

# SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Present: Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher (Chairman), Mr. R. Bateman, Mr. N. White, ,  
Mrs. B. Wiseman, Mr. I. Watkins

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Mr. A. Cooper and Mrs. S. White.

**2. Disclosures of interests** – Mr. N. White, declared a prejudicial interest as he is the Chairman of a Housing Association. He also wished it to be noted that he thought it was too early in the process for anyone to declare any personal interest.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – These were agreed and signed.

### **4. Matters arising**

**Rangers** – the Clerk reported that she had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding the muddy footpath and they responded that there no longer exists a Rangers Service as before. If a parish needs some work done then we have to contact the Rangers directly as they do not come out to the villages as a matter of course. It was agreed that the Clerk contact them requesting a visit.

**Tower Lane signage** – the Clerk reported that the County Engineer wrote to say that, unfortunately, as it is public highway he cannot restrict access to residents only i.e. public highway must be available for the public to use. He also adds that there is already a 'No through road' sign plus another saying 'No Access to Beach' so he is not sure why vehicles are entering.

**Lighting at Sidestrand Hall** – Mr Bateman reported that after some discussions at the school the lighting has been downgraded.

**Gravel** – the Clerk reported that Anglia Water had agreed to the Parish Council having the pipe gravel, not the compound gravel which would be full of dirt and oil, for the Reading Room car park once their work is completed. The Chairman agreed to seek approval from EG Harrison & Co to use the gravel to improve the Reading Room car park surface.

**5. Affordable housing consultation** – the Chairman outlined the current position. The village consultation had taken place on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of

January and the results, provided by NNDC Local Housing Enabler, Graham Connolly, are now available below :

### **“Survey Results from Sidestrand Consultation**

This report provides a summary of the results from the survey forms completed by local residents. We had 14 surveys returned at the consultation and 16 surveys returned through the post. This report also sets out a range of possible next steps following the consultation

#### **Analysis of Surveys**

We have 30 completed survey forms returned on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 and by post. We have had 16 returns by post with the most recent on 12<sup>th</sup> February. I am not expecting many more postal returns.

Based on the 30 surveys:

1. Do you support the need to build affordable housing for the community?  
Yes – 20 (67%)      No – 10 (33%)
2. Do you support the idea of this being an affordable community-led housing scheme?  
  
Yes – 17 (57%)      No – 13 (43%)
3. Do you feel this community consultation has been helpful and informative?  
(Percentages add to 101% due to rounding).  
  
Yes – 17 (57%)      No – 11 (37%)      Not completed – 2 (7%)
4. Would you like to find out more about community-led housing?  
(Percentages add to 101% due to rounding).  
  
Yes – 9 (30%)      No – 15 (50%)      Not at moment – 1 (4%)  
Not completed – 5 (17%)

Most people seemed happy with the way the consultation has been conducted. Positive comments about what has been helpful included: ‘Questions answered’, ‘the information boards listing the various points’ and ‘informative and well laid out’.

One person used the space to caveat their support:

‘With caveat of maximum of 6 houses being built’

There were some comments about what we could have done better; one of these was from a person who answered yes to question 3:

‘More specific information’.

‘Would have been helpful to have hand out maps to show potential sites.’

‘Not enough time’.

Whilst there is majority support for affordable housing there are clearly concerns about where and how many.”

After some discussion the Parish Council agreed that their preferred options and way forward would be:

- a) A maximum of 4 houses to be built
- b) Only social housing at affordable rents will be provided on this scheme
- c) Eight sites have been identified are there any other possible sites?
- d) Identify and research Housing Associations and, in time, invite the development managers to a public meeting to discuss their offers.

However, it was felt that the village should decide and, therefore, there needed to be further consultation(s). It was agreed that a questionnaire for the first of these Parish Council consultations should be drafted by the Chairman and Clerk and, following agreement from the council, sent to every household in the parish. A stamped addressed envelope should be included to return the completed forms to the Clerk. A closing date for returns would be set.

To maximise the communication and information to residents it was agreed that we need to publish the results of the initial survey, with potential site maps, in a separate section of the website named 'Affordable housing consultation'. It was also agreed that Graham Connelly, from NNDC should be informed regarding the further public consultation. The results of all consultations would also be published on the Affordable Housing Consultation page on the website in addition to Parish and Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

**6. Membership of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils –** the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council subscribe to this. The benefits include training and refresher courses, access to legal advice, which may be useful whilst doing the consultation. The yearly cost of membership is approximately £78. Agreed.

**7. Any Other Business –** The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Hilary Cox asking to attend our next meeting in March to talk about the Cromer Marine Conservation Zone Eastern IFCA. After some discussion it was agreed to invite Councillor Cox but, as there is full agenda there will only be 15 minutes available for her presentation.

A letter had been received from Eastlaw which are offering a GDPR and Data Protection Annual Package for Town and Parish Councils. It was decided to defer a decision upon this until after we have joined NALC.

**Date and time of next meeting – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Reading Room, Sidestrand at 7pm.**

