

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Monday 20th January 2025 @ 6.30pm**

Present: Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)
Councillor D. Randall
Councillor S. Bowdler
Councillor S. Breeze
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)
District Councillor E. Bailey

Public Session

Parishioner Andrew Coulson. Would like to raise a concern to the amount of money to be spent on the speed indicators approved at the last meeting. This is given that the data that is available suggests there is not a big problem with speeding in the village. The data referred is that which Lincolnshire Highways collected.

Councillor Bowdler addressed Mr Coulson. There is lots of speeding through the village. Lorries, buses school traffic. The Parish Council has been in discussions for years with regards the purchase of these indicators and then agreed in the last meeting that they will benefit the Parish.

The Parish Council agreed that the guns have not been used as much as they would have liked but this relies on volunteers which we have struggled for.

Pre-empting the increase in traffic due to the current solar projects within our Parish and surrounding areas. Councillor Bowdler concluded that it is public knowledge how much money the Council has, and these speed indicators will improve the village.

The Chairman addressed the councillors as Will Stanser has resigned as a Parish Councillor.

1/01/25. Apologies for absence

Councillor Morphet sent his apologies which were accepted.

2/01/25. 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 Breeze declared an interest with regards Village Hall matters as he is a member of The Village Hall Management Committee.

3/01/25. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 11th November 2024.

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

4/01/25. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

Replacement Defibrillator

Discuss at Agenda Item 6.

5/01/25. Correspondence

- a. General Correspondence – List circulated.

6/01/25. Financial Matters

- a. Financial Statement to 19th January 2025 – With payments totalling £472.10 with no receipts. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
- b. As Councillor Stanser has resigned we now only have one signatory when two is needed to make payments. It was proposed that The Clerk and Councillor Belton will investigate banking options as at present our account is outdated and not fit for the Parish Council's needs. **Action EC & DB**
- c. A new Defibrillator would be subsidised from WLDC with a Parish Council contribution of £600. We were advised by WLDC that parts will not be available for much longer on our current Defib and out of our current budget we have the funds available. It was proposed by Councillor Belton that the

Parish Council replace the current Defib and take advantage of the subsidised offer from WLDC. Clerk will apply. **Action EC**

- d. The proposed budget has been circulated. It was agreed to add in £750 for Maintenance to Heynings Close as this is currently no maintained and Lincolnshire County Council will not Maintain despite it being adopted. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the maintenance for the next meeting. **Action EC**
- e. District Councillor Bailey informed the Council that you can pay for a road sweeper that will clear roads/footpaths. This may be an option.
- f. It was then proposed that the Final Precept at £5,154 with all Councillors agreed. Clerk will submit to WLDC. **Action EC**

7/01/25. Solar Farms.

- Councillor Belton attended the Tillbridge open floor meeting. Sir Edward Leigh was the first to speak, and he said that these plans have all got out of hand and that he is against the projects.
- District Councillor Bailey – It’s interesting that WLDC have been able to work with Till bridge out of all the projects and they feel like they are listening.

8/01/25. Speed Initiatives

The quote from Elan City was circulated. Two solar powered speed indicators £4,679.98 + VAT. The price will increase in February. It was noted that the address was incorrect on the quote. The Clerk will make sure this is amended. The Clerk will order. **Action EC**

9/01/25. Neighbourhood Plan

Rolling Agenda Item. **Action March Agenda.**

10/01/25. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

1. Banking Issues
2. Councillor Vacancies
3. Dog Noise/Fouling.
4. Newsletter to residents to highlight ongoing projects, vacancies, issues etc. Councillor Bowdler volunteered to draft this. **Action SBowdler**

11/01/25. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the next Bi-Monthly meeting, 10th March 2025 at 6.30pm

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed Dated