

MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 21st
DECEMBER 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

WELCOME Ms Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

APOLOGIES Councillor, Falkner and Borough Councillor Avril Wright.

PRESENT Ms Crump, Mr Curry, Mr Frost, Mr Head, Mrs Hipkin Mr Clark, Borough Councillor Ian Devereux (left at 8.45) and County Councillor Michael Chenery (arrived at 7.45pm and left at 8.45pm)

NOT PRESENT none

PUBLIC 1 member of the public present for the meeting,

OPEN MEETING

Mr Hipkin said he had visited Mr Walden and had talked about the Washpit and his memories. He was sure he would be happy to make a statement based on his knowledge of the site during his days as a postman in the village.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. Mr Clark 10.7 Paddock Docking Road Update prejudicial interest. Mrs Hipkin items 5 and 10.7 prejudicial interest.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Minutes of the general meeting on the 16th November were proposed Mr Clark seconded Mr Curry and carried with one amendment.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Deeds. The clerk has still not received a reply from Barclays Bank re deeds held by the bank.

3.2 Anglian Water. No update to report at this meeting.

3.3 Meeting Police and Crime Commissioner. Mr Head reported that he had spoken to the commissioner and he did not now want to hold a meeting locally. There is a meeting for all Parishes in the West Norfolk Area on Monday 30th January. Time and place to be confirmed.

3.4 Cemetery Path. The clerk has now received one quote from Bespoke Norfolk for £5,950 plus vat. He has left messages again to other people to try and get quotes. It was agreed to wait for further quotes.

3.5 Peddars Way Signs. The clerk emailed Norfolk Trails but as yet has not received a reply. On looking closely at the new sign, it was realised this was showing the route a of a cycle way. The chair confirmed this on line.

3.6 Docking Road Footpath. The clerk had reported this to Highways. If they have evidence of who has caused the damage they can get compensation to do remedial works on the path. The Rangers have been and cut back the sides of the path and swept it, but this has not solved the problem of the erosion of the verge. The clerk will contact street cleaning at the Borough to see if he can get the path swept.

3.7 Fly Tipping Trenoworths Lane. Rubbish still in place. The clerk will report again.

3.8 Speed Signs. The clerk did email various councillors and our MP as suggested by our County Councillor but no further progress has been made. The County Councillor will be contacted as he was not at the meeting. (Arrived later in the meeting)

3.9 Pot Holes Fring Lane. No action on these, the clerk will report again.

Mr Clark raised the issue of the river in this area. There is no flow in the river but often flooding in this area of the village. The chair said that in her view the gullies need clearing on a regular basis as they get clogged with mud. The clerk will liaise with the chair and report to Highways.

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Police matters. No local matters have been highlighted by the police in their emails or messages.

4.2 Meetings Attended- Mr Clark attended the Planning meeting and circulated notes to all councillors. An email had been received from Lee Osler which the clerk will circulate

after the meeting, it contains some good points to consider when we receive planning applications. Mrs Hipkin had also attended the meeting and found the set exercise useful. It was suggested by the Planning Officer that we need to purchase a projector to project plans to see the detail. The chair hoped we could go back to the Borough to have paper plans sent, but the Borough Councillor said that this would not be an option they will not budge on this matter. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the clerk would download some plans and try and borrow a projector and have a trial at a future meeting.

4.3 Village Hall Matters, Mr Frost informed the meeting that the 40's night had gone well and should be in profit. The football dug out roof had been repaired by Steve Playford.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Plans for approval: Construction of three dwellings Black Horse Bungalow. The Parish Council had carried out a site meeting which had been very constructive. One concern that had been raised is the water runoff and the effects in Cole Green. There is still a concern about the increase in traffic entering the main B1454. Council felt that the roofs should have dark clay pantiles on all the units and that power generation should be considered in the form of solar panels or heat source pumps. These two comments will be passed to the planning officer. It was proposed Mr Head seconded Mr Clark the plans be approved, this was carried.

Planning Outcomes approved by the Borough Council.

16/01727/F Drop Kerb Hillside.

Tree works at the Forge Heacham Road

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS. The councillor asked if the councillors could urge parents to respond to the consultation on crossing patrols. The clerk will display a leaflet on the notice board. The county councillor was asked to go back to Highways and try and secure the free flashing school sign for the Parish Council. The clerk has had no further communications from the authority.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS.

The Councillor was asked how the chair of the planning board could vote against Council Policy on a development in relation to the pepper potting of low cost housing. It was suggested that the clerk write to Geoff Hall on the matter of the policy. The Councillor reported on a review of the council tax on second homes that were empty. The council are trying to encourage occupation and so are reviewing the tax paid. The result of this could be a loss of relief and an increase in tax paid. The Community Infrastructure Levy will be adopted on February 15th 2017 and will affect all plans after that date. The Parish Council needs to make a case at the time of seeing the plans for developments in order to gain from the funds.

8. THIS MONTHS BILLS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT.

8.1 Financial Statement. The clerk had circulated statements for December. There were no questions.

8.2 Bills

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Non Recoverable VAT
Eon (DD)	Electricity	£ 18.09	£ 0.90	£ 18.99	None
K and M(SO)	St Light Maint	£ 65.10	£13.02	£ 78.12	None
CGM (SO)	Grounds	£ 207.95	£41.59	£249.54	None
CGM Cheque	Grounds	£ 8.75	£ 1.75	£ 10.50	None
NALC	Course fees	£ 50.00	£ 0.00	£ 50.00	None
NPS Group	Notice Board	£ 110.00	£22.00	£ 132.00	None
Village hall	Mast rent	£3500.00	£ 0.00	£3500.00	None

Proposed Mr Head seconded Mr Clark and passed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Heacham Car Scheme appeal letter.

9.2 Parish Precept information and application form.

9.3 New property address, The Old Chapel.

9.4 Samaritans poster

9.5 NALC alert re Avian Flu

9.6 Invitation to the Mayors Civic Service in Hunstanton. No councillor will be able to attend and the chair will respond to the email.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR PARISH DECISION

10.1 Neighbourhood and Community Plan Update. The chair reported that a grant to support the plan had been applied for and had been successful. This will allow the group to engage Richard High to offer support to the group and undertake some tasks on their behalf. A steering group meeting is planned for the 4th January. Mr Clark thanked the chair for all her work. It was proposed by Mr Curry and seconded by Mr Frost the group could use the grant for the consultant, this was carried.

10.2 Cemetery Land Registry Update. The clerk reported he had received documents to be signed by the chair that would ensure the Land Registry registers the Parish Council as owners. It was proposed by Mr Head and seconded by Mrs Clark the documents be signed, this was carried. The clerk will keep a copy for our records.

10.3 Precept 2017/18. Following a short discussion, it was agreed the clerk will present a budget at the next meeting.

10.4 Grass Cutting Contract. The clerk has now received a quote for all areas maintained by the CGM Group. The total cost is £3181.75 plus vat. This price would remain the same for a three-year contract. There was some concern about the quality of cutting on some occasions but the clerk said that the company always responded to him and were happy to put things right. It was proposed by Mr Clark and seconded Mr Head that the council take a three-year contract, this was carried. The clerk will get a contract drawn up for signing.

10.5 Planning Notifications. It was suggested that once a planning notice had been posted at a property by the Borough Council it was down to the public to respond. There is no requirement for the Parish Council to inform neighbours but the council will aim to place a notice on the Facebook page.

10.5a Washpit. The solicitor has asked the Parish Council to get documents from the records office. It was proposed by Mr Clark and seconded by Mr Head that the chair order the required documents to hand to the solicitor. The solicitor has also asked for witness statements about the Washpit. It was agreed Mr Everett, Mr Frost and Mr Walden will be asked to write a statement with the support of the chair or councillors.

10.6 Parish Council Aims and Objectives. One amendment was made to the document, Norfolk County Council was added alongside the Borough Council. It was proposed by Mr Head and seconded Mr Clark that these be adopted, this was carried.

10.7 Paddock Docking Road Update. Mrs Hipkin and Mr Clark both left for this item. Before leaving the meeting Mrs Hipkin thanked the Parish Council for trying to resolve the long-standing issue of their right of way.

The chair said that the council had received 2 proposals from Mr Clark as to how a resolution of the matter could be concluded. After some discussion, Mr Curry proposed and Mr Frost seconded that the council refuse both proposals as not being acceptable, this was carried. The chair and clerk had one further proposal that had been discussed with Mrs McGinty. This proposal involved moving a post back four and a half feet which would give the correct access width to Mr and Mrs Hipkin. Mrs McGinty had requested certain conditions in relation to plans and a handrail. After further discussion, it was proposed Mr Head and seconded Mr Frost that this proposal be accepted, this was carried. Mr Curry and Mr Frost offered to move the post on behalf of the council. They will discuss how the handrail can be kept in a temporary position to assist Mrs McGinty. The chair and clerk will meet to redraft the plan to share with Mr Case. He will be asked to draw the plan that will then go to the solicitor so the Paddock and the access track can be registered.

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11. OTHER MATTERS. Mrs Hipkin expressed her concern about dog fouling in one area of the village and she will put a piece in the newsletter. Mr Curry said that one grit bin needs some repair that he will do. The one near to Mill View is twisted and lets in water. He wondered if we could go back to the company and complain. The clerk said that they would be out of any warranty and could see little we could do. Concern was raised about the state of the path from Cole Green up the Docking Road. The clerk will inform Street Cleaning at the Borough Council.

The chair reported concern about cars parking on the pavements along the Docking Road, raised by a resident. It is thought this is more visitors rather than residents. A note will be placed in the next newsletter to ask residents request visitors do not block the pavements.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 18th January 2017 Ms Crump apologised for this meeting.

Next scheduled planning meeting if required. No meeting is planned during the Christmas and New Year Breaks

The meeting closed at 9.50pm