

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Monday 13th March 2023**

Present: Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)
Councillor A. Morphet
Councillor D. Randall
Councillor E. Bailey
Councillor W. Stanser
District Councillor J. Milne
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)

15 Minute Public Forum

Councillor Stanser has been asked by a Parishioner to raise the issue of a dog attack within Knaith Park. A greyhound has been left with leg and facial injuries. Not only is this concerning but the owner has been left with a hefty vet bill.

It was reported to the police but they were informed that because this is the first offence nothing can be done. It was reported to be a staffie type of dog.

Councillor Stanser would like it noted in the minutes for Parishioners to be aware of this and to report any incidents.

In a separate incident, Councillor Belton reported a dog attack to the police. The owner of the dog's number plate and car were taken down and passed onto the police who were going to speak to the owner.

District Councillor Milne highlighted that these incidents can also be reported to WLDC where an officer may be able to attend these incidents.

Dog Fouling down the 10 foot has been bad over the last couple of weeks. Somebody had put a sign saying as much.

District Councillor Milne highlighted that if we see and know who it is, this can also be reported to WLDC for action.

1/03/23. Apologies for absence

Councillor Breeze – Away with work and Councillor Bowdler. Apologies accepted.

2/03/23. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for Dispensation. Members may make declarations at this point but also make them at any point during the meeting

There were no declarations at this time.

3/03/23. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 9th January 2023

Minutes have been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Randall, and seconded by Councillor Stanser and **resolved** to sign as a true record.

4/03/23. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

- Highways & Ditches

Report ref. 432339. Requested an update and got the following response:

'We are sorry but we are not taking immediate action with this report however we will revisit in the New Year as there are other possible drainage improvements. Thank you for reporting this matter.'

Clerk emailed the following 12.01.23

'Thank you for the update in December; please can you confirm the drainage improvements as per this update?'

The stretch of road in question has been consistently flooded over the last couple of months with it sometimes stretching over the whole road. With the added hazard of the blind bend this is not safe. It is also affecting the drainage of the dykes.

An update would be greatly appreciated.'

Still no update received.

District Councillor Milne told us to contact Richard Butroid at Lincolnshire County Council to see if he can help with this matter. Clerk will get in contact. **Action; EC.**

- Defibrillator

The defibrillator has been installed on the village Hall and was serviced 2nd March and it is now back up and running.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Stanser for getting this relocated.

Councillor Bailey will put a post on Facebook to say that it has been relocated. The Clerk will put a notice in the bus shelter also. **Action; EB & EC.**

- Agenda and Minutes

The proposed meetings dates – Put up in both Notice Boards. 14.01.23

Agenda and DRAFT Minutes were displayed on time. This shall continue going forward.

- Carol Service Query.

I contacted Rosemary Burke, who apologised that only certain houses received the Carol Service leaflets, I did question why the leaflet drop appeared to be specific and she said that it was random. The Parishioner in question has now subscribed to the Parish Magazine. This is £3/annum for 10 editions.

- Website

Ongoing, I have contacted LCC who run the website and they have put me in touch with someone that can help with getting the website up and running. This will take a bit of time as I will need to upload documents etc. but I am hopeful that it will be done in time for the next meeting.

Councillor Bailey has offered to help The Clerk with getting the website up and running. **Action; EB & EC.**

- Antisocial Noise

This has been reported by the Clerk and Councillor Bowdler. I have not received any update as to whether anything has been done.

Councillor Bailey suggested requesting an update when filing these reports. The Clerk will do this going forward.

Councillor Bowdler not present to give any updates he may have.

- Elections

Thursday 4th May District and Parish Council Elections.

Information can be found at:

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/elections-voting/district-parish-council-elections-4-may-2023>

If you wish to remain a Parish Councillor the forms must be completed and hand delivered to the elections office at Guildhall, Marshall's Yard as soon as possible on or after 13 March 2023 but no later than 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023. Please contact the office to make an appointment for delivery on 01427 676576. It is the responsibility of the Councillor to complete and return these documents.

If more than 7 nomination forms are completed for the Parish, this will trigger an election.

The Clerk has 7 nomination papers and instructions on how to complete. These were distributed amongst the Parish Councillors present.

Election Notice has been displayed in the Notice Board in Knaith Park.

5/03/23. Correspondence

- Crime Reports for January and February – Circulated. A horse box had been stolen from Knaith Park but this has not appeared in the reports.
- General Correspondence – List circulated.

6/03/23. Financial Matters

- Financial Statement to 12th March – With payments totalling £899.91 and receipts totalling £9.99. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
- Internal Audit – This has been circulated, checked and signed by Councillor Bailey and The Clerk.

7/03/23. Gate Burton Energy Park

Two of the four projects have now been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The deadlines for registering an interest are as follows:

Gate Burton Energy Park	-	Wednesday 12 th April 2023 by 11.59pm
Cottam Solar Project	-	Thursday 30 th March by 11.59pm

Councillor Belton and The Clerk will make representations to both projects before the deadlines.

District Councillor Milne highlighted that information was meant to be submitted to WLDC before applications to the Planning Inspectorate but this was never done.

The map that has been issued for Gate Burton shows different areas than previously issued maps. Land that was part of the exclusion zone is now included within the projects scope.

WLDC are in process of building a case against these projects and part of that it getting the spoil re-examined to see if it of higher grade than has been submitted. This is a crucial part of the opposition.

8/03/23. Village Hall

Councillor Bailey and Stanser declared an interest as they both members of the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Village Hall Management Committee has discussed the re-writing of the documents and has requested the following:

- That they are involved in the rewriting of the document to ensure that they are not personally liable.
- They would like the document to be reviewed every 10 years to ensure it is kept up to date with legislation and to avoid the present scenario. This would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- They will stand the £200 + VAT for the re-writing of the document.

Councillor Bailey and Stanser will discuss what they want included the new document and forward on.

Action; EB & WS

9/03/23. Broadband

Quickline have been approaching residents in Knaith Park with regards offers etc. despite us not being included in the current roll out. Quickline were going to contact their sales team and tell them to stop trying to sell the packages as they are not available as yet.

Councillor Bowdler not present to provide any update.

10/03/23. Rubbish/Waste

Councillor Randall has reported a large amount of waste on the Stag’s Head Car Park. He has reported this to WLDC who have been and taken photos. They have informed him that a notice has been sent for this to be removed. The response from WLDC has been impressive.

This rubbish poses environmental and vermin issues.

Councillor Randall will chase up 31st March is he has not heard anything.

It was mentioned that the house is being used for multiply occupancy and does this also need reporting? Does the Parish Council want to revisit making the pub a community asset again?

The Parish Council has not received any change of use notice despite it being currently rented and used privately.

It was proposed by Councillor Bailey and seconded by Councillor Belton that The Clerk will research into the points above and report back to the council. **Action: EC**

11/03/23. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

Note information noted.

12/03/23. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 15th May 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Signed Dated