

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Monday 11th September 2024 @ 6.30pm**

Present: Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)
Councillor D. Randall
Councillor W. Stanser
Councillor S. Bowdler
Councillor A. Morphet
Councillor S. Breeze
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)

1/9/24. Apologies for absence

District Councillor Bailey sent her apologies.

2/9/24. 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 and Councillor Breeze declared an interest with regards Village Hall matters as they are both members of The Village Hall Management Committee.

3/9/24. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 8th July 2024.

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

4/9/24. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

Visibility at Junction

Following on from the Parish Councils request for double yellow lines at the junction Willingham Road/Upton Road. I was cc'd into the following email:

'Good morning Cllr Butroid

Following a request from Knaith Parish Council to investigate the possibility of a TRO at the junction of Willingham Road/Upton Road, an initial assessment has now been carried out.

Unfortunately, the site visit has not identified any concerns with parking at the junction that would justify or support a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO/Double yellow lines) being processed, the reported accident data for the last five years has also been considered. I appreciate there may be many reports of parking close to the junction but in such rural areas where traffic flow is light and speeds are low, a TRO would seem a little heavy handed, especially with no firm evidence.

I understand this will be disappointing for the Parish Council but on this occasion, we will not be pursuing the matter any further and the enquiry will be closed down.'

Tree Query – Stag's Head (Old Pub)

Councillor Randall - The new residents at the Stag's head made an enquiry as to who is responsible for the tree next to the bus shelter. The Clerk went to have a look, and it is on WLDC verge land.

I fed back the following to Councillor Randall:

'I have checked on WDC website, and this is what it states:

Trees that grow in council owned property or on public open spaces that the council is responsible for are also protected as they are deemed as council property. Anyone wilfully damaging these can be prosecuted. If you think the tree is council owned check with us by contacting customer services using the [general enquiries](#) form.

[Tree management | West Lindsey District Council \(west-lindsey.gov.uk\)](https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk)

Information on the following link. Tree preservation order - I wouldn't think is applicable, but the above section is.'

5/9/24. Correspondence

- a. General Correspondence – List circulated.
 - o Public Rights of Way Grass Cutting – Request that the reports are sent out as soon as possible after the grass cutting has been done so we can check as sending them out weeks after makes it harder for us to check and report back to them. **Action EC**

6/9/24. Financial Matters

- a. Financial Statement to 31st March 2024 – With payments totalling £182.25 with no receipts. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
 - i. Clerk to issue Yearly spend with projected spend to end of the financial year in preparation of the budget. **Action EC.**
 - ii. Request Defib costs from WLDC to report at next meeting. **Action EC**
- b. Internal Audit circulated and signed by The Clerk and Councillor Breeze.

7/9/24. Solar Farms

- Cottam - Granted
- Gate Burton Solar Project – They have emailed the Clerk opening communication after the project was granted. It was agreed that the Clerk to response and ask for an initial meeting. **Action EC**
- Councillor Bowdler has reviewed the TMP and the main access point for vehicles is off the A156. However, sites around Kexby Lane, traffic will use Willingham Road and come through the village. We can expect 15% of the traffic through the village. A Presentation is being drafted.
 - o It was suggested that it may be a good idea to ask for the vehicles to b e tagged with labels so that any bad driving can be reported.
 - o Do they have a worker’s code of conduct, if not could this be implemented.
- Councillor Morphet – Litigation work against the projects(s) are ongoing.
- Energy prices need to be revisited as Wind Farms do give reduced tariffs.

8/9/24. Speed Initiatives

Councillor Bowdler proposed that the speed indicator purchase be revisited in November. **Action Ageda November.**

Clerk to email information to Councillor Breeze to research cost. **Action EC and SBreeze.**

9/9/24. Staff Committee

Closed Session.

10/9/24. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Morphet proposed that this remains a rolling agenda item as no point in moving forward with everything going on with the solar projects. **Action November Agenda.**

11/9/24. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

None noted.

12/9/24. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the next Bi-Monthly meeting, 11th November 2024 at 6.30pm

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed Dated