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MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 20th
JANUARY 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

WELCOME Ms Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and outlined the focus of the public session

APOLOGIES Mr Head and Borough Councillors Ian Devereux and Avril Wright.

1. PRESENT Ms Crump, Mr Frost, Mr Curry, Mrs Falkner, Mr Clark and Mrs Hipkin.

PUBLIC 21 members of the public present for the public session with only 1 member staying for all the general meeting with others leaving at various points in the meeting.

OPEN MEETING

Point raised by Mr J Barber re the Docking Road Plans. The plans do not consider flooding an issue but this is not the case as was proved when the adjacent house was flooded a few years ago.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Mr Frost declared a personal interest in planning item 5.1 based on the advice the clerk had received from the Monitoring Officer (Emma Duncan) of the BCKLWN, this does not stop him being part of the discussion and voting. Mr Clark lodged a section 13 Code of Conduct Dispensation in May 2015 to enable him to talk and vote about item 5.1 as he represents the No group on the Parish Council.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 2015 were approved. Proposed Mr Curry seconded Mr Clark and carried. The minutes of the 4th January 2016 were approved. Proposed Mrs Hipkin seconded Mr Frost and carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Notice board. The clerk has been in touch with Wakefield Joinery and he will make the board after he returns from his holiday in mid-February.

3.2 War memorial. The clerk apologised that he had made no further progress on this matter

3.3 Parking Docking Road. The resident had been spoken to and hopefully the matter has been resolved.

3.4 Anglia Water. The clerk has written to the water company to ask about water flow in the Heacham River but has not yet received a reply.

3.5 Land Registry. This matter is in hand, some new plans of the land are required and the matter is being dealt with.

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Police matters. Nothing to report

4.2 Meetings Attended- The clerk attended the local SNAPP meeting. No priorities were set for the future, the main part of the meeting dealing with speeding and dog fouling

4.3 Village Hall Matters. The AGM is coming up and new committee members are needed.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

Plans for approval:

5.1 Whin Poultry Units. This matter had been discussed at length at the last meeting. There were no other points councillors wished to raise so the chair went to the vote. The plans were rejected by a majority decision. Points to be passed to the Borough Council were:-

Concerns were expressed about the size of the units and the suitability of this development in a rural area, close to an AONB, a tourist driven area and a national trail. Issue of possible odours, especially at the end of cycles and these concerns have not been fully allayed by the information provided by the applicant, the increase in lorry movements on the B1454 through the village and towards Fakenham. The possible health impact on local residents from the dust caused by the unit. Agreement with Historic England about the impact on what remains of the former airfield and

views from Fring. There is likely to be no discernible benefit to the village or its residents as a result of the proposed development.

5.2 Development Docking Road. Concerns were raised about the development being outside the village envelope, on a green field site and about possible flooding. One major concern was the three separate access points onto the B1454. The plans were turned down by a majority decision. There was a real concern about the current costs of affordable housing and questions were raised about how the level of affordable rents is determined. Comments were also made about the way how Hastoe maintains its properties. The council would prefer to consider this application together with a future one at Cole Green when it has had a chance to discuss matters with Hastoe. They want to establish that affordable is really affordable

Plans approved by the Borough Council: None

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR PARISH DECISION

6.1 Community Plans. This matter was deferred to the next meeting so more information can be gathered.

6.2 Discussion on mast revenue. The chair and one councillor had met with representatives of the Village Hall Committee. At this meeting it was established that according to the charity's governing body all the money must go to the Village Hall Committee and be used by them. It was agreed that some services currently paid for by the Parish Council would in the future be paid for by the Village Hall Committee and the clerk will get the costs of these for the next meeting. A new agreement between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee needs to be drawn up.

6.3 Precept 2016/2017. The clerk had prepared a budget for councillors to consider. After some clarification and questions it was agreed to have a 1.5% rise on last year and a figure of £8475 was agreed. Proposed Mr Clark seconded Ms Crump and carried.

6.4 Permissive Path. Last year residents were allowed to walk a path on Ken Hill Estates land. It was agreed the clerk would seek permission to walk the path again in 2016.

6.5 Parish Rep on Village Hall Committee. Mr Frost agreed to continue as the rep. He will miss the AGM so Mr Clark said he would deputise.

6.6 Website advertising and fees 2016. Following the changes to the website the chair suggested that those that had used the site in the past be charged £20 for the coming year with any new adverts placed being charged £25. It was suggested that the council received information about the site usage as this would inform any future changes. Proposed Mr Curry seconded Mr Clark and carried. The clerk will issue the bills for 2016.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS. None

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS. None

9. THIS MONTHS BILLS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT.

9.1 Financial Statement. The clerk had circulated the statement for January. There were no questions.

9.2 Bills

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Non Recoverable VAT
Eon Oct	Electricity	£16.10	£ 0.81	£ 16.91	None
K and M Oct	St Light Maint	£65.10	£13.02	£ 78.12	None
CGM Oct	Grass cutting	£207.95	£41.59	£249.50	None
Eescape	web hosting	£123.00	£0.00	£123.00	None
Sandringham Ironcraft Materials		£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	None
Mr J Ward	Clerk wages	£853.73	£0.00	£853.73	None
HMRC	Tax	£213.40	£0.00	£213.40	None
BCKLWN	Caddy liners	£66.67	£13.33	£80.00	None

Proposed by Mr Clark seconded by Mrs Hipkin and carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Council tax precept

10.2 Red Cross Posters

10.3 Andrew Upton new Federation. Clerk to reply

10.4 Village hall Agreement, this was signed and will be returned. This account may not be paid in the future.

10.5 Change of name from Jaed to Pebble cottage

Others

10.6 NALC newsletter, place on next month's agenda

10.7 Planning Update meeting

10. OTHER MATTERS. The give way sign on the Ringstead Road is out, clerk to check and report. Email re mast revenue, clerk to circulate to all councillors. Docking Road gullies and verges to be reported to Rangers for next visit.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 7pm. Mr Frost and Ms Crump registered their apology for this meeting. Next scheduled planning meeting if required is the 8th February.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm