

## KNODISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th AUGUST 2025

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Mayhew (Chair), J Clements, N Black, Clerk D Sanders

3 residents

The meeting commenced at 19:30

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllr Hayward due to holiday and Cllr Graham (ESC), Cllr Haworth-Culf (SCC) due to attending with other business.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 Cllr Mayhew for agenda points 7,8,9

2.2 Cllr Clements for agenda points 8

**3. MINUTES** – Approval of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Black and thus agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the last meeting.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING**

- Agar has been completed with one exception - The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR. Section 2, Box 9 is incorrect due to a typographical error and should read £160,000 instead of £160.
- Submitted a form to the land registry for ownership of the common, this was sent back asking for more information. Cllr Mayhew mentioned that a lease was signed in the 1980's to Lord Huntingfield so perhaps something to look for, clerk to review.
- Play area inspection is booked for September
- Local history group has compiled its first draft and will be uploading to the website in due course
- Police feedback of theft
- Play area incident – report from Helen
- Cllr Mayhew mentioned that the metal sign needs painting

**5. PLANS** – DC/25/2899/FUL, Garage conversion and single storey extension, 11 Hawthorn Close, Knodishall, Saxmundham, Suffolk, IP17 1XW – no comment or objections

**6. TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE**

Meeting was opened to the chair of the TCC.

6.1 Ruth explained that despite best efforts nobody has been forthcoming to take lead on the Speedwatch committee. Following discussion with Snape parish council, they mentioned that until it got worse they also had no volunteers.

6.2 an update with stats will go out in the next newsletter

6.3 any update on the other connect module for the SID – yes will be installed asap.

6.4 an update on village gates

Council meeting reopened at 19:45

Chair read out 2 quotes from JACS and Saxs Men shed and in favour of the Saxs mens shed as was made out of recycled plastic and was a little bit cheaper – this was proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Black to approve purchase.

## **7. PLAY AREA**

Cllr Mayhew shared concerns of the time and effort to maintain the play area with only 4 councillors and no other resources, it has led to question the future of the play area in its entirety.

Council agreed to se a public meeting to open the floor in hope a committee can be formed to help maintain the area or risk of removing the play area from the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting in more detail and to set a date for the public meeting.

## **8. SCHOOL ROAD REPAIRS**

8.1 Clerk had a response from Ker-way and the prices were the other way round and the quote will be revised

8.2 a quote will be put together to just sweep the road.

8.3 council discussed that they would like a 5 year plan to spread payments

8.4 clerk to set up a meeting to discuss further

## **9. PUBLIC BEHAVIOUR IN AND AROUND THE PLAY AREA**

Anti social behaviour in play area, Helen and Cllr Mayhew were treated badly by this.

Police have been informed and was invited to attend to discuss however no show, clerk to follow up.

## **10. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

10.1 Cllr Black has the new no parking signs and will assemble accordingly, Cllr Mayhew advised to let him know when to order materials and suggested to use lamp post type and concrete in the ground and to potentially use John Bridges.

10.2 Cllr Black mentioned he was approached by a resident who live near the common opposite the mission rooms as concerned of parking on the grass, the resident suggest to use posts to contain/protect the area – Cllr Mayhew to reach out and discuss.

## **11. CORRESPONDANCE**

The following correspondents below where sent in and discussed accordingly.

- Judith Ave parking
- Metal detecting on the common
- Allotment rental
- Stinging nettles
- Footpaths
- Grass cutting/parking signs

## **12. FINANCIAL**

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

15.1 A total of £3590.23 for payments was approved

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The Parish Council meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:57hrs.

Helen (KPC Cleaner) was in attendance and mentioned that she was only holiday from 22/8/25 – 8/9/25

