

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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

Also present : Councillor Edward Maxwell

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

2. Disclosures of interests – none.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th January and 12th February 2019. 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 reported that the proposals for the closure of some Children's Centres were voted upon and the proposals went through. Also at the County Council Committee meeting to discuss the budget was disrupted by Climate Change protesters. When the Council reconvened it was agreed that the rate of Council Tax is to rise by 2.29%. This equates to an increase of £39 for a Band D property.

Nominations are sought for the latest Norfolk Biodiversity Awards for anyone/group who has made a significant difference. Details on the County Council website.

The Boundary Commission is to look at the number of voters per Councillor. The aim is to ensure that each County Councillor represents roughly the same number of voters.

5. District Councillor's report – the Clerk read out the District Councillor's report. See attached.

6. PCSO's report – non submitted

7. Matters arising from the minutes :

Affordable housing – The Chairman reported that there had been no response from the Planning Department of NNDC in response to the letter written by the Parish Council regarding the 8 identified sites. After some discussion it was agreed that we do not proceed until we receive an answer. The Chairman agreed to draft a report for inclusion on the website to keep the village informed.

Upgrading of cliff top seating – Mr. Watkins raised the question of whether there is a need of a rubbish bin, which he is happy to empty, on the clifftop as there are an increasing number of people using the seat. Also whether the needs to be a new

replacement seat, perhaps a picnic bench. Mr. Watkins agreed to obtain quotes for the next meeting.

Parish Council Elections – Mr. N. White informed the Committee that Mrs. S. White has decided not to stand again so there is likely to be a vacancy and there will be a need to advertise on the village notice board and website.

8. Meetings attended and reports arising – there was none.

9. Signing of cheques - Clerk's salary £375. Mr. White proposed that an additional £100 be paid for admin expenses. Agreed.

10. Correspondence – the Clerk had distributed the correspondence from Came & Company, the Council's insurer. The current policy's Risk Presentation was listed for checking before the insurers issued a renewal quote which is due on 1st June 2019. It was noted that there are only 81 residents in Sidestrand (1000 on the renewal note) and there is no longer a village fete which we have cover for. It was agreed that the Clerk reply to Came and Company noting the changes.

11. Any Other Business – Mr. Bateman reported that the new residents of Church House had loved the Christmas tree in the churchyard which was opposite their house and they would like to be involved next year and, perhaps, get a bigger tree with more lights etc. The Council are grateful and would like them to be involved but are concerned about the logistics of moving a larger tree.

Mr. Bateman also reported that the painted SLOW on the road had worn out. The Clerk to contact Highways. In addition, the pavement by the drop kerb on the field which was used as the Anglia Water site last year was damaged. The Clerk to contact Anglia Water.

Mr. Watkins reported that they had received a letter which stated that the had Flooding Reports are due at the end of March. Mr. Watkins wrote to Harrisons regarding a French drain. He is still awaiting a response.

Mr. White reported that the area around the village notice board and, to a lesser extent, the bench in the churchyard are littered with cigarette butts. It is assumed this may be from the staff at Sidestrand Hall School. The Clerk to write to the Headteacher.

Date and time of next meeting – May 16th 2019 after the AGM in the Reading Room, Sidestrand.