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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE
19TH JUNE 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. Welcome – The Parish Council Meeting started at 7.00pm and Cllr Crump welcomed all attending the meeting.

Public Session - Two members of the public present. One member of the public who is interested in becoming a co-opted councillor and another member of the public who put forward proposals on land he owns.

Apologies Accepted – Parish Cllr John Palmer and Borough Cllr Terry Parish.

Present: Cllrs Sue Crump, Bernard Clark, Cedric Curry, Tamar Crosley and Cllr Chenery (County Councillor) (arriving at 7.39pm and leaving at item 9.3 at 8.36pm)

Declaration of Interest – none

2. Minutes for approval - Minutes of the 15th May 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 - No update but residents nearby continue to monitor the river **flow: it** was noted that the river **remains** low. Review to be carried out in the autumn.

3.2 Co-option to Sedgford Parish Council – Cllr Curry now co-opted and Liz Wilce joined the meeting **as preparation for co-option**. New co-option policy to be prepared by parish clerk.

3.3 Hedge encroaching onto Highways - The overgrown hedge in question is to the north of Sedgford Road, **to the west of the footpath beside the church**. NCC's Highways will be informed and requested to cut it back to allow pedestrians **to step onto the verge when traffic is coming**.

3.4 Land next to Chimneys – The Borough and County Council have been informed and we await the outcome.

3.5 Fence at Wisbech House – Cllr Parish has discussed the fence with the Borough Council and it has been deemed not to comply with planning regulations **so** the owner has been requested to remove it.

3.6 Recreation ground boundary fence - A permanent replacement is now in place.

3.7 Garden waste on public land – There are 2 separate instances of garden waste on public **land: the** parish clerk will try to identify the owners of the land.

3.8 Village Pound – The vehicle was reported to the DVSA as an untaxed car parked on the highway and subsequently the car has been removed. The Chair **thanked** Cllr. Chenery for confirming that NCC Highway's **own that particular section of land. Further work is required to confirm ownership of further sections of land between the Church and the Sedgford Road.**

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Police Matters – No monthly update yet but **it** will be forwarded onto Councillors when it is received. Cllr Clark reported that the Speed Watch report had been sent to the police: concern was raised at a particular incident near the school **when** a speeding car was monitored **driving at** over 51 mph at 2.45pm.

4.2 Meetings Attended

4.2.1 Clerks Networking Meetings – Parish clerk attended the two recent Norfolk PTS and NALC's networking meetings and was advised of new rules and regulations.

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4.3 Village Hall Matters – The Village Hall representative **reported** that the rent for the village hall has been re-appraised. **The cost to the PC** will go up by £2.00 per meeting, making a minimum increase of £22.00 per year.

5. Planning Matters – None received

Outcome of Planning – approved/withdrawn by the Borough Council:

19/00500/F Whin Close, Docking Road, Sedgford – Erection of farm manager’s dwelling. Application Permitted – 23 May 2019 – Delegated Decision

19/00551/F Whin Close, Docking Road, Sedgford – Erection of farmworker’s dwelling and garage – Application withdrawn – 21 May 2019

19/00825/AG Whin Close Farm Office, Docking Road, Sedgford – Agricultural Prior Notification: Extension to existing straw storage building
Prior Approval – Not required – 24 May 2019 – Delegated Decision

6. Questions for the County Councillor – Cllr Chenery informed the meeting of Norfolk County Council’s Parish Partnership Scheme Initiative which will be repeated for the financial year 2020/21. The closing date for bids will be the 6th December 2019. Cllr Chenery asked **councillors** if they have any projects which he could also financially support/match. The Chair suggested a small working party be set up to review signage within the village and in particular the **signs on Ringstead Road**.

7. Questions to the Borough Councillors – In his absence Cllr Terry Parish had sent in a report which was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The report **stated that** the Borough Council deals with concerns of neighbours (**eg** noise/dust/litter/mud) caused by building work in two ways – firstly with planning conditions before the building work starts and secondly via the Community Safety Noise and Nuisance (CSNN), as problems **arise**. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government announced funding for local community groups which included free litter picking kits and **dog bins**: Cllr Parish has been able to secure a free **dog bin** for Sedgford. The single use plastic working party has been re-established to monitor **progress**. **Bid** funding is also available from Central Government to support high street regeneration in towns such as Kings Lynn. Cllr Parish highlighted that he is the Vice-chair of the Regeneration and Development Panel.

8.1 Invoices and payments

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Recoverable VAT
Zurich	Insurance	528.56	0.00	528.56	All
Mr. Snell	Audit	30.00	0.00	30.00	All
K.Orgill/CurrysPC World	HP Envy Printer	40.83	8.16	48.99	All
E-On (DD)	May’s Electricity	28.69	1.43	30.12	All
K. Orgill	Expenses/Paper, etc.	25.92	0.79	26.71	All
Clerks Salary/HMRC	June’s Salary/PAYE	238.36	0.00	238.36	All

K and M Lighting	Lighting Maintenance	13.29	2.66	15.95	All
CGM Group	Grounds Maintenance	265.15	53.03	318.18	All

The invoices and payments were proposed by Cllr Crosley and seconded by Cllr Clark and carried.

8.2 Financial Statements for June 2019 – Noted at the meeting.

8.3 April to June 2019 – 1st Quarter Income and Expenditure – Noted at the meeting.

9. Correspondence –

9.1 Temporary Restriction of Traffic Movement – Rolling road closures of two hours between 04:00 to 21:00 Thursday 27th June 2019, **which will** be lifted following the last rider. B1454 Sedgford Road – Noted at the meeting.

To consider any Correspondence received after publication:

9.2 **A149 Speed Limit Consultation** – NCC's Community and Environmental Services **had** replied to the concerns raised by the parish council. **They confirmed** that the proposed speed cameras are **being mounted so that motorbike number plates can be** recorded in both **directions**. **They** also confirmed that the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy are proposing 50mph in its current form and **explained that** the proposals have been developed with their local members. Both Cllrs Michael Chenery and Stuart Dark are in favour of the speed reduction and speed cameras being delivered together, **and introduced as soon as possible**, following a review of the overall project.

9.3 **Website link to job centre near Sedgford** – Parish clerk to liaise with NALC to check whether this is a viable option.

9.4 Notification of new property addresses on Docking Road;

Plot 1 (behind Black Horse bungalow) is named as Stamford House, Harleys Yard, Docking Road, Sedgford

Plot 3 (behind Black Horse bungalow) is named as Meadow Cottage, Harleys Yard, Docking Road, Sedgford

Plots 1, 2 and 3 on Docking Road are to be called Field View. Concern was raised that there is already a property called Field View on Heacham Road, Sedgford and the parish clerk was asked to contact the **Borough Council to inform them**.

9.5 **Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS)** – They have written to the parish council informing them of a wide range of training courses via their new website – www.nars.org.uk. Noted in the meeting.

10 Council Decision

10.1 **Neighbourhood Plan Update** – The Borough Council now has the responsibility for making any changes to **Sedgford's Plan** (re-numbering of pages, changes to text, maps, etc.). **This will be followed by the referendum: the** date is yet to be announced but might be in September/October. The referendum will **allow a simple vote** – FOR or AGAINST the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Clark congratulated the chair and previous vice-chair for the work carried out and the chair thanked the neighbourhood plan **consultant and working group** for all their work.

10.2 **Highway and Community Ranger Visit** – The rangers have been asked to cut the hedge and grass around the dog bin on Docking Road.

10.3 **War Memorial grass cutting** – The landlord of the King William has kindly offered to arrange for the grass to be cut around the war memorial. **Councillors expressed their appreciation for this offer.**

10.4 CGM Grass cutting contract – Monitoring of the contract **will include parish councillors informing the clerk when the grass has been cut** and receiving notification by CGM Group.

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

11.1 Playing of music on mobile phones within the confines of the playing field.

12. Any Further Public Comments on the Meeting – None

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th July starting at 7pm.