

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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

1. **Apologies of absence** were received Mr. A Cooper
2. **Declaration of interests** – Mrs. S. Burton (Development of Sidestrand School)
3. **Development of Sidestrand Hall School** – this special meeting was called in response to the accidental discovery that Sidestrand Hall School have been preparing a scheme to develop beyond its current boundary. The details at present are rather sketchy.

An email from the school was sent to the Chairman on the 23rd of September asking for a meeting with him the same day, but at such short notice, the Chairman was unavailable, and Mr. Bateman with Mr. Burton attended in his stead.

A further scheduled meeting with the Chairman and the school was cancelled by them suddenly.

Mr. R. Bateman reported on the meeting. Mrs Young, the Headteacher, attended with the school's facilities manager. It appears there are plans to significantly increase pupil numbers at the school and the Highways Department of NCC have informed the school that this will not be possible if the school keeps the current access. Norfolk Property Services have drawn up some plans which would involve a new road access and parking on what is currently farmland adjacent to St. Michael's Church. There would need to be parking for 30 minibuses in laybys along the new road. There is also a 'spur' leading from the main road which is unexplained and a cause of concern.

The Chairman reported that he had contacted both the County and District Councillors, and both were unaware of any planning application. A copy of the written conversations with Cllrs Maxwell and Fitch-Tillett have been forwarded to each member of the Parish Council.

The scheme is already at Stage 2 of the planning process and there should have been a consultation with local people to discuss the 'impact on the immediate neighbours, the local context and environment'. None of this has happened.

After some discussion it was agreed that the way forward was to:

- a) Write to the Governing Body of the school demanding detailed information

- b) See full drawings of the proposal
- c) The Chairman to talk to Councillor Maxwell to enquire who is funding the project
- d) A leaflet drop to the residents of the village with the information known to date asking for comments. The Chairman agreed to draw up a draft.
- e) Contact the Round Tower Church Society for their comments.

Mr. Peter Burton has also highlighted some items that need serious consideration regarding this scheme:

- Process of communication to date
- The benefit to the village
- Parking
- Potential road misuse i.e., Fly tipping
- Impact on view
- Could the scheme be done in the existing boundary?
- Value for money
- Could the road be the 1st of several steps and what are they?
- Freedom of Information request

Meeting minutes

Options to the scheme

The outline business case

NCC Highways minutes

The outline planning minutes

4. Signing of cheques – the Clerk reported that since the last meeting cheques had been issued to:

PKF Littlejohn £48 – Audit services

5. Any Other Business – Mrs. S. Burton reported that she had inspected the current damaged village map and thought the case could be restored. It was thought that the current location was a good place for the map to be sited with a second one in the Parish Council noticeboard.

6. Date and time of next meeting – 18th November 2021 at 3pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand

