

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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

1. Apologies of absence were received from Mr. N. White, Councillor E. Maxwell, Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett

2. Declaration of interests – none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021 – Mr. R. Bateman proposed they were a true record, seconded by Mrs. B. Wiseman. Agreed and signed.

4. County Councillor's report – distributed.

5. District Councillor's report – none submitted.

6. Matters arising from the minutes:

Village map – Mrs S. Burton reported that work was still in progress. There had been no response yet to the email Mrs. Burton had sent asking for assistance.

Planned extension to Sidestrand Hall School – there has been a major development since the last meeting as, thanks to the landowners, the Harrison brothers, not willing to sell the land, the scheme to extend the school into the field adjacent to the church has been dropped. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Harrison brothers for their support.

Sebastian Gasse, Assistant Director, Norfolk County Council, has requested a meeting with the Chairman to discuss matters relating to Sidestrand Hall Special School. The Clerk will liaise with County Hall regarding dates. In addition, The Headteacher of Sidestrand School has requested that she attend a meeting of the Parish Council to give a presentation on the work of the School. It has been agreed that Mrs. Young attend the March meeting.

Sidestrand School have also informed that Parish Council that they are replacing a temporary classroom.

Mr. R. Bateman informed the Council that he had contacted the School as one of their trees had fallen and damaged the pole that the speed traffic control unit is attached to.

Mrs. Sally Burton also informed the Council that she had contacted the School regarding the site lighting that was on at evenings and weekends. A contractor had to be called and it is now sorted out. In addition, it was noted that some of the Staff are smoking in the churchyard and the school have been informed about this.

De-commissioned phone box – the Clerk informed the Council that the purchase of the phone box has now been completed. It was suggested that the Councillors give some thought on the future use of the phone box.

7. Signing of cheques – the Clerk reported that since the last meeting no cheques had been issued.

8. Meetings attended and reports arising: there was none. It was noted that there had been no SNAP meetings recently. Mr. Bateman volunteered to contact PC Mezzetti regarding the current situation of the Panel.

There have been no face-to-face coastal meetings recently, but they may resume soon. However, the previous meetings had been far afield i.e., Lowestoft, Hunstanton which is not relevant to Sidestrand.

9. Correspondence – the Chairman informed the Council that he had received and reluctantly accepted the resignation letter from The Clerk and wished to give a vote of thanks for the 11 years she had been in post. It was agreed that a leaflet drop should be distributed to the village to see if anyone would be interested in the position.

Any Other Business – Mrs. S. Burton asked whether it would be possible to try to reduce the speed limit through the village. The Chairman reminded the Council that they had been trying to reduce the speed limit for 60 years, but the village does not fit the criteria as there has not been a serious accident and there are insufficient houses that lead onto the main road. It would also cost £7000 in legal fees to reduce the speed limit. Mr. R. Bateman volunteered to investigate whether we can take this further.

10. Date and time of next meeting – 24th March 2022 at 3pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand