

KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 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 –

3. MINUTES – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December 2026. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Black and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting however Cllr Hardy wanted to make an amendment to section 8 stating that Cllr Hardy reported on the SZC Traffic Monitoring Workshop in November – this will be updated.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING

4.1 funding will be discussed for installing village gates and school road repairs at a szc highways forum early February

4.2 Cllr Liz Hayward has decided to resign as council, chair thanks Liz for all the help and support with many years' service.

4.3 no parking signs have once again be stolen and cut down – this was reported to the police and currently being investigated – clerk to speak to the police saying we would like some form of surveillance

4.4 contacted all estate agents to not place boards up by the Knodishall sign.

4.5 chased tree cutting for the allotment with no dates planned yet.

Parish meeting closed and opened at 19:38 to ESC Cllr Whitelock who shared the report to council which is available on the website.

Cllr Clements asked if an email has been received regarding help for the village hall which require emergency asbestos works – Cllr Whitelock to look at possible funding options.

Opened again at 19:55

5. PLANS – DC/25/4936/FUL, Single-storey, flat-roofed, side extension, together with internal alterations, to create enlarged kitchen, Cockrells, School Road, Knodishall, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1UD – no comment or objections

6. TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Hardy reported on the SZC Main forum in January

6.1 In quarter 2 this year there will be junction improvements to Blackheath Corner (B1094/B1069) and new speed limits.

6.2 Our request for a pedestrian crossing is being discussed at the next TRG meeting in late January. Also being discussed will be traffic diverting along A12 through B1094 to B1069 through Knodishall.

6.3 SZC and the TRG are very aware of the problems in Knodishall.

6.4 Jason and I are meeting Rebecca Quigg, SZC Transport Coordinator, on 9 February at 18:00 to discuss traffic monitoring.

6.5 SID Data was also shared

6.6 village gate design was approved to proceed.

7. PLAY AREA

7.1 No further feedback received

7.2 council agreed to discuss a working committee to carry out repairs in the spring/summer **607**

8. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS

8.1 no further update however hoping for good news to come from forum

9. TREE CUTTING

9.1 Cllr Black met with Elite tree services and discussed tree work required on the common, this is fully listed on the quote and shared with council – this was approved to proceed, proposed by Cllr Hardy and seconded by Cllr Clements.

9.2 it was worth mentioning that although we try to obtain at least 3 quotes it has been proven difficult this day in age and therefore based on safety ground decided to act quickly on this occasion.

10. DONATIONS S137 - approve

Donations were discussed to various groups within the village, this totalled £1330, this was proposed by Cllr Black and seconded by Cllr Clements – Clerk will write letters and issue payment within the next couple of weeks.

11. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

11.1 Cllr Healy raised an issue with the footpath fence at the allotments have fallen – Cllr Clements to investigate and report back.

11.2 Cllr Clements shared an article from melton council introducing 20mph speed limits, to be added to agenda next month

11.3 Cllr Mayhew to arrange for replacement signs to be put back at charlies pond – to be put on agenda for next month.

12. CORRESPONDANCE

None

13. FINANCIAL

The January 2026 financial statement was reviewed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Black.

13.1 A total of £2785.49 for payments was approved

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th February 2026

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:54hrs.

