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SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES 15th FEBRUARY 2023

1. Welcome by the Chair.
2. The Public Session: John Bolton and Emily Linsdell from Anglian Water and Daniella Montali Ashworth from Five Rivers Environmental provided a presentation on the recent survey undertaken on the River Heacham. Two members of the public joined the presentation. The presentation was mainly a high level look at Anglian Water's 2020 – 2045 plan. There was some content on the extraction levels for the Heacham and rainfall over the last year. The presentation also covered the actions that will take place as a result of the survey carried out by Five Rivers. All this work, however, will take place west of Sedgeford, in the Ken Hill area and will have no effect on the River in the village. A question and answer session followed, during which the presenters were asked about the lack of any water in the River in the village. Twenty years ago there were fish in the River and the drying up of the River was a once in ten year occurrence. Since 2011 there have been annual periods of dry river-bed for months at a time and the fish have disappeared. The question was posed what can Anglian Water do to improve the flow of water in the River through the village? Can they reduce extraction? Can they obtain the water that they extract from the Heacham elsewhere? Why do other local rivers still have flowing water and the Heacham does not? The presenters were not able to answer these questions on the night and have taken them away to respond in due course. The Chair thanked the three presenters who left at 19.10. The two members of the public also left at 19.10.
3. Present: Cllr Crump, Cllr Clark, Cllr Palmer, Cllr Ward, Cllr Wilce, Cllr Miller, Borough Cllr Parish who arrived at 19.40
 Apologies: Cllr Coleman
 Absent: County Councillor Chenery and Borough Cllr Dark
4. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items - None
5. Confirmation of the minutes – Parish Council Meeting 18th January 2023. Cllr Miller proposed confirming the minutes, Cllr Clark seconded, all in favour and carried.
6. Matters arising:
 - 6.1 Footpath Warden & Circular walk update – Cllr Palmer advised the meeting that the draft wording for the walk leaflet was now agreed. Distances will be provided in both metric and imperial measurements. He will contact David Mills NCC regarding the queries on way markers. The routes will be one way, thereby reducing the number of roundels. NCC will be providing the posts. At next month's meeting we should be in a position to agree costs etc.
 - 6.2 Assets of Community Value – Carried Forward
 - 6.3 Churchyard liabilities– Carried Forward
 - 6.4 River Heacham – Please see above.
 - 6.5 Former School – NCC have confirmed that they have received consent from the Secretary of State for Education for the former school playing fields to be disposed of or a change of use for the land. NCC will be presenting their pre application proposals to the Borough Council in due course. The Clerk will ensure that Borough Cllr Dark is aware of the situation.
 - 6.6 Community Infrastructure Levy Bids for 2023. Further to the minutes of the meeting of January 18th, a "between meetings" meeting was held at the Village Hall on Monday 30th January at 09.45. Present were, Cllr Crump, Cllr Clark, Cllr Ward, Cllr Wilce, Cllr Miller and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Palmer and Cllr Coleman. Following advice from CIL, as the PC is holding CIL funding of £ 7276.22, it was suggested that it would be prudent to increase the sums to be contributed by the PC in respect of the two CIL bids. The Chair, Cllr Crump, proposed that the sum contributed by the PC on the Window Replacement Project be increased to £800 and the sum requested from CIL be reduced to £2709 and on the Car Park Resurfacing Project, the sum contributed be increased to £1150 and the sum requested from CIL reduced to £3850. This motion was seconded by Cllr Miller and agreed by all. The Clerk has subsequently liaised with CIL, who have amended the two Bids accordingly.
 - 6.7 Trod and deer signs. Repair work is still awaited on the Trod by Highways. The Clerk will chase Borough Cllr Dark re the number and locations of the deer carcasses.
 - 6.8 Changing email address– Carried Forward
 - 6.9 Coronation Mugs – The Clerk advised that he has ordered a box of 36 mugs. Parents have been asked, via the newsletter, to contact the Clerk with their children's details.
 - 6.10 Funding for additional Defibrillator. Further to the January meeting, the BC have launched a fund for defibrillators. The Clerk advised that to install a defibrillator at the King William would cost £1251 + electrical connection. The Pub owners, Redcat, are happy to have the defibrillator installed, providing the PC enter into an annual, renewable, licence with Redcat, with a peppercorn rent. Cllr Ward proposed that the Clerk be authorised to submit a bid for £1000 towards a new defibrillator and if successful, purchase the defibrillator and liaise with Redcat regarding the installation. This motion was seconded by Cllr Miller and unanimously agreed.
 - 6.11 Paddock Rental Agreement – The agreement has been signed and rent received.
 - 6.12 Cemetery Fees – The Clerk had circulated a comparison of local fees in advance of the meeting. Councillors discussed the issue and decided to increase fees slightly but at the same time ensuring that they remain considerably cheaper than

others in the locality, especially for Sedgeford residents. Cllr Clark proposed the following fees:

Purchase of a plot £450/£600*; Burial plus plot over 12 years £300/£450*; Ashes burial plus plot £120/£275*; Headstone large £120/£275*; Small tablet £100/£175*; Extra inscription Free (currently £50). * fee charged to non-residents of Sedgeford. This motion was seconded by Cllr Palmer and agreed by all. The Clerk will update the Cemetery Regulations.

6.13 River monitoring training – Carried forward for Borough Cllr Parish to provide more information.

7. Standing Agenda Items:

7.1 Police report – Circulated by the Clerk as and when received.

7.2 Village Hall Rep Report– The Village Hall Committee (VHC) held their AGM yesterday and all members renewed their responsibilities. The recent race night was attended by 60 people and raised £545.00. Planning continues for the King's coronation celebration on Sunday 7th May. There will be a medieval fete/fair theme, with a folk duo in the afternoon and a solo singer in the evening, with barbeque. The VHC thanked the Parish Council and Clerk for all their support with CIL bids which continue to improve the village hall facilities.

7.3 Meetings Attended written/verbal - None

7.4 Clerks training written/verbal - None

7.5 Councillors training written/verbal - None

8. Planning matters:

8.1 Applications – None

8.2 Planning outcomes - 22/01513/F - King William IV, Heacham Road - Proposed construction of 2-storey holiday accommodation building - Application Permitted - 9 February 2023 - Delegated Decision

To consider plans since publication: None

9. County Councillor update: None

10. Borough Councillors update: Borough Cllr Parish discussed the following motions that were raised at the January full Borough Council meeting, which was then suspended and will continue at the March meeting:

Norfolk devolution deal; Centre port; West Winch master plan; Council Tax Support scheme; King's Lynn Parkway development; Budget. Other items were the cost of the Internal Drainage Boards which is being reviewed by Government, the Rural Prosperity Fund and the Hunstanton Travel Hub.

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 February	13.29	2.66	15.95	All
CGM Group (STO)	Grounds Maintenance February	276.77	55.35	332.12	All
npower (DDR)	Electricity – Street Lighting February	30.52	1.53	32.05	All
Parish Clerk	Payment February (See Log)	0.00	0.00	0.00	None
HMRC	February (See Log)	0.00	0.00	0.00	None
Parish Clerk	HP Ink	3.74	0.75	4.49	All
Sedgeford Village Hall	Rental for PC meetings	130.00	0.00	130.00	None
Clerks & Councils Direct	Coronation Memorial Mugs – Previously authorised and paid via BACs	246.00	49.20	295.20	All

11.2 Financial Statements for January 2023 – issued during month - Noted

12. Correspondence, to consider any correspondence/communication received:

12.1 Cellnex UK Ltd re mast – Cellnex were offering to buy the land or provide a larger upfront payment in exchange for a longer lease. This is a repeat of the offer rejected by Council in 2021. The current annual rent of £3600 is very useful income to the Village Hall Committee. Council agreed to reject this offer and asked the Clerk to respond appropriately.

12.2 Church Lane grass reseeding – The Clerk explained that once the contractors have completed the repair to the garden wall of 5 West Hall Farm Barns, adjacent to the churchyard, the grass area will be reseeded. The resident has asked Highways to rope off the area for 6 weeks to aid the seed growing. The church and neighbouring properties have agreed with the plan, as have the PC.

12.3 West Norfolk residents need photo ID to vote at elections in May - For the first time, residents in King's Lynn and West Norfolk will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections. Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID. Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form. If parishioners need any help with applying for the free ID or want to request an application form, they should contact the Borough Council electoral services team by calling 01553 616773 or e-mailing elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk

13. To consider any Correspondence received after publication: None

14. Any other business (for information only) and any items to carry forward to next month for the decision of the council: Cllr Palmer suggested that Council may wish to write to the landowner to ask him to reconsider his objection to the Sedgeford – Heacham footpath. The Clerk will write accordingly.

15. Any further public contributions to the meeting - None

16. Proposed Date of Next Meeting – 15th March 2023 - 6.30pm start to include Annual Parish Meeting

17. Close – 20.25