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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE
16th JANUARY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. Welcome Ms Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Public Session. No members of the public present.

Apologies Accepted. Mrs J Hipkin, Mr M Frost and Councillor Mr I Deveraux

Present, Mr Clark, Mr Head, Ms Crump, Mr Curry and Ms Crosley.

Declaration of Interest. Mr Clark item 10.3

2. Minutes for approval. Minutes of the 19th December General Meeting were proposed by Mr Clark seconded Ms Crosley and carried.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Anglia Water river flow. River levels continue to remain low and the situation will be monitored.

3.2 Defibrillator. The clerk has spoken to Mrs Barber and is meeting Mr Barber tomorrow to carry out a check on the defibrillator with a view to handing over the maintenance of the unit to the village hall committee.

3.3 Cemetery Regulations. The clerk has uploaded the regulations to the website and submitted an article to the newsletter.

4 Standing Agenda Items.

4.1 Police Matters. The Police have sent warnings out about various scams. A Councillor informed the meeting of recent burglaries in the area of farm machinery and large items in sheds and garages.

4.2 Meetings Attended. None

4.3 Village Hall Matters. Mr Frost was not present. The clerk informed the meeting that the AGM of the Village Hall was on the 26th February 7pm in the Village Hall. A replacement representative from the council will be needed to sit on the committee.

5 Planning matters None

Outcome of planning. None

6. Questions for the County Councillor. Not in attendance

7. Questions to the Borough Councillors. Not in attendance, a report from the councillor, sent to the clerk, had been circulated.

8 Finance

8.1 Bills.

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Non Recoverable VAT
Eon (DD)	Electricity	£ 23.24	£ 1.16	£ 24.40	None
K and M	St Lighting	£ 13.29	£ 2.66	£ 15.95	None
CGM	Grass Cutting	£265.15	£53.00	£ 318.18	None
Richard High	Professional Fees	£1400	£ 0.00	£1400.00	None

The bills were proposed by Mr Head and seconded Mr Clark and carried.

8.2 Financial Statement. The clerk reported the figures for January. There were no questions.

9. Correspondence. None

10 Council Decision.

10.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update. Mr Clark asked for clarification of two items in the plan. The chair said that both items had been corrected in the final version. The committee are in the final stages of putting three documents together to go to the Borough Council. The documents are the Draft Plan, a Consultation Statement and a Conditions Statement. These should all go forward in the next two or three weeks and then the process is in the hands of the Borough Council.

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10.2 Budget 2019/20 The clerk had adjusted the budget following the last meeting with some new information obtained. He went through the changes. It was proposed that the precept for 2018/19 be raised by 4% this was proposed by Mr Clark seconded Ms Crosley and carried. It was proposed the budget presented be adopted, this was proposed by Mr Head seconded Mr Curry and carried.

10.3 Paddock Rent 2019 (This item was taken at the end of the meeting and Mr Clark left the meeting.) The council discussed the rent and had clarification from the clerk on the previous two years. After a short discussion it was proposed by the chair and seconded by Mr Head that the rent be set at £340, this was carried. The clerk will now inform the residents that rent for the paddock and if they are in agreement circulate the agreements for signing.

10.4 Condition of the Village Pound A councillor raised his concern at the erosion of the Pound in the area of the church gate due to cars being parked. He asked councillors to take a look at the area so the matter could be discussed next meeting with a view to restoring the area. He said that there had been an increase in cars parking in this area and this was eroding the Pound even more. On occasions the parking obstructs the church gate and stops access by cars. The chair asked councillors to consider the matter and look into the background to this and the rights of villagers who had used this area for some time. A councillor said that it is illegal to park on a village Pound.

In the same area there is an increased problem with dog fouling. One resident has been identified by the public and spoken to. The clerk was asked to look into getting permission for a new dog bin to be installed in this area of the village and the cost of a new bin.

11. A.O.B. and items for the next Agenda. A councillor informed the meeting that the traffic management wires recently installed on the Docking Road were placed there by the Environment Agency to monitor movements from the Poultry Units. This corrects the previous minutes where it was thought they had been placed by the Police.

12. Any Further Public Comments on the Meeting. None

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

Date of next meeting 20th February 2019 at 7.00pm