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SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES 15th JUNE 2022

1. Welcome by the Chair.
2. The Public Session: None present
3. Present: Cllr Crump, Cllr Palmer, Cllr Wilce, Cllr Ward, Cllr Miller, Cllr Clark, and Borough Cllr Parish (arrived at 7.15.)
Apologies: Clerk, Borough Cllr Dark
Absent: County Councillor Chenery
4. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items – None
5. Confirmation of the minutes – Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2022, Cllr Clark proposed confirming the minutes, Cllr Palmer seconded, all in favour and carried. Annual Parish Council Meeting May 2022, Cllr Palmer proposed confirming the minutes, Cllr Wilce seconded, all in favour and carried.
6. Matters arising:
 - 6.1 Footpath Warden & Circular walk update
Cllr Palmer informed the meeting that he had walked the long route this week with the view to looking at where posts and way markers would be needed. He said that the walk does not go on any permissive paths so the only agreement that will need to be made is with highways re the positioning of way marker posts. Mr Wade is working on a draft leaflet and will need artwork to design the way marker. He suggested that about six signs would be needed so the cost would be minimal. Highways are not able to offer any financial support but suggested that the County Councillor could contribute from his fund. Cllr Palmer said the next step is to get a leaflet designed and the signs to bring to the council for approval. Cllr Crump said that she had been approached by her neighbour about putting the routes online. Cllr Palmer said he would be happy to discuss this with him, any way of getting publicity is good.
Cllr Palmer informed the meeting that the government grant for wilding under the farming policy has been cut and he fears there will be little left for the wildlife.
 - 6.2 Councillor Vacancy – No interest has been shown as yet.
 - 6.3 Community Infrastructure Levy Bids – Round 2 – The Round 1 Bid funds for the stage and redecoration, £6000, have been received. Councillors discussed bids for Round 2, which were outlined by the Clerk last month. It was proposed by Cllr Clark seconded by Cllr Palmer that both bids be submitted, this was carried.
 - 6.4 Updated Asset Register – The Clerk has added the bench at the war memorial to the asset register as discussed last month. Cllr Palmer proposed adopting the updated register, Cllr Miller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
 - 6.5 Operation London Bridge – The Clerk has reviewed the policy which is in order and will be reviewed again in three months.
7. Standing Agenda Items:
 - 7.1 Police report, nothing to be added this meeting.
 - 7.2 Village Hall Rep Report. Cllr Ward said that the hall committee had met last night. The committee have secured a grant of £500 from the Borough Councillors Community Fund to replace the bench which is now on order and will be installed in the next few weeks. The kitchen door is being replaced as an emergency measure as there have been accidents with the locking system. Cllr Crump thanked the village hall committee for all their hard work in putting on an excellent jubilee event.
 - 7.3 Meetings Attended written/verbal, none attended
 - 7.4 Clerks training written/verbal, none completed
 - 7.5 Councillors training written/verbal, none completed
8. Planning matters:
 - 8.1 Applications – None
 - 8.2 Planning outcomes – 22/00106/F Change of use from office to residential, old village hall. Approved, delegated decision
To consider plans since publication: None
9. County Councillor update: Not present and no report submitted.
10. Borough Councillors update: Cllr Dark sent his report by email and included the following items.
Jubilee – I do hope your celebrations went as well as planned. We were pleased to be the only council in Norfolk to deliver commemorative coins to all primary/infant age children (30K plus) , pay out over £12,000 in grants to PCs and groups putting on events (topped up by a number of councillors using their CCF grants) and put on a number of large events in the Towns. I hope you concur with my view that I think West Norfolk did HMQ's Jubilee proud.
CCF – I have been informed that the £500 has been assigned from my Council Community Grant to your new bench.
Planning – As part of the administration's reviews of departments with a desire to make council be as good as it can be a paper has been produced re significantly increasing the planning department's capacity and staffing (in both planning and enforcement) this is currently making its way through the council's committee system for a cabinet decision.
Levelling Up Funding – An opportunity has presented itself for the council to bid in for £20M of LUF. A paper is coming to Cabinet through committee to seek approval to do this with a preferred option to build a state of the art leisure/entertainment centre in Hunstanton to replace the ageing Oasis, serving the top part of the Borough including Sedgeford. The public response to consultation had over 1000 responses – an unprecedented amount.

An additional paper is also coming forward to Cabinet re the County Council intending to put in its sole permitted 'transport and infrastructure' bid for all of Norfolk to the Levelling Up Fund for £50M to transform the Southgates area of Kings Lynn and the gyratory system many of us use. Whilst the detail needs to be seen, the fact that the County is focussing here rather than elsewhere is welcome.

Cabinet has recently agreed to support the reprofiling of 5 of the remaining 7 'Towns Bid' £25M projects to ensure they deliver the best outputs. The other two remain the same and the earlier expedited one – 'the college of nursing' at the College of West Anglia- training local young people in a state-of-the-art facility to become nurses alongside the QEH which can then recruit them, is going really well.

With regard to the QEH and its new build. The minister for health Ed Agar came to the hospital to visit the improvements and see the challenges re the roof and infrastructure for himself. James Wild MP and myself met him with the Hospital's SLT and directly lobbied for the investment needed for a new hospital and prompt decision. I continue to be actively involved with the hospital's SLT re assisting their ongoing bid.

Between the Levelling Up Funding bids and Towns Board KLWNBC is currently involved in £95M of investment bids into West Norfolk on top of core service provision.

We have also just introduced guaranteed interviews for ex-armed service personnel and care leavers who apply for vacancies at the council – as an example to other employers

Green Expo – On the 21st June the Council is running a green expo at the Corn Exchange, KL (supported by the chamber of commerce) to give advice to local businesses re how they can play their part to help the environment. This is part of the Council's commitment to help others rather than just being inward focussed and links to our declaring a climate emergency, our action plan, investment of £250K per year into environmental issues and grass roots activity (such as supporting the tree planting)

Sedgeford school building - I haven't heard anything from NCC re movement on this – but am at County Hall on Friday and will check

Cllr Parish apologised for being late but he had been on a visit to the old tennis club site to see for himself the condition it is in and what plans the owner has for the site. He was keen to get the parish view. Cllr Crump said that we had sent a response to the owner and we are now waiting to see how things develop and await plans to consider. Cllr Parish said that the site was in the AONB but was not included in the neighbourhood plan. Cllr Crump said that this was true but it is a brown field site and had been used for building in the past.

Cllr Parish said that discussion had started on Tourism and whether an area can have too much, we will have to await any further development on this. He confirmed the comments from Cllr Dark re the expansion of the planning department.

Cllr Parish informed the meeting that the town fund would have £37 million pounds, £12million is to be spent on the Guildhall and a further £12 million on a multiuser community hub which will house a new library. Finally Cllr Parish raised concerns about residents getting their prescriptions. Heacham residents are having a difficult time with the local chemist. He was told that Sedgeford residents are able to collect theirs from the Pharmacy at the surgery.

Cllr Palmer asked whether there was a 30-day time limit on the enforcement order placed on the builder for the properties on Docking Road. It was agreed the clerk should go back to the enforcement officer and seek clarification and a progress report.

11. To approve accounts and payments this month:

11.1 Approval and payment of invoices: Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Miller and agreed by all.

Name	Business	Net	VAT	Gross	Recoverable VAT
K and M Lighting (STO)	Street Lighting Maintenance June	13.29	2.66	15.95	All
CGM Group (STO)	Grounds Maintenance June	280.26	56.05	336.31	All
npower (DDR)	Electricity – Street Lighting June	39.66	1.98	41.64	All
Parish Clerk	Payment June (See Log)	405.19	0.00	405.19	None
HMRC	June (See Log)	101.20	0.00	101.20	None
Parish Clerk	Expenses	71.59	0.00	71.59	None
TM Jennings Ltd - Paid 23.05.22	VH Redecoration	1350.00	0.00	1350.00	None
Utility Warehouse - Paid 20.05.22	re lost cheque for £100.00 for	50.00	0.00	50.00	None
	Norfolk Community Fund payment.	50.00	0.00	50.00	None

11.2 Financial Statements for May 2022 – issued during month - Noted

12. Correspondence, to consider any correspondence/communication received: None

13. To consider any Correspondence received after publication:

The clerk said that there had been communications re a mock speed camera in a resident's garden on Goodminns but this matter had now been resolved.

Residents had complained about the building works at Cole Green as the builder had blocked the road and footpath. Highways

quickly came out the next day and the matter was resolved.

An email had been received from a resident about a future building project and was seeking the council's opinion. It was agreed the resident should ask their architect to go to the Planning Department and discuss with them if formal Planning approval was required as the council was not in a position to comment at this point.

14. Any other business (for information only) and any items to carry forward to next month for the decision of the council:

Cllr Miller informed the meeting there are 15 companies etc wanting to advertise on the village website and that hopefully he will be able to provide details to the clerk so invoices can be raised before the next meeting.

Cllr Clark said that the drain cover on the Docking Road just before Rose Court was rattling. The clerk was asked to report to highways. He also said a resident had complained that the footpath down to Jacobs Folly was overgrown. The clerk was asked to write to Highways to get the width of the path restored.

15. Any further public contributions to the meeting - None

16. Proposed Date of Next Meeting – 20th July 2022. Cllr Palmer apologised for this meeting and Cllr Ward said he was a possible apology.

17. Close 8.21pm