

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the  
Village Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Present:** Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)  
Councillor D. Randall  
Councillor W. Stanser  
Council S. Bowdler  
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)

**1/4/24. Apologies for absence**

Councillor Breeze, Councillor Morphet and District/Councillor Bailey all sent apologies. Apologies accepted.

**2/4/24. 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.**

Councillor Stanser declared an interest with regards Village Hall matters as he is a member of The Village Hall Management Committee.

**3/4/24. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

**4/4/24. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters**

**Highways & Ditches**

The grips have been installed. Councillor Bailey asked for confirmation on the effectiveness of the grips and Martin Snaith responded.

'We don't always send the surface water to the ditch/dyke area, we can create an area where the water will disperse and be able to disperse around it. It does take the water from the carriageway and looking at the photos, the areas are lower than the carriageway which is what we would want. If the dyke area was clear, I would have expected the grips to go to the dyke itself, but that is not the case there. These are a temporary measure to help, and Steve is Monitoring the bend itself to see what has been happening there.'

**5/4/24. Correspondence**

- a. General Correspondence – List circulated.

**6/4/24. Financial Matters**

- a. Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – With payments totalling £458.66 and receipts of £68.56 It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
- b. Internal Audit – Simon Breeze absent, carried forward to next Agenda.

**7/4/24. D-Day 80th**

Ideas were shared with regards D-Day. It was proposed that we hold a Parish Party in the village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> June, Councillor Belton to create leaflet, draft to follow.

It was also proposed that the Councillors hold a Lighting of the Lamp on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 9.15pm. Clerk will purchase the lamp in preparation for this.

**8/4/24. Planning Applications**

- Application 147681 – Land at 44 Willingham Road.  
Permission Granted but with a clause that it can only be one storey.
- Application 148112 – Stags Head.  
To convert into a residential property. The Parish Council have reviewed the application and have no comments/objections. Clerk to submit as such to WLDC planning.

**9/4/24. Solar Farms**

Everything has been submitted and we are just awaiting the decision. Councillor Bowdler would like it showed in the minutes that we need to be forward thinking about what we want out of this if the planning is approved.

**10/4/24. Flooding Knaith Hill**

Works are currently being carried out, hopefully this will resolve the issues.

**11/4/24. Village Hall Legal Issues**

Councillors Belton and Stanser attended a meeting with the solicitor. Advised to change some wording within these documents. It was also advised that the Village Hall and the Parish Council need to be kept separate, but Knaith Parish Council needed adding to the insurance which Councillor Stanser did immediately after the meeting. The Village Hall Committee will therefore continue to pay for the insurance as advised from the solicitor.

**12/4/24. Village Hall – Theft**

Councillor Stanser has obtained quotes for new fencing at the Village Hall. Mr Thompson more favourable with a quote for a post and rail fence and he will contact Mr Thompson and book this in. Councillor Bowdler raised the idea of installing hedging. Councillor Stanser highlighted the maintenance element and that maybe a rota could be devised. The trees need trimming in the Village Hall Garden. Councillor Stanser will look into this.

**13/4/24. Speed Gun**

Councillor Breeze will arrange a date for another Speed Awareness Exercise.

**14/4/24. EV Charging Points**

District Councillor Bailey forwarded on some information about identifying sites where EV Chargers might be installed in the future. This information was circulated to all Councillors. At first though nowhere appears to be a suitable site with safety being a big concern. Councillor Bailey – email. Maybe the Village Hall would be a good site. Councillor Stanser reluctant for EV points at the Village Hall. The turning circle is an issue and litigation wise it would be a nightmare.

**15/4/24. District Councillor Surgery**

‘Not many came out to see me, which was anticipated but those that did I had good feedback with and enjoyed the conversation with our residents. It is evident from speaking to people that the lack of community spirit is something that as a Parish Council I believe we can work on and in my role as District Councillor I can facilitate this more with other areas if the Parish Council think it is a good idea.’

**16/4/24. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.**

- 1) Anti-social behaviour. Noise from vehicles, van parking blocking view at junction and rubbish on the verges appears to be greater.
- 2) Councillor Bowdler – would it be possible to charge to speed indicator at the village hall and then move to posts. Outside plugs were discussed at the late Village Hall Committee Meeting.
- 3) CCTV was discussed at the Village Hall Committee Meeting. A light was vandalised possibly when the fence was stolen. Councillor Bowdler – What are we trying to protect. Is it a system that records or to your phone, how will police respond. If no CCTV police are not interested. Councillor Bowdler – a risk assessment would be needed.

**17/4/24. Date for next meeting**

A date was set for the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM which will incorporate the Bi-Monthly meeting. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6pm.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....