

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Monday 10th March 2025 @ 6.30pm**

Present: Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)
Councillor D. Randall
Councillor A. Morphet
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)
Andrew Coulson (Parishioner)

1/03/25. Apologies for absence

Councillor Breeze, Councillor Bowdler and District Councillor Bailey all sent apologies which were accepted.

2/03/25. 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.

None Received.

3/03/25. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 20th January 2025

The minutes have been circulated, and it was proposed by Councillor Randall that they are a true record, which was seconded by Councillor Belton, and **resolved** to sign as a true record.

4/03/25. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

1. Replacement Defibrillator – Application submitted by Clerk. Awaiting contact from WLDC.
2. Quotes are still required for the Maintenance of Heynings Court. Clerk to obtain. **Action EC**
3. District Councillor Bailey requested that the Parish Council consider adopting an Environment and Sustainability Statement. This would open avenues to various funding.
It was proposed by Councillor Belton that this be drafted and circulated by The Clerk, with all in favour. **Action EC**
4. District Councillor Bailey has working on the reduction of speed limit between Marton and Lea along the A156. The Chairman would like it noted in the Minutes that the Parish Council appreciate all the hard work that she has done with regards this matter.

5/03/25. Correspondence

- a. General Correspondence – List circulated.

6/03/25. Financial Matters

- a. Financial Statement to 9th March 2025 – With payments totalling £6,482.94 with no receipts. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
- b. Internal Audit – Councillor Breeze not present. Carried forward to next Agenda.
- c. Banking – Work is being done to add further signatories to our current banking facility with the Clerk and Chairman due to go into the bank to discuss our needs. **Action EC & DB**
It was noted that when Councillor Breeze becomes a signatory, he can no longer be the Internal Auditor. Councillor Morphet will replace him at such time.

7/03/25. Solar Farms.

- The Battery Farm proposal in Marton has been rejected by the local authority. This was where all projects were to come together to get to Cottam on the other side of the river.
- 7000 acres have organised a Rally on 15th March at 11am at Lincoln's Corn Exchange. This is a protest of the proposed/approved solar farm projects that are set to engulf Lincolnshire.

8/03/25. Speed Initiatives

Speed Indicators have been purchased. The Clerk has contact Lincoln County Council to make sure we do not need any extra permission etc before these are installed. **Action EC**

9/03/25. Neighbourhood Plan

Rolling Agenda Item. **Action May Agenda.**

10/03/25. Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies.

Mr Andrew Coulson has already expressed an interest in joining the Council and does meet all current criteria. It was proposed that he be co-opted onto the Council, with all in favour. The Clerk will forward all necessary paperwork for Mr Coulson for completion. **Action EC**

The other Vacancy will be advertised as per policy. To be included in the Newsletter, advertised on Notice boards and Social Media.

11/03/25. Dog Noise/Fouling

The Dog noise has been reported as vastly improved as it is believed the dog causing the nuisance has gone. Fouling remains a big issue within the Parish and the Council would encourage anyone who witnesses this to please report through WLDC website:

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/communities-safety/community-safety/dog-fouling>

Both topics will be included in the Newsletter.

12/03/25. Village Newsletter

It was discussed that the Newsletter should be Bi-Monthly and issued the week before the Parish Council Meeting. This way it can include when the meeting is and what will be covered.

It was also agreed that the Newsletter needs to be positive to increase parishioner engagement.

Councillor Belton has booked the Village Hall to commemorate VE Day on Thursday 8th May and on Saturday 10th May for a social event. Details to be finalised and advertised.

Newsletter publication - Councillor Morphet to Liaise with Councillor Bowdler. **Action SB & AM**

13/03/25. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

1. The Election of The Greater Lincolnshire Mayor will take place 1st May 2025.

14/03/25. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM Parish Council Meeting incorporating the Bi-Monthly meeting, 12th May @ 6.00pm.

Proposed future dates for advertising: 14th July, 8th September and 10th November.

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 7.11pm.

Signed Dated