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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE
20th FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Public Session. 1 member of the public present but had no comments to pass at this time.

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

Present, Mr Clark, Mr Head (arrived at 7.15), Ms Crump, Mr Curry, Ms Crosley (arrived at 8.00) and County Councillor Michael Chenery (Left at 7.30)

Declaration of Interest. None for this meeting

2. Minutes for approval. Minutes of the 16th January General Meeting were proposed by Mr Clark seconded Mr Head and carried.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Anglia Water river flow. River flow is still down but it is being monitored by local residents. Mr Head informed the meeting that the Environment Agency are also carrying out monitoring activities.

3.2 Village Hall Rep. It was agreed to have an interim representative for three months until the new Council is elected. Mr Clark agreed to stand for 3 months.

3.3 Paddock Agreement. All documents are now in place and the fee has been paid by both residents.

4 Standing Agenda Items.

4.1 Police Matters. The police have issued warnings about oil theft and bogus callers re roofs and drives. The chair informed the meeting that residents worried about scam phone calls should inform the police on <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or else call 0370 496 7622 as they will record calls and keep a log to help with future detection of offenders.

4.2 Meetings Attended. Mr Clark attended the planning meeting in Kings Lynn. He had put the Parish view on the land next to Chimneys development. He was unhappy that the committee did not take account of the Neighbourhood Plan as it had not yet been approved despite being in the final stage of consultation. He also wished to have recorded the Parish Council's concern about that the speed restrictions around the entrance to the development should be changed from 40 to 30mph, something again ignored by the committee.

4.3 Village Hall Matters. AGM next Tuesday the 26th February.

5 Planning matters None

Outcome of planning. 18/021168/F Wisbech House approved 11/1/19, 18/02145/RM Land Next Chimneys approved 1/2/19 and 18/02107/F Field Barn withdrawn

6. Questions for the County Councillor. The councillor confirmed he had given money towards the new village gateways to be installed in March. He informed the meeting that the County Council had set its budget with a 2.9% increase in costs. The Borough Council will set its charges at a full meeting tomorrow. He gave the meeting an update on the hospitals and the Norfolk and Suffolk Mental Health Trusts and their actions to get out of special measures. He informed the meeting of the changes of personnel in both areas. He said that the boundary changes for the Borough Council will be finalised in the next 2 weeks and then the election process can get underway. He informed the meeting that there is going to be a review of the Fourwinds Junction by the County Council and Highways to look at safety measures that could be put in place.

The new clerk had produced the election forms for Parish Councillors to complete and she handed them out to those present. She has prepared a document about how to fill in the forms and will email this to councillors. She has also offered to deliver the forms to the Borough Council Offices for councillors if they bring them back completed to the next meeting. The chair again urged councillors to speak to parishioners and encourage them to stand as there will be places available on the council.

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7. Questions to the Borough Councillors. The clerk had circulated his report by email.

8 Finance

8.1 Bills.

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Non Recoverable VAT
Eon (DD)	Electricity	£ 25.17	£ 1.26	£ 26.43	None
K and M	St Lighting	£ 13.29	£ 2.66	£ 15.95	None
CGM	Grass Cutting	£265.15	£53.00	£ 318.18	None
Clerk	Storage boxes	£ 24.95	£ 4.99	£ 29.94	None
Mr Woolley	RAF Memorial	£145.92	£ 0.00	£ 145.92	None
HMRC	Tax	£322.80	£ 0.00	£ 322.80	None
Clerk (JW)	half year fee	£1110.48	£ 0.00	£1110.48	None
Clerk (KO)	February	£ 181.72	£ 0.00	£ 181.72	None
ee-scape	Domain Name	£ 24.00	£ 4.80	£ 28.80	None

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

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

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Carers Matter, chair took to add a piece in the newsletter

9.2 Norfolk Super Hero, Council noted that the cycle route will pass through Sedgford on 22nd June.

9.3 NALC re Annual Parish Meeting. After a short discussion it was agreed to defer the Annual Parish Meeting until May when the new council will have been elected. The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held in June.

9.4 Computer Warranty. It was agreed not to take out a further warranty for the Parish Laptop.

9.5 Invoice ee-scape After some discussion about the Village website and the future work needed to get it back up on line it was agreed to pay for the domain name at this meeting but defer the hosting cost until further discussions have taken place.

10 Council Decision.

10.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update. The chair informed the meeting that the submission plan has been submitted to the Borough Council and their consultation will begin on the 25th February. She encouraged councillors to get people to respond to this consultation as it was an important part of the process.

Mr Head wished to congratulate the chair on the huge amount of work she had done to get the plan to this stage.

10.2 Condition of the Village Pound. The clerk had managed to get some advice re the Pound and its legal standing. The one key factor before any action is taken is to establish whether the land is registered with the Land Registry. He informed the meeting this would cost in the region of £35. Mr Clark said that he had some information in a file at home which he would share with the chair before any action is taken. Mr Head said that if it is established there should be no parking on the Pound then this has to be enforced at all times and would affect church services and special events. There was a discussion about the ownership/authority over the first metre by Highways. Mr Curry agreed to carry out further research on this matter and report back to the next meeting.

10.3 Dog Bin. The clerk has applied for the authority from the Borough Council to place a dog waste bin on the Pound. He is waiting for a reply from the Borough Council.

11. A.O.B. and items for the next Agenda. The clerk informed the meeting that the Rangers had been in the village and carried out the work requested for January. Concern was raised that the hedge clippings had not been cleared up at the top end of the Docking Road. The clerk will email the landowner.

12. Any Further Public Comments on the Meeting. None

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The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of next meeting 20th March 2019 at **7.00pm**

Please note, the meeting will be held in the Pre School Building on the school site.