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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 16th
APRIL 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

WELCOME Mrs Dawson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting

APOLOGIES Councillor Head and Borough Councillor Mrs Wright

PRESENT Mrs Dawson, Mr Clark, Mr Frost, Ms Crump, Mrs Hipkin, Mr Curry,
Borough Councillor Mrs Christopher. County Councillor Michael of Chenery
(arrived at 7.45).

PUBLIC – none in attendance

OPEN MEETING 7pm to 7.15pm – with no public attending the business meeting started.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None declared for this agenda.

MATTERS ARISING

a) Highways matters. No updates this month. Issues reported to the Rangers for week commencing 28th April.

b) Future finance of Parish Councils. The clerk had received a reply from David Thomason re the matter raised by Mr Head. He is not aware of any proposals to pass down services to Parish Councils and he is reluctant to take a lead in organising a meeting. Mr Head saw the reply and asked the clerk to approach NALC which he has done. The clerk has now received a reply from NALC to say that they hope to set up a meeting in the future and involve Borough officers.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Police Matters – Letter from the chief constable. A summary to go in newsletter and copy on the notice board.
- Meetings attended – None
- Village Hall matters – Any questions went well, very little collected in donations. St George's tickets still available.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION LATER IN THE MEETING:-

- Street signs Cole Green, Heacham Road.
- Path edges
- Village Notice board
- Stable and tack room opposite Magazine Wood

PLANNING MATTER

Plans for the Pump House 1 Thornham Road presented to the meeting. Approved

Plans for 5 Parkside replacement of windows non-determined now returned. 17th March 2014.
Assumed application incomplete.

Plans The Old Voss cellar added to the building. Approved

COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS

Short discussion about the incinerator and the recent events. Councillors wanted to be reassured by the County councillor that procedures have been put in place to ensure that this kind of contract could not be repeated. The councillor will pose the question to the leader and get back to the council.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS

The councillor was pleased with the outcome of the incinerator vote and confirmed that the Borough are still looking into alternative ways of dealing with waste. The council are seeking partners from other local councils to join together for the project.

FINANCE	CGM grounds	£249.54
	K and M lighting	£35.16
	Village hall rent 2013/14	£66.00
	DD Eon April	£44.72
	NALC subs 2014/15	£125.32

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Standing order for CGM April	£236.23
Cemetery Rates (Small business rate relief	£0
Income precept	£8,350.00
Items paid between meetings	
Seabright productions	£840.00
F. W. Hendry	£712.09

Proposed Mr Frost Seconded Mr Curry and carried.

Balances before tonight's meeting. C.A £2614.21 Business £10620.58

The clerk presented the initial balance sheet for the year 2013/14 and reported that the accounts are with the local auditor and will be available for approval at the next meeting.

Paddock Rent. The two residents had agreed to rent the paddock for the coming 11 months. The clerk had prepared the documents and these were signed and witnessed. These will go to the residents when their copy is returned to the clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE

Borough – Mr Walsh re handrail Heacham Road. Mandy McShane re overhanging hedges Heacham Road.

NCC – None

OTHERS – Hastoe opening cancelled and letter re housing need in the village. It was agreed that a survey of need was required. A notice will go in the newsletter and the clerk will collate replies. Data available for May meeting to take further action. SLCC Norfolk AGM. Norfolk 9 rivers newsletter. Aon insurance for 14/15 £439.79. Wider Skies newsletter.

OTHER MATTERS

Street signs Cole Green and Heacham Road. The chair reported that the signs have now been transferred. Clerk asked to write to Mr Ely to thank him for doing the work on behalf of the council.

Path Edges. The banks on Voss Hill are encroaching on the road and the grass triangle area is getting very overgrown. Clerk to inform Rangers and Highways. Rubbish left on the verge by the tree cutting contractors on Ringstead Road. Clerk to mention to Highways, Councillor to try and find the telephone number for clerk to call.

Village Notice Board. The board is very stiff and difficult to open. It may need lubrication, Mr Clark will look at it. It may be that the board needs replacing in the future.

Stable and Tack Room. A councillor asked if the building on Peddars Way, opposite Magazine Wood needed planning permission. The Borough Councillor said she would make enquiries and report back to the clerk.

Hedge going well on the playing field. Trees at the school are going to be looked at by councillors and if they are alive Mr Clark will look after them until the autumn when they could be planted around the field.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21st May 2014 starting at 7pm to include Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20