

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Monday 7th August 2025 @ 6.30pm**

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

15-minute Public Forum

Residents from 26 and 28 Willingham Road were in attendance. Mr and Mrs Brumpton from 26 Willingham Road would like to object with regards the speed indicator location. They were unaware of the new speed indicator being erected on the verge outside of their property and when the workmen came to erect the pole, they queried it as they had not been informed, and the residents believe they own the verge outside their property. They were disappointed that the Parish Council had not approached them to discuss this prior.

The Parish Council explained that Highways came out and chose the position of the indicator which will be erected on what the Parish Council have been informed is Highways land and in the best position to capture the best possible data.

Mr Brumpton made references to other potential positions and the position of other Parishes speed indicators and believes that the position on the bend just after the 30mph sign would be a better position. The Parish Council explained that the Speed Indicator was purchased to capture data within the 30mph zone and as close to the residential properties as possible. Not as it approaches it as this would collect data from the 60mph zone also and the data would be unusable as a tool to prove the speeding issues within the 30mph zone.

The Parish Council did explain that this speed indicator has been a long-standing Agenda item, and any concerns could have been brought up at previous meetings.

The Parish Council agreed that they would arrange for the representative from Highways to speak to the resident with regards the location of the speed indicator. However, any disputes over land ownership is an issue between the resident and Highways.

1/08/25. Apologies for absence

No apologies.

2/08/25. 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.

3/08/25. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 12th May 2025

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

4/08/25. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

Replacement Defibrillator

Ella Williams phoned me and explained that the funding for new defibs was used to buy spare parts for existing defibs. She said if funding becomes available, she will let us know. I did mention that the box needed some TLC and a new sticker as it is not clear that it is a defib from the road. She was going to look at this on the next maintenance visit.

Heynings Court

Weed spraying was completed Monday 9th May at a cost of £103.27 inc. VAT. Heynings Close was included as it was the same price to do both Court and Close.

Brambles Overhanging on Footpath

It was reported to me that the brambles were overhanging on the footpath between Willingham Road and Station Road.

I reported on both ref 2847861 and 2838648. Not much luck with either one with the first being closed with no further action and the second being ignored. Unfortunately, a Councillor was verbally abused/threatened by a Parsioner with regards this matter which I would like to bring that up at the meeting.

Extra Dog Bin

Spoke to Simon Smoothey at WLDC and he agreed to install a further bin at the end of Rhody Woods. I have not checked to see if this has been completed.

Knaith Parish Council Insurance

Insurance now includes the new speed indicators and was at no extra cost. It was £256.94.

5/08/25. Correspondence

- a. General Correspondence – List circulated.
- b. DC Bailey has written to the Police Minister with regards funding. I was agreed that the Parish Council would write such a letter also to send to the Police Minister, CC Sir Edward Leigh and DC Bailey. **Action DB & EC**

6/08/25. Financial Matters

- a. Financial Statement to 6th August 2025 – With payments totalling £844.13 with no receipts. It was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.

7/08/25. Solar Farms.

EDF have purchased the Gate Burton Solar Project with a view to starting construction 2027.

The Funding parameters will be set by EDF, and we need to start thinking about what the parishioners want/need.

Councillor Bowdler – Normally interested parties will register through the website and will be dealt with by a communication team.

It was proposed that the first step be a leaflet for parishioners to attend a public meeting with ideas about what we would like to gain as a parish. Along the lines of 'You will have seen EDF taking over the Gate Burton Project by 2027, we the council wish to have your views' The leaflet is to include Clerk generic email clerk-kpc@outlook.com. Public Meeting provisional Saturday September 2025. This could incorporate some food and community day as well. **Action S Bowdler**

8/08/25. Speed Initiatives

As per Public Time

9/08/25. Neighbourhood Plan

Rolling Agenda Item. **Action September Agenda.**

10/08/25. Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has one vacancy. Mrs Ryves has attended two meetings with an interest to join the Parish Council. It was agreed that with one further meeting Mrs Ryves could be co-opted onto the Parish Council

11/08/25. Village Newsletter

Newsletter still in DRAFT, Councillor Bowdler to re-issue for Councillors views. Two leaflets to be done now. One with regards the Solar and the Village Newsletter. **Action S Bowdler.**

12/08/25. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

1. Village Hall Documentation – The Parish Council agreed that the most recent revision of the document from the solicitor does cover all legalities necessary to move forward if agreed with The Village Hall Management Committee the document need only be signed by the Chairs of both committees. **Action D Belton.**
2. Councillor Belton has created a leaflet for the VJ Day event at the village hall Saturday 16th August at 2pm. Councillors have offered to help distribute the leaflets. Councillor Belton to print and distribute to Councillors. **Action D Belton**

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, 15th September 2025

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed Dated