

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2026

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

The meeting commenced at 19:30

1. APOLOGIES – SCC TJ Haworth-culf

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Item 8 – Cllr Mayhew & Cllr Clements

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 2026. Proposed by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Clements and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting however Cllr Clements made a note showing that it was seconded by Cllr Hayward however Cllr Hayward resigned – Clerk will amend due to error

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Tree work has been agreed however 12 week lead time, will contact nearer the time

4.2 Following the local delivery of the 'Better Recycling' leaflet, new bins are being delivered in our area w/b 2 March, 9 March and 16 March.

4.3 Donations all received with thanks

4.4 2nd march will be the date to start cutting trees at the allotments – should take approximately 2 weeks

Meeting closed and opened at 19:45 for Cllr Whitelock to share ESC report which is available on the website for all to see.

Meeting opened again at 20:03

5. PLANS – no plans received this month

6. TRAFFIC CALMING & ROAD SAFETY GROUP

6.1 Cllr Hardy shared this months SID data

6.2 The Chair and Cllr Hardy met with Rebecca Quigg, Sizewell C Transport Co-ordinator, on 9 February to discuss traffic monitoring in Knodishall.

6.3 Rebecca reported that traffic movements through Knodishall had increased substantially during last October. This includes Scottish Power traffic. Monitoring takes place in April and October. Scottish Power have indicated to her they would like to engage with us and Rebecca will pass them our contact details.

6.4 We stressed how challenging it has become crossing the B1069 in the village at various times of the day and the issues for our school crossing lady. We also shared responses from last year's traffic survey.

6.5 Rebecca said that office staff are gradually migrating to Orwell Logistics Park and that gradually the park and ride facilities will become more widely accessible.

6.6 She advised that there is a Transport Reporting Group at the end of this month (postponed from end January) and she would report back on their findings. She requested recent SID data be emailed to her.

6.7 After the meeting she sent an email advising she had brought the issues to the community safest officer who will raise it with Sizewell C police team. If they have the resource they will focus attention on B1069 during the busy morning period.

6.8 Clerk received information regarding a road safety group scheme however council decided that this was not to right time to introduce.

7. 20MPH LIMITS THROUGH VILLAGE

7.1 Council discusses introducing limits through the village however it would be very difficult to enforce, the consensus would be outside the schools, this will be reviewed following TRG recommendations.

8. VILLAGE HALL DONATION

due to Cllr Mayhew and Cllr Clements interests the other councillors asked Clerk based on affordability and whether council can increase the donation to help towards the works going on at the village Hall. Clerk review finances and recommended that we can increase our donation under S137 from £300 to £1000 as a one-off and will again be reviewed next year and will not form part of the precept.

This was proposed by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Black to give a donation of £1000 to the village hall.

9. VILLAGE PARKING – To discuss options to prohibit parking around Charlie's Pond

Council have continued to discuss the options on how to deal with the parking around Charlie's pond following another vandalism and theft of the signs.

It was decided to reinstate the signs and get a quote from release futures to use recycled plastic instead of wood.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

No matters raised

11. CORRESPONDANCE

Received from a resident regarding parking in the village, in particular for the school and whether certain spots were privately owned or not.

12. SALC INTERNAL AUDIT - approval

It was agreed to use SALC again this year for our internal audit process – proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hardy

13. FINANCIAL

The February 2026 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Clements.

13.1 A total of £1553.72 for payments was approved

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th March 2026

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:36hrs and opened to the public.

A resident in attendance raised the following points

- Happy to volunteer and asked council what they are looking for, Cllr Mayhew explained the play area requires attention
- Felt that the edging shouldn't be there as it is a trip hazard in the play area
- Around Charlie's pond is not very well maintained

