

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th December 2024

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), L Hayward, J Clements, N Black, Clerk D Sanders & 3 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 19:30

1. APOLOGIES – ESC K Graham & SCC TJ Haworth-Culf

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nothing

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2024. Proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Clements and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Clerk received an update regarding Hillcrest road repairs, a quote is due to take place for the repairs and this will be passed onto the owners to determine split payment.

4.2 Clerk will include all report from Suffolk county council and east suffolk council on the website from this month. This will allow all councillors and residents to read the reports.

5. PRECEPT – discuss & approve

The precept for 2025/26 was discussed at length to determine budget expectations and agreed with an 5% increase overall from £20860 to £21910, this was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Clements

6. PLANS – DC/24/4096/FUL, Peartree Farm, Grove Road, Knodishall, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1TN – no comment or objections

7. PLAY AREA

7.1 clerk obtained a quote for 2 goal posts similar to previous which lasted around 5 years, proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hayward to proceed on purchasing.

7.2 picnic bench has been ordered, approximately 6 week lead time

7.3 no response from Joe for maintenance/handy man duties.

7.4 Cllr Mayhew discussed this with someone who previously done some work and will take a look and quote accordingly.

8. TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE – approve resident survey/questionnaire

8.1 Cllr Mayhew closed the parish meeting and opened to the chair of the traffic calming committee at 19:39

Traffic calming committee chair presented the survey put together by the committee, chair explained that they didn't include a puffin crossing due to the parish council already exploring this issue.

It was discussed for the committee to distribute the survey to all residents and for them to return it to a letterbox located on the notice board by the 28th February.

Nothing further therefore the parish meeting was reopened at 19:49

8.2 follow the above discussion this was proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hayward to purchase the letterbox and leaflets of the survey whereby a quote was obtained by Leiston press, once completed clerk will be in touch with chair of the traffic calming committee.

8.3 2 post have been approved by highways for SID's however clerk has chased Leewood hall for permission to place a post on the verge, still no response.

8.4 clerk obtained a quote from ELAN city for SID devices and a connect dongle to gather data, clerk explained it was a deal offer and due to expire by the 31st December 2024.

The purchase was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Clements to purchase the SID devices and the connect dongle.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

9.1 Cllr Hayward raised concerns of the river being overgrown and in urgent requirement of being cut back by the bridge leading to the play area – Cllr Mayhew said the environmental agency normally carry out works in January.

9.2 Cllr Black was unable to plant the bulbs following collection due to a foot injury, Cllr Hayward and Cllr Clements offered to help plant them.

9.3 Cllr Black was unable to collect the parking signs due to foot injury.

9.4 Cllr Clements reported to council an accident took place involving an elderly resident walking into the post at the top of school road leading to the village hall. The elderly resident is ok however sustained minor injuries, council to look into getting these removed, possible fix my street claim.

10. CORRESPONDANCE - nothing

11. FINANCIAL

The December 2024 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Black and seconded by Cllr Clements.

18.1 A total of £801.61 for payments was approved

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st January 2025

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:03hrs.

Nothing further from the residents in attendance

