

## **SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

1. Apologies for absence- none
2. Present: Ray Bateman (chair), Sally Burton, Ian Stoner, Ivor Watkins, and Alex Cooper. In attendance: Neil White (clerk) Angie Fitch-Tillet(NNDC), Ed Maxfield (NCC)
3. Declaration of Interests- none declared
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>Rd</sup> November were perused and other than matters dealt with later in today's minutes, there were no matters arising
5. Angie Fitch-Tillet delivered a brief report concentrating mainly on the recent cliff falls, which also was the main subject of the report given by Ed Maxfield. The UAE survey results were being eagerly awaited with a revised shoreline management plan expected soon. EM also mentioned the cuts in services that NCC were now considering.
6. The new bank account was "up and nearly running" with communication being almost on a par with Barclays. As a last resort we had a cheque book to pay bills even if on-line payments were not yet on-line!
7. NW mentioned that the insurance renewal was soon to be obtained and was concerned that there would be a large increase in premium. A discussion took place and although it seems that insurance for the PC was a necessity AFT suggested that NW contact Democratic Services at NNDC to ask for their advice which he agreed to do
8. Any Other Business:
  1. Telephone box. It was agreed that a timetable for work would be produced as the summer was the best time to get things done
  2. Possible purchase of bench. AC had acquired a quote for the erection of a bench at the bus stop and agreed to forward it to EM who said that he would ascertain as to whether NCC could help with some funding

3. RB discussed the possibility of upgrading the speed camera(s) and agreed to explore the matter further, with NW to ascertain whether NNDC could assist with the funding.
4. SB mentioned the subject of smoking outside the school and in the churchyard and agreed to supply NW with some examples in order that he could write a letter of complaint to the Headmistress.
5. RB brought up the fact that nothing had happened regarding the flooding at Starling Rise and EM agreed to chase the matter up at NCC
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9. Date of next meeting. The AGM will be held on the 23<sup>RD</sup> May 2024 at 3 pm with the regular PC meeting to follow at 3:15.

R BATEMAN CHAIRMAN

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024