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MINUTES OF THE SEDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE
15th May 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1. Welcome – The Parish Council Meeting started at 6.44pm and Cllr Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Public Session - One member of the public present.

Apologies Accepted – Cllr Bernard Clark

Present: Cllrs Sue Crump, Tamar Crosley, John Palmer, also Terry Parish (newly elected Borough Councillor) and Cllr Chenery (County Councillor) (arriving at 7.45pm)

Item 11.1 Co-option to Sedgford Parish Council brought forward.

The Chair Cllr Sue Crump nominated Cedric Curry, seconded by Cllr John Palmer. Cedric Curry was co-opted as Councillor. As there were still two places to be filled, the Chair asked those present to consider other people who might come forward to become Councillors. Anyone who is interested can either contact one of the new Councillors or the clerk for information.

Declaration of Interest – none

2. Minutes for approval - Minutes of the 17th April 2019 Parish Council Meeting were proposed by Cllr Curry and seconded by Cllr Crosley and carried.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Anglia Water re: river flow - River flow continues to be monitored but nothing new to report.

3.2 Parish and Borough Elections 2nd May. Congratulations to Terry Parish and Stuart Dark, both elected as Borough Councillors.

3.3 Repair and stain – Parish Council Noticeboard – This work has now been completed and the Chair thanked Cllrs Palmer and Clark for the work they carried out.

3.4 Hedge encroaching onto Highways - Discussions ongoing

3.5 Land next to Chimneys – Discussions ongoing

3.6 Village Website – The Chair had met Stuart Moore to discuss the village website, sedgford.org.uk. She reported that discussion had centred on ways to modify the website so a small number of individuals have access to upload information to specific sections and links are updated so details of events and activities can be found more readily. Discussions were also held about possible additional funding.

3.7 Fence at Wisbech House – Discussions ongoing.

3.8 Recreation ground boundary fence - Temporary measures to make the area safe have been carried out which involved removing the rusting corrugated fence, clearing the area and installing double chicken wire. The Village Hall Committee is attempting to identify the owner of the boundary fence so that agreement can be made regarding maintenance.

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Police Matters – Monthly update from PC Lee Anderton. Clerk to forward monthly update to all Councillors before each Parish Meeting.

4.2 Meetings Attended - None

4.3 Village Hall Matters – The Village Hall Committee have booked the Stuff of Dreams theatre company for 17th May: tickets are selling well.

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5. Planning Matters – None received

Outcome of Planning – approved/withdrawn by the Borough Council – None received

6. Questions to the Borough Councillors – Cllr Parish gave apologies for both June and July meetings and confirmed he will send in a written report. Cllr Parish explained that he wrote articles printed in Hunstanton's Town and Around and in the Heacham Newsletter: he will in future include reference to Sedgford issues. In the run up to the Borough elections, Cllr Parish met residents within Sedgford who had voiced their concerns over the low numbers of pupils at the Village School, at this point Cllr Chenery joined the meeting and all Cllrs expressed support for the Village School, as it contributes to a sustainable village. Residents had also voiced their concerns over proposals to allow properties to be built outside the development boundary. The Chair explained that any new planning applications would be evaluated in light of policies in Sedgford's Neighbourhood Plan as well as the Borough Council's Local Development Plan and national regulations. Cllr Parish confirmed that the Borough Council does now have a five-year land supply.

7. Questions for the County Councillor – Cllr Chenery sent the Norfolk County Council Report, to be forwarded to all Councillors. Cllr Chenery informed the meeting that his new role for Norfolk County Council was with the Norfolk Records Committee and that he was still sitting on the Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority as well as being a champion of Learning Disabilities and Dementia.

8.1 Invoices and payments

E-on 01/04/2019 – 30/04/2019	£ 29.16
K and M lighting	£ 15.95
CGM Group – Grounds Main	£ 318.18
Clerks salary – May/April increase	£ 199.80
HMRC – May/April increase	£ 49.80

The invoices and payments were proposed by Cllr Crosley and seconded by Cllr Curry and carried. Cllrs Crosley and Palmer agreed to become signatories for cheques. Clerk to arrange paperwork with Barclays Bank.

9. Correspondence –

9.1 Growing Communities Project in West Norfolk – noted at the meeting

It was agreed that NALC monthly updates will be forwarded to all Councillors before each meeting.

To consider any Correspondence received after publication:

NCC's Norwich Western Link project connecting the A47 to the western end of Broadland Northway (formerly the NDR) – noted at the meeting.

10 Council Decision

10.1 Neighbourhood Plan Update – The examiner chosen by the Borough Council has sent a message with comments and requests for clarification. His report is likely to be completed by early June.

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10.2 Condition of the Village Pound – This is ongoing. Cllr Palmer to photograph area and note map reference and send to Cllr Chenery and the clerk. Concerns were raised again that the SORN car has been parked on public land. The Chair to speak to NALC.

10.3 Village Website – discussed under item 3.6.

11. A.O.B. and items for the next Agenda –

11.1 - Co-option to Sedgford Parish Council would be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

11.2 – A small parcel of land within the village is being used as a dumping area for garden waste: Cllr Parish will make preliminary enquires as to who owns the land.

11.3 - Grass verge opposite post box on Docking Road requires cutting. Clerk to contact Rangers Team.

12. Any Further Public Comments on the Meeting – None

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th June starting at 7pm.