

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
23rd NOVEMBER 2023

1. Apologies for absence- none
2. Present: Ray Bateman (chair), Sally Burton, Ian Stoner, Ivor Watkins, and Alex Cooper. In attendance: Neil White (clerk)
3. Declaration of Interests- none declared
4. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2023 were perused and other than matters dealt with later in today's minutes, there were no matters arising
5. There were no District of County Councillors Report's delivered today.
6. Councillors recently attended a meeting which was chaired by Duncan Baker MP on the subject of speeding and road safety. RB agreed to obtain some quotes regarding the possible purchase of another speed camera to be used in the Parish.
7. Precept- it was agreed that NW would ask for a 10% uplift from NNDC in Precept for 24/25 and also ascertain whether the proposed increase in Council Tax for second home owners would automatically result in a like doubling of the Precept for the Parish anyway.
8. Bank Account. After a great deal of work by SB the new NATWEST account was open and up and running. All monies were now in the new account. NW confirmed that the old account had been closed by Barclays, who had "appropriated" the 1p balance to some mystery destination. NW
9. Any Other Business:
 1. Telephone box. It was agreed to defer discussions regarding the future until the next meeting
 2. Possible purchase of bench. Alex Cooper agreed to obtain some quotes and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting
 3. Reading Room. IW reported that after a great deal of detective work, he had obtained the original documents relating to the agreement between the Reading

Room Trustees and the Church and it appeared that any equity in the building would revert totally to “the village” after December 2023. It was therefore decided to discuss what action should take place at our next meeting with a view to giving “the village” some choices as to what happens next.

4. The meeting agreed that the question of planting wildflowers be discussed at the next meeting
5. The meeting discussed the increased queuing of taxis and people-carriers outside of the school at “going home time” due to them not having access to the school grounds. It was agreed that RB would write a letter to the Traffic Dept at NNDC and that NW would write to the Headmistress to relay the Parish Council’s concern regarding emergency vehicle access along the main coast road

10. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on the 7th March 2024 at 3 pm

R BATEMAN CHAIRMAN
7/3/2024

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