

## KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), N Black, J Clements, L Hayward, Clerk D Sanders  
SCC TJ Haworth-Culf, ESC Katie Graham.  
The meeting commenced at 19.30pm

**1.APOLOGIES** – Cllr J Staff due to illness

**2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

Parish Council meeting closed and opened to Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, who began asking if anyone went to the lionlink consultations to which no one at the meeting did however Cllr Staff may have. It was also mentioned that knodishall primary school has been given huge praise which is credit and asset to the parish.

TJ also discussed with the councillors regarding the recent floods and how sugar beat could be a contributing factor which is encouraged to use the Suffolk county council reporting tool.

Clerk spoke about the introducing a speed indicator device and if SCC cans till support us on funding to which has been welcomed.

**3.MINUTES** – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th October 2023

Proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Clement and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

Cllr Katie Graham arrived and therefore Chair closed the meeting at 19:46 to open for Cllr Graham who began by asking if we had anything for her to which Clerk gave a brief overview of the difficulties we are facing with speed in the village especially down school road and that we wish to purchase a speed indicator device to help tackle this, it was asked if East Suffolk will help us along with Suffolk county council, Cllr Graham confirmed she is happy to support this and encourages us to proceed and put an application in.

Cllr Mayhew asked if there has been any updates on Hillcrest road to which nothing has been received and clerk will chase up with new tide housing.

- Cllr Graham continued with her report by announcing that free parking will be offered at the office for Christmas light switch on.
- The winter warm funding is still active to help keep vulnerable people warm and fed.
- Have received correspondences from knodishall residents regarding post office road and the wild flower proposals, Cllr Graham went on to talk about how 69% wildlife species have decreased since 1970 and we need to be seen to do everything we can to promote wildlife. Clerk gave an overview of post office road and explained that 2 cutting trials have been completed, however have been reverted due to lack of representation at the meetings to discuss as part of the agenda. Unanimously the councillors feel post office road is only a small patch of land for wild flower when we have 4.5acres of common where a management plan is in place for all the benefits of wildlife and more.

#### **4. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING**

- School road speeding – Clerk has reached out to east Suffolk and Suffolk county to see if they can help fund which was positive and could potential split 3 ways and recommended a solar panel SID. Clerk contacted Thorpeness and they were very helpful in given us clear guidance on a solution so thank you to Tony Wheeler.
- Lots of emails come in regarding recent floods and emergency contacts should it be needed. Cllr Graham has suggested to put on agenda for an emergency plan for floods.

**5. PLANS** - Reviewed plans for DC/23/3847/FUL, ELM Tree cottage where council agreed the bungalow would not be in keeping with the surroundings, it was also mentioned that vehicle access would be an issue and disturb the wildlife.

DC/23/4408/FUL – Sun Cottage & DC/23/3980/FUL – Moorlands received no objections or comments.

## **6. PLAY AREA**

Councillors reviewed the inspection report and generally no major concerns, only the cradle swing where it is looking worn, clerk agreed to look at the warranty information however believed to have expired.

## **7. COMMON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

7.1 Wildlife trust have quoted £450 to revise the management plan for the knodishall common due to extension of the HLS agreement and the visit that took place following the fire.

“There will be amendments to reflect changes in management of the gorse and structure of the habitats since the fire of 2022. This includes the text of 4.3.2 . 4.3.2a. 4.3.2b, and 4.3.2c. It will reflect changes to the work that has now been completed since the previous management plan. 4.3.3 and 4.3.4 can also be updated and also the annual routine maintenance summary. It would also include changes to some of the conservation terms and words”

It was proposed by Cllr Black and seconded by Cllr Hayward to proceed with the updates.

7.2 To discuss the common work to be left on agenda to arrange what work is required.

## **8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES**

Clerk reported no applications

## **9. ALLOTMENTS**

9.1 Clerk have received payments from all apart from plot 10 and 13

9.2 Cllr Clements have let out the last plot 12b which means all plots are now full

9.3 Clerk is still waiting for some signed forms to be returned.

9.4 it has been agreed that signs of “rent due” will be placed on the gates of plot, if payment is not received by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 then eviction proceedings will begin.

## **10. BUDGET REVIEW To discuss 2024/25 precept**

10.1 Budget was reviewed and agreed with the proposals for 2024/25 for the amount of £20,860 which is an increase of approximately 7.5% from last year- proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hayward.

10.2 Cllr Mayhew requested to see Clerk salary increase awarded by SALC – This will be backdated from April.

## **11. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

11.1 Cllr Hayward reported that the white volvo is still speeding down school road and it killed a cat the other week.

11.2 Cllr Clements asked council who is responsible for the flooding area down Aldringham road to which council agreed it was Aldringham Parish Council.

11.3 Cllr Clements also attended the village hall meeting where the treasurer gave a report saying they are struggling financially and urgently need help and support, so if anyone have ideas of groups or further funding then to get in contact. Cllr Clements also announced she has been made booking clerk for the village hall.

11.4 Cllr Mayhew suggested to help support the village hall to increase the donation amount which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

11.5 Cllr Clements also asked if the base for the village hall has been done for the bench which was completed by John Bridges.

11.6 Cllr Mayhew shared his concerns that parking outside Chapel cottage, it was discussed that part of the planning, that no parking was allowed, Cllr Clements searched on the lettings website and it clearly says that there is parking by the village hall so the lettings agency need to be informed that this is not happening.

11.7 Cllr Mayhew also mentioned that there is an unsightly horse box situated on the common and been there for a few months, does anyone have any information on this, if not Cllr Mayhew will go and knock on a few doors to find out.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE –**

12.1. Residents wishing to make a presentation regarding post office road wildflower however was agreed to visit this again in the new year.

12.2 Residents have been doing some research on the local history of the parish and when the common was taken over by the parish council, they requested access to the minutes from 2005-2020, the clerk replied that he was in the process of organising all the information to be digitised and will be in touch when this is completed.

12.3 Allotment tenant Mr Naylor requested further supplies to help manage the water at the allotments which was agreed and also suggested should anyone has concerns to approach him.

## **13. FINANCIAL To review the current financial position and approve.**

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

A total of £2465.83 for payments was approved.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Parish council meeting closed by Chair at 21:26H

No residents in attendance

