

# SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

Present: Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher (Chairman), Mr. N. White, Mrs. S. White, Mrs. B. Wiseman, Mr. I. Watkins

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor Fitch-Tillett, Mr. R. Bateman and Mr. A. Cooper

**2. Election of Chairman** – Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher was proposed by Mr. N. White and seconded by Mrs. B. Wiseman. This was agreed unanimously.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman** - Mr. R. Bateman was proposed by Mr. N. White and seconded by Mr. I. Watkins. This was agreed unanimously.

Financial Officer – Mr. N. White agreed to continue in the role. Proposed by Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher and seconded by Mrs. B. Wiseman. This was agreed unanimously.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Mrs. S. White proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Mr. N. White. Agreed and signed.

**5. Matters arising – Parish Partnership bid** – the Clerk informed the members that the bid had been successful. After some discussion it was proposed that Mr. R. Bateman become the lead officer to oversee the project. The Clerk agreed to email Mr. Bateman to see whether he will accept. The Clerk will contact Norfolk County Council to find out what are the next steps.

**Transparency code for small councils** – the Clerk reported that the website is almost ready with the Minutes and Contacts pages complete. Financial information needs to be uploaded but a 'Welcome to Sidestrand' page also needs to be written. It was decided to invite Steve Robinson to write the introduction. The Clerk will contact him to enquire.

**Village meeting** – the Chairman reported that the notes of the village meeting had been circulated. It had been decided that there will not be a fête in the village for the foreseeable future as there are not enough volunteers in the village to run it and, alternatively, to arrange several smaller events throughout the year. It was also felt that the villagers wished to keep the church even for non-religious uses.

Some ideas for future events were : Cake stall (9<sup>th</sup> June), barbecue in June, Swiss fondue in February (Alex Cooper), raffle, concerts etc. with the proceeds shared throughout the village.

It was suggested that we ask for a donation from the villagers, to be matched by the Parish Council, which can be used as a 'fighting fund'.

**6. Meetings attended and reports arising** – the Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting introducing the Deep History Coast, which has the woolly mammoth as its symbol, whose purpose is to promote this area of coastline as having multiple layers of history. The organisers are looking for points of interest along the coast and Sidestrand could be a contender. It is possible that the Archive group could get involved.

The Chairman also attended a meeting of the SNAP panel whose priorities are vandalism and speeding. It was suggested that we ask the Community Speed Watch to come in when the SAM2 units are installed.

**7. Parish Council Insurance** – Came & Company sent a quote of £168.00 for Parish Council Insurance. After some discussion Mr. I. Watkins proposed we accept the quote, seconded by Mrs. S. White, and when taken to the vote, agreed unanimously.

**8. Signing of cheques** – Community Heartbeat Trust £282  
Came & Company £168

It was proposed that Mrs. B. Wiseman write a piece about the defibrillator for the website.

**9. Correspondence** – East Anglian Air Ambulance thank you letter for donation. Norfolk Police Q and A's letter.

**10. Any Other Business** – Mr. N. White reported that Mr. S. Robinson has complained that the footpaths are overgrown. The Clerk agreed to contact the Rangers.

Mr. I. Watkins proposed the Parish Council write to Wyndam Northam thanking him for all the work he has done for the Parish Council.

Mrs. B. Wiseman reported that at a recent Woman's Group meeting the Air Ambulance gave a talk and they emphasised the importance of CPR. Mrs. Wiseman proposed the Parish Council arrange a programme of training sessions and refresher courses. Agreed. Mrs. Wiseman to co-ordinate.

Mr. I. Watkins volunteered to distribute the Land and Strand around the village.

**Date and time of next meeting – September 21st 2017 in the Reading Room, Sidestrand.**

