Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th July 2026 @ 6.30pm

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

1/07/26. Apologies for absence
No apologies.

2/07/26. 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.

3/07/26. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 11th May 2026
The minutes have been circulated, and it was proposed by Councillor Morphet that they are a true record, which was seconded by Councillor Bowdler, and ***resolved*** to sign as a true record.

4/07/26. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

LALC Training
The next Zoom Councillor Induction & Refresher is 17.09.26 6pm. Councillor Ryves is booked on.
I have booked myself on to 'How To Hold An Effective Meeting' 10.09.26 (Zoom)

Weed Killing – Heynings Close/Court
I have contacted Simon Smoothey twice at WODC with regards Weed Killing in Heynings Close/Court, but I have not received a response. Emailed 10.05.26 and 02.07.26.

Dates for Meetings
Checked and booked With Village Hall.

5/07/26. Correspondence

- General Correspondence – List circulated.

6/07/26. Financial Matters
Financial Statement – With payments totalling £430.14 and no receipts it was ***resolved*** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
Councillor Bowdler requested that a running total against the precept was added. ***Action EC.***

7/07/26. Solar Farms.
Planning applications have been submitted by the surrounding solar projects.
Councillor Morphet – This is to establish Liaison groups for all solar projects under one group.
What it is suggesting we a Parish Council suggest a person to be part of the group. This will apply for Parish Councils affected by the projects. We have until the 16th of July to respond. Propose it is important to have someone representing the Parish Council within this group. We need to decide and reply within the next 10 days. Reply by the end of the week. Should be 1 Councillor plus a Deputy.
It was proposed that Councillor Bowdler to be the 1st and Councillor Morphet as the Deputy with all Councillors in favour.
District Councillor Bailey – It should not all be one group and every project should have its own liaison group as the planning went in separately and they wanted to be treated separately when they applied for

permission. Each Parish may have separate needs, and a collective group may not be in everyone's best interests.
Councillor Bowdler – If they are separate you would have to speak a number of times in the separate groups and may not get the full picture. There is an argument that together you can see the whole picture.
Councillor Morphet – None of the solar projects are profitable at the moment but we need to respond.
The Clerk will respond with Councillor Bowdler and Morphet as the Councils representatives. ***Action EC***
The Chairman would like to thank Councillors Bowdler and Morphet for their ongoing efforts.

8/07/26. Speed Initiatives

Solar Speed Indicators

Councillor Coulson – Bridge Indicator information circulated. They will be a useful tool when the NISP's start. The village Hall speed indicator is not working again. The Voltage has dropped again so I have charged them at work.
Feel that the support we have received from ELAN City is below what we would expect after spending £6k. Believe we should at least get onsite support. Only remote technical support has been offered.
Chairman thanked Councillor Coulson for his ongoing efforts.

Mobile Speed Indicator

Councillor Bowdler – Think it needs raising up but may be too heavy to then take down and charge and then put back up again.
Councillor Belton – Could it be lowered?
Councillor Bowdler – We should review the height. I will charge it and see. Councillor Belton has agreed to go with Councillor Bowdler to try and resolve. ***Action DB and SB***
District Councillor Bailey – If it has moved will not it trigger more and require charging more?
Councillor Bowdler – Yes but it would but if it is working that is better.

9/07/26. Neighbourhood Plan

Rolling Agenda Item.
Councillor Morphet – Do not see the benefit now especially with the NISP's ongoing and it will not be effective.
District Councillor Bailey – Is funding still available? It is a lot of work for a small parish and can take years.
Councillor Morphet – If Gate Burton Solar falls away, we could get housing instead.
District Councillor Bailey – If you started now with the plan and the solar fell away the land could be protected in a couple of years.
Councillor Morphet – The plan could highlight areas that are protected. Do not know if labour is going to change any legislation. You also must have a referendum of the whole parish and if passed WLDC should take the plan into account for any planning application.
District Councillor Bailey – In a number of years/In the future WLDC may not exist and if a neighbourhood plan is not in effect, we may not be protected.
Councillor Morphet - Will contact WLDC and proper reply at the next meeting. ***Action AM***
Councillor Bailey – Could WLDC contact attend a meeting?

10/07/26. Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies.
Two parishioners were in attendance with an interest in joining the Parish Council.

11/07/26. Village Newsletter

Newsletter circulated. The Chairman thanked Councillor Ryves for her efforts in producing this. Next one will be after the September meeting.

12/07/26. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

Play Park – Councillor Ryves has highlighted that now there are several children (14) living within the Parish and would the Parish Council consider a Play Park. There is currently no where in the village.
District Councillor Bailey – Funding is available through the FCC.
Heynings Close – Not Suitable
Village Hall – More Suitable

- Is there any guidance available as to what is needed?

- Ask Kexby/Upton with regards there newly installed play park. Costs, who they used, funding etc. ***Action EC***
- Conversation needed with the Village Hall Management Committee. ***Action SR***

13/07/26. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the next Bi-Monthly meeting, 14th September @ 6.30pm

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Signed …….. Dated ……