

**Knowstone Parish Council – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm at Knowstone Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs Pomfret (Chair), Parry, Clarke, McGregor and Stanbury

Jane Mills, Clerk to the Council

Cllr Milton District Councillor  
13 Members of the public

Prayers were led by Cllr Pomfret

**25/03/114 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Maidment

**25/03/115 Declarations of interest**

To receive declarations of personal interests and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) in respect of items on this agenda. Members were reminded that all interests should be declared at the beginning of the meeting and prior to the item being discussed.

There were no declarations

**25/03/116 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (confidential information)**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B

Proposed: Cllr Pomfret, seconded: Cllr Parry (All in favour)

**25/03/117 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Proposed: Cllr Parry, seconded: Cllr McGregor (All in favour)

**25/03/118 County Councillor Report**

The County Councillor was not in attendance

**25/03/119 District Councillor Report**

The District Cllr spoke about the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) timescales, initial proposals were submitted by the 21<sup>st</sup> March, with the preferred option being 1-4-5 split. Exeter is a powerhouse, Plymouth want to be a unitary and to include South Hams. Final proposals will be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> November. Devon is not in the first tranche so County Council elections will take place in May, but it is not anticipated that newly elected Cllrs will serve a full term. With regard to NDC there is nothing further to report.

**25/03/120 Public Participation**

In accordance with Standing Order 3 (f) members of the public are permitted to make representations and ask questions, the period set aside shall not exceed 15 minutes. It should be noted that answers will generally not be given at the meeting where the questions are delivered, each member of the public is entitled to speak once.

Members of the public raised the issue of the ownership of Kidland Lane and public rights of way. The Clerk will speak to the Public Rights of Way Officer and seek clarity. There was a further discussion on Moortown and Sidemoor picnic areas. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Land and Property Committee

**25/03/121 To receive a report from the Parish Clerk**

The Parish Clerk circulated a brief report with financial information, a bank reconciliation and a list of payments

Admin Scribe Accts	£14.40
Staff Costs	£266.40
Staff Costs HMRC	£66.60
Admin Travel and exp	£79.00
Admin Scribe accts	£14.40
Staff costs HMRC	£172.15
Web site host	£234.00
P/O new laptop	£289.00
Admin bank charges	£4.75
Grant	<u>£250.00</u>

Total £1390.70

It was **resolved** to agree the payments as listed above and accept the financial information

Proposed: Cllr Pomfret, seconded: Cllr Stanbury (All in favour)

Members were advised that following the loss of the Internal Auditor the Clerk had secured the services of a new Internal Auditor and Members agreed the appointment.

**Action Points:** Make payments,

**25/03/122 To consider Action Points**

Action Points were noted,

**25/03/123 To consider Financial Regulations recent update**

It was **resolved** to accept the update after agreeing amendments

Proposed: Cllr Pomfret, seconded: Cllr Stanbury (All in favour)

**25/03/124 To receive a report on investing council funds**

It was **resolved** to move £10,000 from the business account and £20,000 from the Treasurers Account and invest in CCLA Public Sector Account subject to the account being instant access.

Proposed: Cllr Parry, seconded: Cllr Pomfret (All in favour)

**25/03/125 To consider ownership of Kidland Lane**

This was fully discussed under public participation

25/03/126

**To consider planning applications**

**Link:** [Planning application: 79890 - Council Services](#)

Eastacott Farm East Knowstone South Molton Devon EX36 4DZ

Demolition of existing agricultural buildings & erection of five detached dwellings with garaging & associated works

It was **resolved** to confirm to NDC that the Council support the application

Proposed: Cllr Clarke, seconded: Cllr Pomfret (All in favour)

**Link:** [Planning application: 79934 - Council Services](#)

Tree works Rosemary Cottage

It was **resolved** to confirm to NDC that the Council support the application.

Proposed: Cllr McGregor, seconded: Cllr Clarke (All in favour)

To note response to application 79681 sent to NDC following a delegated decision.

25/03/127

**To receive Councillor reports**

**a. Highways Cllr McGregor**

No current issues

**b. Footpaths & Beaples Stone – Cllr Parry**

No further updates

**c. Moors Management Association – Cllr Maidment**

Cllr Maidment had sent her apologies, swaling has taken place and the Fire Brigade turned up despite having been advised previously.

**d, Welcome Pack - Cllr Maidment**

Councillor Maidment had sent apologies, there are two new Parishioners requiring packs

**e. Emergency Plan – Cllr Parry**

No further update

**f. Parish Hall – Cllr Pomfret**

refurb is continuing, there is no timescale.

**g. Police Advocate – Cllr Pomfret**

Cllr Pomfret is attending a meeting in Exeter shortly.

**h. Snow Warden – Cllr Stanbury**

Nothing to report, plenty of salt stores.

The Annual Electors Meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

The AGM is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 10 pm

Signed.....Dated.....