

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JANUARY 2019

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Present: Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher (Chairman), Mr. R. Bateman, Mrs. B. Wiseman, Mr. A. Cooper and Mr. I. Watkins

Also present : Councillor Edward Maxwell

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett, Mr. N. White, Mrs. S. White and Mr. A. Cooper

2. Disclosures of interests – none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2018. Mrs. B. Wiseman proposed that these were a true record, seconded by Mr. R. Bateman and, therefore, they were approved and signed.

4. County Councillor's report – Councillor Maxwell stated there is little to report since the Christmas break but there is a meeting next week (22nd) to discuss the proposals to close some Children Centres and re-organise Children's services in the County. It is proposed that all the centres in North Norfolk will close except for North Walsham and Fakenham.

The committee process is under way with the focus being on the budget.

There has been some money made available from the Government for the repairing of potholes, however there is no money to pay for the labour.

There is some concern regarding the Coasthopper service and whether that will continue.

Mr. I. Watkins reported that he had received a letter from Tom McCabe, NCC, regarding the flooding in Tower Lane stating that there was no money available and that he cannot give a date when the report will be available.

5. District Councillor's report – the Clerk read out and email she had received from Councillor Fitch-Tillett reporting that she had been re-appointed to the Cabinet with responsibility for Coastal Management together with Health and Wellbeing.

6. PCSO's report – the Clerk circulated the read that the current priorities are as follows :

Speeding in Poppyland area
High Visibility Patrols in Cromer, Beauty Spots and car parks in surrounding Parishes.

The newsletter had been included in the Councillor's pack for circulation.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

Affordable housing – Mr. R. Bateman reported that there had been no response to the letter from the Parish Council, dated 24th November, that was agreed at the last meeting asking for the Planning Departments response to all 8 of the sites identified throughout the village. Mr. Bateman had enquired about pre-applications for each site and was informed that would cost £550 per site with a 50% discount for Parish Councils.

Mr. Bateman also spoke to Mark Ashwell, Head of Strategic Planning, and his deputy Ian Whittington were very positive and helpful in explaining the Planning Policy for our region.

After some discussion it was decided to re-send the letter with a covering letter by recorded delivery to Mark Ashwell asking for a written response by a certain date. Then the Council will invite Mr. Ashwell to a future meeting for further discussion.

Upgrading of cliff top seating – this to be deferred until the summer.

Recruitment of a new Clerk – there has been no progress on this.

8. Meetings attended and reports arising – the Chairman and Mr. Bateman attended the SNAP Panel meeting. The priorities are the same., including speeding or the perception of speed. There have also been reports of sightings of a white van loitering on drives. PCSO's have now gone and officers are under increased pressure. The Chairman reported that if you have a dash cam you can upload footage onto the site and an officer can examine it for you.

9. Signing of cheques - Manor Farm Partnership £144 (Xmas tree)
The Chairman also agreed to speak to Mr. N. White regarding an invoice for the Reading Room.

10. Correspondence – the Clerk reminded the Council that the Rangers had written asking if there was any work that needs to be carried out. A pothole opposite the Reading Room and 2 drains in Starling Rise that don't drain were identified.

11. Any Other Business – the Chairman asked for some assistance on taking down the Christmas tree. It was agreed for next week.

Mr. A. Cooper enquired whether there was a possibility of another pole for the speed camera at the bottom of Hungry Hill. After some discussion it was decided this was inappropriate at this time.

Date and time of next meeting – March 21st 2019 at 7pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand.