katie Graham and 3 residents.

The meeting commenced at 19.30pm

1.APOLOGIES – SCC TJ Haworth-Culf due to illness

2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

Chair offered Cllr Graham to speak however no updates and want to sit in the meeting to represent the residents regarding an issue on agenda.

3.MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th November 2023 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

- Clerk spoke to Andrew at newtyde housing regarding Hillcrest road and they are in the process of getting quotes to repair the road however seems to have a legal issue as some houses privately own have notes in the deeds stating to maintain the road, this can be claimed back should New tyde purchase the house. Andrew also requested if we have contact details for the farmer as heavy machinery could be a main cause of the condition of the road.
- Clerk have been receiving several email regarding changed to Rural payments so Clerk contacted RPA to discuss however no changes were made to our agreement. The claim for was submitted in May and we are due payment from December to May. the new claim form for 2025 will be sent out early next year, since then we received payment of £1638.

5. PLANS - Reviewed plans for DC/23/4657/CLE, Cloverlee, Grove road, Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - Use of the land as garden/amenity land. Use of part of the land for the siting of a caravan for leisure use and for occasional occupation – Councillors reviewed the application however felt there wasn't enough information to comment.

6. COMMON MANAGEMENT

6.1 Cllr Mayhew asked Cllr Black if there is plan for the winter works on the common, Cllr Black gave his report that Mervyn will cut down the overgrown gorse located at the front however following the visit from wildlife trust and natural England, was not to cut too much down and allow new growth as will not be of benefit. There was 3 silver birches damaged from the fire and would look and replace.

6.2 Cllr Staff mentioned to cut back the oak tree branches to allow the bigger machinery to get through.

6.3 Cllr Black said we have until 7th March to do immediate maintenance however hope to have this done before.

6.4 Clerk requested that the report was to be completed by wildlife trust for the management plan, still waiting for this to be sent.

6.5 AONB reached out to offer volunteering opportunities which is being explored by council.

Cllr Katie Graham interjected prior to moving onto the next agenda item by discussing the green by post office road and explained how biodiversity is very important and we should consider a new management of the green following reports from residents in attendance. The residents made claims that they weren't listened too and felt it was important for council to be responsible for wildflower routines.

As the residents were not invited to talk and was not part of the agenda certain discussions can

not go down in the minutes, unfortunately the residents left before given the opportunity to speak further about the matter to which the clerk would have read out in the correspondence from east Suffolk regarding post office road.

Chair made it very clear that the council explores and encourages biodiversity which has been implemented as part of our common management plan, chair went on to say with support by fellow councillors that post office road is merely a patch of green that will be cut routinely to allow for children to play and support other activities and due to the limited amount of green areas we have in the parish it has been decided to maintain the area.

The parish council still encourages a presentation to raise awareness of biodiversity and to be adopted in larger areas within the parish. It was also mentioned that the parish council must consider the whole of the parish and not just residents living on post office road.

7. EMERGENCY PLAN (fire & floods)

Cllr Staff has spoken to east Suffolk to seek advice, it was decided that not many changes are required to the copy currently on file, this will be amended and presented to council at the next meeting.

8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Clerk reported no applications.

9. ALLOTMENTS

9.1 Clerk still waiting for payment on plot 10 & 13 despite putting notice on gates and speaking to the plot holders by Cllr Clements.

9.2 Clerk still waiting for forms from plots 3,5,7,10,12a,12b,13 and 15.

9.3 Cllr Clements to chase all outstanding and review at next meeting.

10. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (discuss location & costs)

10.1 Clerk presented 2 quotes for a SID from ELAN city and westcotec and it was agreed to use ELAN city which is like one at Thorpeness.

10.2 £2250 to purchase the SID for £2250 ex VAT, proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Black

10.3 Councillor will meet up and decide location.

11. DONATIONS (137 Payments)

Proposed donations were approved by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Clements which will be paid in January and letters sent out to the respective groups.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

12.1 Cllr Hayward reported that a seat Ibiza that is parked on the hill on school road was untaxed and appeared to not have been moved in weeks, Clerk will report this as untaxed

12.2 Cllr Hayward mentioned rubbish keeps appearing by school road however has been removed and will be an eye on the matter before reporting this.

12.3 Cllr Staff said the roads are looking bad with floods.

12.4 Cllr Mayhew heard from the CPS regarding the fire at the common however the case had to be dropped due to the fact it was children responsible and was too young to prosecute and charge for arson.

12.5 Cllr Mayhew noticed the no parking signs were not in place, Cllr staff have these and will fit posts and put them in place.

13. CORRESPONDENCE –

13.1 resident emailed concerned about the cloudy puddles which appear to have oil in them.

13.2 resident asking for an allotment.

13.3 resident complaining about heavy goods vehicles using grove road believed to be in connection with Sizewell C.

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

The December 2023 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Clements.

A total of £1712.37 for payments was approved.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 16th January 2024

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:50 and opened to residents.

A residents expressed is happiness that the play area looks good with the new fence and swing, also requested for council to investigate a quiet lane for post office road.

Meeting closed at 20:56H