

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Present: Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher, Mr. R. Bateman, Mrs. S. Burton, Mrs. B. Wiseman, Mr. N. White,

Also present : Mrs. Hilary Cox

1. Apologies of absence were received from Mr. A. Cooper and Mr. I. Watkins , Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett

2. Declaration of interests – none.

3. Minutes of meeting held on June 21st 2019 and matters arising from the minutes – Mrs. B. Wiseman proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Mr. N. White. Agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

Seating on the clifftop and fence – it was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

Rangers visit – the Clerk asked the members if there are any specific items that need to be brought to the attention of the Rangers for their next scheduled visit. It was decided that the following should be reported to the Rangers :the footpath by the school is very overgrown, there are also potholes by the Sidestrand School entrance and standing water by the entrance to Starling Rise.

Affordable housing – the Chairman reported that there had, finally, been a reply, dated 17th September, from Mr. Ashwell to the Parish Council's letter sent on 28th February 2019. After some discussion it was felt, from the email, that the Scheme is, after all, not applicable to Sidestrand as none of the identified sites is adjacent to at least 10 houses. Mr. R. Bateman proposed, therefore, that we do not proceed with the scheme, seconded by Mr. N. White and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that the Parish Council need to go back to the village to inform them that they have decided not to proceed and give the reasons why. There will be an opportunity for any objections to be received by a certain date.

It was agreed that the Clerk email Mr. Ashwell thanking him for his email.

5. Footpath link to coastal path and St Michaels church – the Chairman introduced Mrs. Hilary Cox, representing 'Cromer Walk', who came to ask for the Parish Councils agreement to the creation of a permissible path from the Coastal path to St. Michael's Church. Local landowners, Mr. A. Anderson and Mr. E. Harrison, are keen to promote Sidestrand Church and would be responsible for the upkeep of the path. National Trails are happy to install signs.

After some discussion it was agreed to support the application.

There was some concern regarding Footpath No. 1 in the village as it very overgrown. It was agreed that if it is found that the County Council own the path we should inform Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. Wiseman expressed her concern regarding the footpath on Tower Lane. It appears that the path has been widened so much that cars can drive along it. Could the possibility of the installation of a bollard be looked at to restrict access. Mrs Cox agreed to look into this.

6. Speed signs – The Chairman reported that since its installation he and Mr. Alex Cooper had maintained the speed sign but, because of other pressures they felt that they were unable to continue to do so and were, therefore, looking for volunteers to manage the sign. Mr. R. Bateman and Mr. Neil White agreed to this.

Mr. R. Bateman wished to express thanks to the Chairman and Mr. A. Cooper for their work over the last few years.

7. Meetings attended and reports arising : Mr. Bateman reported that he had attended the Coastal Forum's presentation on the Bacton and Walcott sandscaping project.

8. Signing of cheques – Clerk's salary £375.

Community Heartbeat Trust £15.60 for a replacement light for Cabinet.

Mrs. S. Burton volunteered to join the rota for maintenance of the defibrillator.

It was agreed to ask Becky Wiseman to run some defibrillator training.

9. Correspondence – the Clerk informed the Council that there had been one item of correspondence :

a letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau asking for a charitable donation. Agreed a £25 donation.

10. Any Other Business – It was brought to the Council's attention that the village Ordnance Survey map needs restoring and perhaps moving to a better place. The Clerk to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

It was agreed to order the Xmas tree for outside the church, 12 ft maximum. Mrs. Burton offered to fund this for the village.

12. Date and time of next meeting – November 21st 2019 at 3pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand

