

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH 2022.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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

Also present: Mrs. S. Young, Ms. S. Taylor, Mr. M. Smith from Sidestrand Hall School

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

2. Declaration of interests – none.

3. Presentation by Sarah Young, Headteacher of Sidestrand Hall School –

The Chairman welcomed the Headteacher and staff from the school and the Parish Council viewed a very informative presentation informing them of up-to-date information about the school and the range of needs that are catered for. In particular, the increase in demand for places was highlighted.

After the presentation, there was some discussion regarding the future development of the school, in particular, the safety of transporting the children on the busy coast road. The Highways Department of Norfolk County Council wish to improve the entrance to the school; however, they do not wish to reduce the current speed limit.

The three options looked at are:

- Purchasing the land adjacent to the Church, option now discarded
- Widening the entrance
- Looking if anything at the left-hand side of the school

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Young for her presentation, and he wished to reiterate that the Parish Council and the village have no issue with any development on the school site but have issues with developments beyond the school site.

It was also agreed to aim for better communication and co-operation between the village and the school in the future, and that the school attend a Parish Council meeting once a year to give them an update.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2022 – Mrs. S. Burton proposed they were a true record, seconded by Mr. I. Watkins. Agreed and signed.

5. County Councillor's report – distributed.

6. District Councillor's report – distributed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes:

Village map – Sally Burton reported that she had found someone who is willing to reproduce the current map and supply a case. This should be available from the beginning of April.

Future of the phone box – the Clerk informed the Council that The Clerk reported that she had now received a signed contract and proof of ownership. Ray Bateman volunteered to produce and display a sign stating that the box is not operational and is now the property of the Parish Council.

Mrs. Sally Burton aims to explore how the box could be used and is meeting with Megan at the beginning of April to discuss options. Sally Burton has also agreed to contact the farmer to use his equipment to level the phone box as it is on the tilt.

Reducing the speed limit on the coast road – after some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council contact the Highways Department and ask for a site visit. Mr. Ray Bateman volunteered to initiate this.

Sidestrand Village Sign – there has been no progress on this. The Clerk will chase this up with the Highways Department.

8. Signing of cheques – the following cheques were issued:

NALC annual subscription £82.10

Clerk's salary £375

Stationary/printing £27.25

9. Meetings attended and reports arising: there was none. Mr. Ivor Watkins reported that he is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Nuttal regarding the Tower Lane proposal. He will report back at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence – the Clerk had received an email from Isobel Horner, NCC stating that they are still looking for solutions for improving access to Sidestrand Hall School and that some people will be coming out to undertake surveys of the site.

Any Other Business – the Chairman reported that there had been no applications for the post of Clerk yet and it was decided to place an advert on the noticeboards in Sidestrand and Overstrand with the possibility of a mail drop if this does not generate any interest. The Clerk will draft and advert.

It was also noted that the Chairman is relocating from the village and will be stepping down from the Parish Council. This will generate a vacancy and some thought will be needed to recruit a replacement.

10. Date and time of next meeting – 19th May 2022 at 3pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand