Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th September 2026 @ 6.30pm

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

Public Time

Mr Stanser of the Village Hall Management Committee: With regards the play park. The committee have a had a meeting and discussed at length the prospect of a play park at the Village Hall. They have some questions.
The Council explained that we are at the very early stages of discussions and have not got the answers at this stage. They will be addressed if/when the plans progress. The Chairman thanked Mr Stanser for his questions.

1/09/26. Apologies for absence

Councillor Coulson has sent his apologies which were accepted.

2/09/26. 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.

3/09/26. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 6th July 2026

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

4/09/26. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters

Salt Bag

19.08.26 LCC emailed asking if we require another Salt bag. I emailed Mr. Stanser to check the level of the existing one, and he confirmed we need another one. He requested if a storage unit was available but having checked with LCC this is not possible due to the size of the shipment. They have provided storage details (off ground and covered). Forward these to Will and ask if a tethered plastic sheet over the top would help. In the meantime, I have requested the salt as it is no due to be delivered for a couple of months so hopefully, we can find a resolution for storage before then.

Questions from Lea

20.08.26 – Received the following email from Lea Parish Council
"Good afternoon,
My name is Helen Leone, and I am Chair of Lea Parish Council. Following our PC meeting this week, which was attended by Emma Bailey, It was suggested that I contacted you about 2 issues.
Firstly, I wonder if anyone on your Council could help us with accessing and interpreting the data from our new speed indicator signs?
Secondly, we wondered where you sourced the Christmas tree that was outside the village hall last year.
Thanking you in advance
Helen Leone"
I asked Councillor Coulson if he was okay with assisting with the above, he replied to Helen.
I also forwarded on the Village Hall details as they were responsible for the Christmas Tree.

5/09/26. Correspondence

- General Correspondence – List circulated.

6/09/26. Financial Matters

1. Financial Statement – With payments totalling £391.13 and £9.02 in receipts it was ***resolved*** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
2. Internal Audit – Conducted and signed by Councillor Morphet

7/09/26. Solar Farms

To be minuted that the West Burton Project has started testing.

8/09/26. Speed Initiatives

Solar Speed Indicators

The data collected is showing that speeding has reduced. Over the last 8 months less than 1% were over 40mph. The signs have had an impact but still some in the 30 to 40mph bracket.

The sign at the village hall is still not working and Elan City are being less than helpful. We need to check the terms and conditions and see where we stand with regards returning it and the level of assistance under the warranty. ***Action EC***

Councillor Belton will contact Lincs Highways to see if Graeme Butler can assist. ***Action DB***

9/09/26. Neighbourhood Plan

Rolling Agenda Item.

Councillor Morphet – Will contact WLDC. Costs approx. £10k and takes around 18 months plus.

District Councillor Bailey – Would it be in the villages best interest to have one? Could we include something in the next village newsletter to see if it is?

It was agreed a public community meeting would be held on 29th October at 6.30pm (subject to availability).

The Clerk will check the village hall availability. ***Action EC***

10/09/26. Play Park

Councillor Ryves and The Clerk have been researching. Kexby/Upton playing field committee have very kindly provided project details on there recently installed play park. Including funding, who they used and how much it cost.

Councillor Bowlder asked about the strip of land the Parish Council owned that runs along the side of the village hall, could this be utilised?

We will look at the deeds for this land and see how to proceed. ***Action DB and EC***

Include a questionnaire alongside the next newsletter for Parishioners to complete and return. ***Action SR***

11/09/26. Planning

WL/2026/00804 - Planning application for proposed change of use of part of ground floor to extend the permitted part-time public house.

District Councillor Bailey – We should declare that we have no pecuniary interest.

Our councillors are aware of the facility and have not discussed it with the owners and have no pecuniary interest.

It is the view of the councillors present that the pub has brought the village back to life. It is essentially considered a valued community asset and has brought back community spirit.

No objections to the application, support should be submitted as above. ***Action EC***

12/09/26. Councillor Vacancies

We have two parishioners attend the last two meetings with a view of joining the Parish Council. The Council asked them to leave the room to discuss their applications.

After discussions it was agreed for them both to become councillors. Asked them to officially attend the next meeting to make it official - Rebecca Cawkwell and Liza Kent.

13/09/26. Village Newsletter

Councillor Ryves has kindly agreed to continue to produce the newsletter.
This will include:

- Speeding Information
- St Mary's Church Events
- Solar Project Updates
- Fix My Street Information
- Defibrillator Location
- Village Hall Events
- Neighbourhood Plan Community Meeting details
- Proposed Parish Council Meeting Dates
- Village Hall Coffee Mornings
- Parking around the village
- Play Park Questionnaire
- Christmas Dinner at the pub for vulnerable/people on their own at Christmas.
- Mrs Cawkwell – since re-opening the pub she has been looking into its history and would like to set up a Historical Society. Information to be included in the newsletter.

14/09/26. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.

None.

15/09/26. Date for next meeting

A date was set for the next Bi-Monthly meeting, 9th November 2026 @ 6.30pm

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed …….. Dated ……