

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th December 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), J Clements, N Black, R Hardy, Clerk D Sanders, J Healy, ESC Cllr Whitelock & SCC Cllr TJ Haworth-culf

The meeting commenced at 19:30

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr L Hayward

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Item 10 & Item 7 for both Cllr Mayhew & Cllr Clements

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 November 2025. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hardy and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

Meeting was closed and reopened for SCC Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf who began with thanking all councillors for the dedication and support, not many realise what goes on behind the scenes. TJ then went on to read the report which is now issued on the website. TJ also mentioned she is willing to fund 2 years of the Knodishall newsletter. Council then invited ESC Cllr Whitelock who also read out her report which can also be found on the website.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING

- Clerk has been speaking the police regarding the further vandalism of the no parking signs and is being investigated
- Reports went in the east suffolk planning regarding excavations happening on Christmas cottage, in addition to the environmental agency of flying tipping, which was investigated and resolved, although planning are carrying out further check to ensure permission is granted.

5. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

John Healy was present at the meeting to offer his services to the meeting, John began by outlining his previous experience and what he can bring to the village – this was awarded with all councillors welcoming John to council. Clerk and Chair shared a brief structure of format and commitment.

John signed the declaration of office which was proposed by Cllr Mayhew and seconded by Cllr Clements.

6. PLANS – DC/25/3961/LBC, Buxlow Manor, The Green, Knodishall, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1TH, Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations and put back front door in the centre of E at front of house – no comment or objection to internal however at time of meeting no paperwork was present to comment on the exterior, clerk to investigate.

7. PRECEPT –

The precept was reviewed for 26/27 upcoming year to total £24060, approximately 9% increase from previous year, this is mainly due to wage increases for clerk and the cleaner, in addition to provide further maintenance to village along with inflation costs which has dramatically increased.

8. TRAFFIC CALMING

8.1 October data not available yet.

8.2 Seven additional monitoring sites set up making 11 in total.

8.3 Rise in traffic on B1094 due to SZC and Scottish Power.

8.4 Campsea Ashe ran run.

8.5 Monitoring April below target. 5-10% margin of error. All below target maximum.

8.6 Generally a spike in August holidays although B1069 reduced through Knodishall.

8.7 85% of drivers don't exceed speed limit.

8.8 Following TRG meetings every quarter there will be parish teams meetings.

8.9 TRG will review year's worth of data in January 2026.

8.10 Rebecca Quigg happy to meet one to one with parish councils.

8.11 Council discussed JACS quotation for village gates and was proposed to spend £1516.60 on a pair for Leiston end of B1069 with new Knodishall signs. Cllr Hayward has agreed to store them at her address until installation has been approved.

9. PLAY AREA

Unfortunately, no feedback from the residents who attended last month. It was agreed to revisit this in the new year.

10. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS

no further forward, awaiting on a suppliers forum from SZC which is happening in February

11. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

11.1 Nigel asked if any bulbs were available as unfortunately he never got round to planting all of the last lot, Cllr Clements mentioned that an email was sent regarding applying for some so the Clerk will proceed.

11.2 Cllr Clements asked the clerk on how the banking is protected for payments, it was explained we use Barclays bank using pin codes and follow financial regulations along with carrying risk assessments and internal/external audits.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

- Resident emailed raising concerns of traffic and how this is personally impacted them by being nearly hit by a car along the B1069 – It was mentioned to campaign for a crossing in the village

13. FINANCIAL

The December 2025 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Black.

13.1 A total of £881.39 for payments was approved

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th January 2025

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 21:00hrs.

