

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2021.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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

1. **Apologies of absence** were received from Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett, Councillor E. Maxwell and Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher

2. **Declaration of interests** – none.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 21st May 2021 and matters arising from the minutes** – Mr. I. Watkins proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Mr. N. White. Agreed and signed.

4. **County Councillor's report** – distributed.

5. **District Councillor's report** – none submitted.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Village map – the Clerk had researched prices online for cabinets for the new village map which are in the £500 price range for stand alone ones and wall mounted ones are roughly half the price. The possibility of using the current noticeboard was discussed and it was thought this may be possible.

Decommissioned phone box – there was no further progress, and it was agreed that the Clerk contact BT and the District Council for advice and assistance.

Village gates – The Clerk has contacted the Highways Dept. regarding a 'SIDESTRAND' village sign that can be fixed to the other side of the 'OVERSTRAND' gates and is awaiting a response. It was agreed that the Clerk chase up the issue with the Highways Dept.

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

NALC yearly subscription	£79.71
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Westcotec part replacement	£6.00
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Clerk's salary £350

10. Any Other Business – Mr. N. White reported that there had been a change 2 years ago regarding the Audits of the accounts and the option to be exempt from submitting returns each year and the Parish Council took up the option. However, it was unclear that an exception form has to be submitted each year and is thought that a charge of £40 will be made for administration charges.

Mrs. S. Burton reported that the grass on the pavements and paths was getting very long. It was agreed that the Clerk use the Highways online system and report the issue.

Mrs. S. Burton also agreed to provide a Christmas tree for outside the church this year.

The Council discussed the current planning application for 2 Starling Rise to knock down a conservatory and replace 'like with like' and felt there was no objection to the application.

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