

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), L Hayward, N Black, J Clements, M Smith, J Read, Clerk & RFO D Sanders, ESC R Rainger & 1 member from the public

The meeting commenced at 19.30H

1. **APOLOGIES** –KPC J Staff, ESC T Daly & T Cooper. SCC TJ Haworth-Culf
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Chair J Mayhew & Cllr J Clements - Item 11

Chair closed the meeting at 19:31 and opened the meeting to Cllr R Rainger who began stating Cllr T Cooper is currently unwell so will be limited with this contact. Cllr Rainger went on and explained ease the squeeze project to provide domestic solutions, there is a 7.5 million grant to help community pantries which will be run by subscriptions, it will also help people keep warm. East Suffolk in bloom, hopefully will help brighten things up.

Cllr Rainger closed with saying, he will not be standing for re-election and this will be his last appearance, Cllr Mayhew thanked Cllr Rainger for his service and support to Knodishall parish council.

Parish council meeting re-opened at 19:36

3. **MINUTES** – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th January 2023, Proposed by Cllr Smith, 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 Contacted Essex and Suffolk water and will carry out an inspection, handed out Cllr Read number to meet them.

4.2 Two further quotes on tree work, Blowers @ £3985.45 plus vat and CTS £600 a day and estimates 2 days. We now have 3 – Clerk have instructed CTS and will start last week of February

4.3 The new to Nature programme is funded by The National Heritage Lottery Fund and aims to recruit young and diverse talent from communities currently underrepresented in environmental roles - specifically young people who are from ethnically diverse backgrounds, have a disability or are economically disadvantaged. As part of the programme, there is a 12-month, full-time opportunity to join the Coast & Heaths and Dedham Vale Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty team as a Nature Recovery Assistant.

4.4 £479.36 grant has been awarded for funding for community bench

4.5 East Suffolk Council is preparing the Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document to provide guidance on the consideration of custom and self-build housing development proposals. Once adopted by the Council, this document will support the application of policies in the adopted Local Plans and be a material consideration when deciding planning applications.

4.6 Leiston Library asking for donations, it was discussed that donations will be reviewed at next meeting.

4.7 Clerk have been trying to find funding for new play equipment, with help from Cllr Clements I managed to find the person who looks after this department, I tracked this down by find previous funding at the play area in 2018 (spider web) where we was granted around 12k, unfortunately having spoken to sarah shinnie certain amount of money gets put in the play pot when houses have been built in the local area and as nothing has been built the pot only sits at £97. Clerk have tried various different avenues with help from local councillors. Adnams have a pot of 2.5k that we could apply, szc have pot of £750. The best one appears to be claiming further CIL money however to have to match funding for example 12k swing we would have to put 6k in however the application has to be in by may and the claim opens in April on a first come basis. We could wait a try when ward councillors pot is reset in April, TJ's may not be able to help as helping around 4k for school road.

4.9 Clerk have been having a sort out and will try file some boxes to the Suffolk archives, Clerk also asked if we can purchase a new laptop as the old one keeps crashing and not fit for purpose, Council asked if this can be reviewed on the agenda next month.

5. COMMON FIRE (To update the residents)

5.1 Cllr Black updated the residents by presenting with what natural England and the wildlife trust have been through, this included fire breaks and the management plan to be reviewed in March, this will remain the same plan with no changes. Everything is listed on the website as explained by the clerk. Cllr Mayhew still expressed the desire for Cllr Black and Cllr Hayward to liaise with Jennifer as a subcommittee. Jennifer mentioned she is happy to engage with residents and point them to the website and notice board for updates.

5.2 Village Hall wasn't happy to pay the price to cut down the gorse, so a team was assembled to do it themselves after agreement with council.

6. PLANS – No plans

7. PLAY AREA To review ongoing repairs

7.1 Cllr Mayhew said it has been a challenge to get materials as coastal don't do it all now.

7.2 Clerk got another quote from JHC at a total of £3100 to repair the fence, it was discussed that the other side, where wooden posts are rotten so clerk will ask if JHC will replace like for like the bad ones, if agreed then this has been approved, proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Hayward.

8. ALLOTMENTS

8.1 Cllr Read is now up to date with payments

8.2 there is 1 full allotment vacant, Cllr Clements mentioned she will ask the playgroup as this could be of interest for the kids if not it was agreed to advertise as nobody on waiting list is interested.

8.3 Cllr Smith said that there is increased number of bomb fires on the allotments, can these be banned so it has been agreed that the rules of allotments to be reviewed.

9. BENCH FOR CLLR WIGG

9.1 Cllr Mayhew contacted Cllr Wiggs wife and was delighted to hear that knodishall wanted to create a memorial bench, Clerk to find out exact dates of service by looking back on minutes.

9.2 to ask village hall about the base for the bench to sit on

10. EMERGENCY PLAN Cllr Staff was not present therefore no updates.

11. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS

11.1 Clerk received a quote for 10t of the 63mm Screened Planings would be £46/ton plus vat. This was agreed to order and to be delivered outside village hall, Clerk to give Cllr Clements phone number for delivery.

12. KINGS CORONATION EVENT IN VILLAGE (To discuss)

Cllr Clements have been asking parents and residents on what they would like to see and the general feeling is to have something on the green, maybe like a “bring your own picnic” to allow a gathering to celebrate the event. It was also discussed with the village hall to show on a big screen. Cllr Clements to discuss further and report back. Cllr Mayhew stated that the council can help with any funding necessary.

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

13.1 Cllr Smith stated he is not looking to stand for re-election so this will be his last meeting due to unable to attend next month, Cllr Mayhew thanks Cllr Smith for his service.

13.2 Cllr Clements announced is has been 30 years since the playgroup has opened and is organising a kids party on the 19th May and on the 29th April a 80s night in Aldburgh

13.3 Cllr Mayhew said that the Election papers are now needing to be filled out and these were handed out.

13.3 Cllr Read said he will not be standing for re-election and therefore thanked him for his many years service

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

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

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

13.1. A total of £821.70 for payments was approved.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21st March 2023

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:52H and opened to the public.

No comments from the Public present therefore the Meeting Closed at 20:52H