

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2023

1. Apologies for absence- Ray Bateman, Brenda Wiseman
2. Present : I Watkins (acting chair), Alex Cooper, Sally Burton, Ian Stoner. In attendance: Ed Maxfield, Angie Fitch-Tillet, Neil White (clerk)
3. Declaration of Interests- none declared
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2022 were perused and other than matters dealt with later in today's minutes, there were no matters arising
5. County Councillors Report. Ed Maxfield delivered a brief report covering such matters as cost saving initiatives (£60m) which includes some children's and library services and the increase in budget/council tax of 5%. He also agreed to bring to the attention the state of the verges opposite the church to Highways in order that they may take remedial action. A written report on the latest County Council developments would be sent to the clerk in March
6. District Councillors Report. Angie Fitch-Tillet reported to the meeting a number of interesting developments including the proposed delivery of 45 low-cost houses in Holt, and that the Serco bin collectors were currently considering strike action. Of major importance was the news that £26 million had been allocated to NNDC by DEFRA to assist with coastal erosion matters and it was hoped that this money would be received soon.
7. Meetings attended and reports arising- none
8. Future of Parish Clerk. The matter was discussed and the meeting was informed that discussions and meetings would take place with a view to resolving the matter
9. Parish Council Insurance. NW reported that he had asked our brokers to look at cheaper options on the insurance front and he was awaiting their feedback
10. Cheque signatories. There were no cheques to be signed. SB agreed to progress talks with Lloyds with a view to transferring to them from Barclays. NW expressed a view that the deposit account was earning circa £5 per annum in interest and suggested that at the appropriate time the balance on that account be transferred to the current account for simplicity.

11. Correspondence. There was no correspondence to discuss

12. Any Other Business. The following were discussed:

1. The village telephone box was discussed and AC and IW agreed to explore ways of improving its visual appeal before any further decisions be taken
2. The Reading Room future was briefly discussed in relation to future PC Meetings
3. SB announced that the Village Map was very nearly ready to be installed- hopefully in the next few weeks

13. Date of next meeting. The next meeting and the Annual General Meeting are to be held on Thursday 18th May 2023

Chairman