

**MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. WELCOME: Ms Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

PUBLIC: There were 5 parishioners present (this includes Parish Councillors)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3. THE CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Rescheduled Annual Parish Meeting – After taking advice from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) it had been agreed that this annual parish meeting would be rescheduled until after the parish and borough council elections held in May 2019. As 3 councillors were retiring it was agreed to hold the annual parish meeting in June to allow a review and briefing for the new parish councillors.

Elections – Borough and Parish Councils – Sedgeford Parish Council invited all candidates for the Kings Lynn Borough Council – Stuart Dark (Conservative), Adrian Sorkin (Conservative) and Terry Parish (Independent) to open hustings, before the parish council meeting on 17th April, to meet councillors and parishioners. Stuart Dark and Terry Parish were subsequently elected.

For the parish council there were four nominations for seven places and Mr Clark, Ms Crosley, Ms Crump and Mr Palmer were elected unopposed.

Change of Parish Clerk - The year April 2018 – March 2019 saw major changes with the most significant being the retirement of John Ward after over 23 years as parish clerk and the appointment of Karen Orgill as his successor. Heartfelt thanks from all parish councillors to John, not only for all he has contributed to the parish council and the village during this time, but also for the support provided to Karen during an extended handover period. John (with support from Councillors) produced a whole raft of policy documents which are on the parish council website. The parish council is delighted that John and his wife remain in the village with continued active engagement, especially with the Village Hall Committee.

Retirement of three councillors – Thanks were extended to Mr. Frost, Mrs. Hipkin and Mr. Head.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and requirements of the Transparency Code – The year also saw the continuation and acceleration of new legislation, in particular GDPR which came into force on the 25th May 2018. The parish council continues to fulfil the requirements of the Transparency Code particularly in the maintaining of the village archives.

Sedgeford Neighbourhood Plan – Another major activity during the year has been the further development of the neighbourhood plan as it has progressed through the required stages of consultation. It has been a lengthy process but is now nearing completion. Kings Lynn Borough Council organised the recent consultation and appointed an examiner to review the plan and accompanying documents. The examiner's report is expected shortly. Kings Lynn Borough Council will make the changes required in light of the examiner's report and will organise the referendum.

Cutting of grass at War Memorial – Appreciation was given to the landlord at the King William Inn following his offer to arrange for the grass to be cut around the War Memorial.

Dates for future parish council meetings and annual parish meeting – The annual parish meeting will be moved back to March next year. The proposed meeting dates were agreed and will be displayed on the parish council noticeboard and on the website sedgefordparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

4. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

The Meeting Closed 6.52pm