

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), J Clements, N Black, R Hardy, Clerk D Sanders & Cllr Whitelock

The meeting commenced at 19:30

1. APOLOGIES – SCC TJ Haworth-culf

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Cllr J Mayhew & Cllr J Clements for item 11

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2025. Proposed by Cllr Black and seconded by Cllr Hayward and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING

Only thing to report is the coastal account has been reopened, all other points are within agenda items.

5. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

The Chair of the parish council welcomes Ruth Hardy. Ruth signed declaration of office agreement and now become a member of the parish council.

Council meeting was close and opened to Cllr Whitelock ESC at 19:36

Cllr Whitelock shared her report which is available to the website and on request, the key points were as follows

- Sites for housing
- Recycling bins (new bin for paper & glass collections)
- Council reorganising structure

Parish meeting reopened at 19:55

6. PLANS – No plans

7. EMERGENCY PLAN – review it contents

This was discussed and will be reviewed towards the end of the year and ready to go live first quarter of 2026

8. TRAFFIC CALMING

8.1 Cllr Hardy explained the disbandment of the traffic calming committee which overall went well and allowed extra attention to this issue within the village by introducing SID devices, village gates and encouraging engagement within the village so thanks to all involved.

8.2 Cllr Hardy reviewed the SID data with council, it was discussed that the general rule of thumb that emergency services would not travel up to twice the speed limit.

8.3 ESC awarded a grant of £994 which is half the village gates – Sax's Mens Shed to proceed following a proposal from Cllr Hayward which was seconded by Cllr Clements – it was agreed to use CIL money.

8.4 A concern was raised on how to install, Cllr Hayward recommended contacting Blackwall earth movers and whoever is doing the work for Scottish power by sun cottage.

9. ALLOTMENTS

9.1 Cllr Clements reviewed allotments with council to which all allotments are now full.

9.2 Clerk mentioned 3 outstanding payments left to make – Cllr Clements to chase

9.3 Clerk chased the trees with Bidwell's and still awaiting authorisation – Cllr Clements to send photos so this can be forwarded on to the trustees as they are looking very dangerous, clerk to also contact Essex and Suffolk Water about maintaining trees their side.

9.4 Mr Naylor if Plot 1 provided an update on water and this season went well and happy to continue, Mr Naylor will also service the pump soon.

10. PLAY AREA

10.1 Council reviewed the inspection report and overall not too bad, not red high risk points to deal with.

10.2 Due to parents evening on the 4th November Council decided to meet at 19:00hrs on 18th November to have a meeting about the play area and welcome residents to offer any suggestions.

10.3 Clerk to contact the PTA and school

10.4 Clerk to make signs for a meeting

10.5 Cllr Mayhew mentioned that the dog situation in the play area has not improved and required further policing.

11. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS

11.1 Cllr Mayhew mentioned he has seen John Bridges filling in some of the holes, Cllr Mayhew to review in the light.

11.2 Cllr Mayhew feels the only option is to scrape back to dirt – look into possible solutions.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

12.1 Cllr Clements has asked for signage or barrier to be placed on the common (opp preschool) to avoid cars being parked on the grass, there was an incident where a resident approached a parent issuing verbal insults demanding not to park on the special grass – Cllr Mayhew to visit the resident in question.

12.2 Cllr Mayhew walked around the village with the grass cutter and identified further cuts and reduced some areas that are not required, the last cut will be in a couple of weeks.

13. CORRESPONDANCE

- Resident offering advice for grass cutting areas
- Crisps garage has installed a new defib
- An allotment user has expressed his disappointment with the amount of rubbish left and asked for a skip however this was refused.

14. FINANCIAL

The October 2025 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hayward.

15.1 A total of £3045.42 for payments was approved

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th November 2025

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 21:05hrs.

