

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), J Staff, 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** –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 wishing everyone a happy new year and thanking everyone coming out on a very cold evening, Cllr Rainger shared some updates regarding a new prosperity budget being looked at that will help improve areas around east Suffolk, like high streets and small business franchises. There is also a digital springboard initiative to help people get online which will help communities. Suffolk police to increase its precept to tackle shortages and deal with extra demand. Cllr Rainger also said he would be happy to contribute a community bench. Clerk asked for an update on Hillcrest road and this was chased however no updates however it is on the back log of things to resolve. Cllr R Rainger left the meeting and the council meeting was opened again at 19:35

3. **MINUTES** – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2022, Proposed by Cllr Staff, 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 **"Bringing Ideas to Life"** the East Suffolk Community Partnership Annual Forum scheduled for 3rd March 2023 at the Trinity Park Conference Centre

5. **PLANS** – No plans

6. **PLAY AREA To review ongoing repairs**

Cllr Mayhew mentioned we have received 1 quote however was too expensive so looked at options to do the fence ourselves with materials totalling around 1k

- 6.1 Will get another quote from coastal in view to order
- 6.2 Cllr Mayhew asked if Cllr Haywards partner would assist
- 6.3 General conversation around how to pay for the materials and was agreed we should have enough in budget to avoid using the CIL money.
- 6.4 Train has black writing all over it and the cleaner has asked for some paint remover which Cllr Staff said he has a pot that can be used.

7. **ALLOTMENTS**

- 7.1 Cllr Read is waiting for 2 further payments
- 7.2 Cllr Smith mentioned a crack on the drain cover, clerk to contact Essex and Suffolk water to get sorted
- 7.3 Cllr Smith also raised issue with the fence falling down and was agreed to try prop up to avoid replacing
- 7.4 Cllr Read said he will not continue after next election looking after the allotments

8. BENCH FOR CLLR WIGG

Clerk presented a quote from realise futures for a bench similar to the ones located in the play area and the talking bench.

8.1 Councillors agreed option 3 on the quote to include engraving totalling £646.99 which was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Smith.

8.2 SSC & ESC Councillors agreed to help fund so clerk will submit the relevant forms for funding and proceed with payment.

8.3 Council agreed for Cllr Mayhew to contact Mrs Wigg with regards a message to be engraved on the bench.

9. EMERGENCY PLAN Cllr Staff has not had the opportunity to do any further with this, to remove from agenda until an update from Cllr Staff.

10. COMMON FIRE

10.1 Fire report was purchased and reviewed by all councillors however wasn't very informative however this will add to the file to be available should be required

10.2 Clerk spoke to Graham Hart regarding the extension and it was recommended that no further action and the plan will automatically be extended based on the last one, it was also discussed that no maintenance will be required for a least 2 seasons due to the fire.

10.3 Council agreed that the residents need to be updated and therefore will add to agenda next month so the councillors can provide an update based on meetings and discussions that have taken place.

10.4 received a quote for various tree work and require further quotes to action, clerk to contact further tree surgeons

10.5 Cllr Black mentioned this needs to be cut before middle of March so agreed if we had a enough quotes in then we can agree this to be done before the next meeting

10.6 discussion was held regarding the request by the village hall cutting down the gorse belt running parrel from the village hall and it was agreed that the village hall can cut themselves or pay to do it, Cllr Clements said she will report back to them.

11. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS

11.1 Clerk was asked about a quote for road plaining however nothing was sent back so clerk will chase this.

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

12.1 Cllr Clements asked if we are planning anything for the coronation of king Charles which was mentioned at the village hall meeting, council agreed that we will support any residents willing to organise similar to how to jubilee was run.

12.2 Cllr Mayhew thanked Cllr Staff for his efforts regarding sorting the talking bench out on the common.

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

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

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

13.1. A total of £916.80 for payments was approved.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21st February 2023

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 20:29H and opened to the public.

No comments from the Public present therefore the Meeting Closed at 20:29H

