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MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 15th
JULY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

WELCOME Mrs Dawson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting

APOLOGIES Councillors Hipkin, Crump, Christopher and Wright.

1. PRESENT Mrs Dawson, Mr Clark, Mr Curry, Mr Frost (arrived at 7.45), Mr Head (left at 7.40),

PUBLIC – 9 members of the public present.

Open Meeting re future housing.

Mr John Lefever and Phil Glasse attended to represent Hastoe and Karl Patterson represented the Housing Department of the Borough Council. The chair opened the discussion by going over what the Parish Council had been in discussion with Hastoe about in the past and their hopes of bringing more development of affordable housing to the village. Mr Patterson then said that the Borough Council had only 2 names on its register for Sedgford and this would not instigate an investigation about need in the village. The land owned by the Borough above Mill View would not be used for social housing but put out for market value to be developed. Councillors and members of the public were surprised by the statement as it had always been the understanding that this land would be used for a second phase. Mr Patterson was challenged on the fact you cannot nominate your chosen place to live but he said there is now provision on the form. (He left forms with the clerk) Residents need to register with Home Choice and must keep in contact every 6 months if they have not bid for a property during that time.

Mr Lefever said that as a developer they have to prove need and find a suitable site to develop outside the village envelope. He was not ruling out the Borough Land but other sites may be available in the village. Hastoe would like to try and put a scheme together and have an open meeting for residents and other interested parties to register so that the need is clearly identified. He would hope to build a development of 6-8 properties and he said this would include bungalows. He would develop passive housing to ensure residents could afford the running costs and not be placed in fuel poverty.

Residents expressed their concerns about the lack of housing in Sedgford currently and the fact that bungalows are going to older people. The process of bidding is difficult now it has to be done online and no adverts are placed in the paper. Concern was also expressed about the view that would be lost by current properties if the Borough Land was used. Mr Lefever assured residents that their value of property would not be effected by a new development. Hastoe left the meeting with the approval of the Parish Council to put together a scheme, identify land and set up an open meeting where the public could come and register. This was seen to be a positive step forward. The chair thanked all for coming and hoped things would now proceed in a positive way.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. None declared for this agenda.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. Minutes of the meeting of the 18th June were approved Proposed Mrs Dawson and seconded Mr Curry and carried with two corrections.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Highways matters. Parking on Holly Hill. The highway is free to be used how public like. It was suggested the council speak to the resident or ask the PCSO to have a word with them and share the councils concern over visibility at the junction. The clerk will follow up the email to Sally Bettinson re the designation of the land. The grit bin may be re located on the site.

b) Notice board. The clerk has contacted the college and they have responded in a positive way. He has yet to have a conversation with the representative at the college. Mr Curry had

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seen a plastic board made from windows. The clerk has the design and will contact window companies if the work with the college does not materialise.

c) Incinerator Investigation. The clerk has still not received a reply to his letter. The County Councillor agreed to follow this up after the last meeting. Clerk to chase up County Councillor.

d) Rangers Work w/b 4th August. Mr Head has asked if the brambles on the Docking Road can be cut back and the gullies at Cole Green need attention. They will also be asked to cut back the edges of the footpaths.

e) Footpaths Definitive maps. Sally Bettinson has been in touch with Norfolk and we need to purchase 2 sheets at £15 a sheet. The clerk had asked the sheets are placed on order. We have now received the two maps and we will need to check the that footpaths are in order. Sue Crump has offered to look at the maps and check the paths. Councillors looked at the maps and observed 2 paths that are not walked currently. Ms Crump will be asked to look at the maps and we will put on the next agenda for discussion.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Police Matters – Nothing
- Meetings attended – The chair attended the re dedication of the war memorial in Snettisham
- Village Hall matters – The fête raised in the region of £1000 which will be split with the school 50/50.

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION LATER IN THE MEETING:-

- Permissive Path
- Grass Cutting

5. PLANNING MATTER None for this meeting

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS. No matter raised

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS. No matters raised.

8.	FINANCE	CGM grounds	£ 54.00
		KLWNBC Caddy bags	£ 80.00
		HMRC Tax	£182.60
		John Ward half year pay	£731.04
		John Ward Expenses book	£ 97.01
		FW Hendry	£706.58
		SO CGM	£249.54
		SO K and M Lighting	£ 78.12

Proposed Mr Clark Seconded Mr Frost and carried.

Financial Statement The clerk had sent out the statement prior to the meeting. Balance at tonight's meeting £18,116.14. The chair asked if the expenditure could be broken down if items over £500 are included. Clerk to change the form to facilitate this.

Dog Bin Docking Road. Mr Head has suggested that a new bin needs to be purchased as the bottom is falling out of the current bin. This was agreed, the clerk will order with delivery to Mr Clark who will install.

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Borough – Tony Yates appeal for Canvassers for the village and other villages.

NCC – None

OTHERS – Norfolk RCC re NHS Advocacy Complaints Service, survey on rural housing and letter re grants available

10. OTHER MATTERS.

1. Permissive Path. The chair had been sent details of a new path for residents to walk on Sundays along the Heacham River. This will provide a path on the inside of the hedge running down to the bridge on the B1454. Concern was raised that this could be a problem with people using the path on other days as this stretch of the road is dangerous to walk. After discussion it was agreed to thank the Rivers Trust for getting the path and hope that agreement will be reached for it to be walked on Sundays from next February. Mrs Dawson to feedback.

2. Grass Cutting. Mr Curry reported that he had seen the contractor about the church yard and the field. The contractor had been approached by a member of the public asking him not to cut certain areas. Mr Curry asked him to cut as per the contract. Clerk will contact CGM and ask them to inform their men that they only take changes from the clerk or parish Councillor. He will also ask that the field be cut with a gang mower not the flail mower as it does not do such a good job and the field looks untidy.

3. Concern was expressed about emails being forwarded with all the contacts visible at the top. The clerk will contact NALC and Snapp about this.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 7pm. The clerk will issue agendas 3 days late next time as he is away a week prior to the meeting.
The meeting closed at 8.50pm