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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 21st  
MAY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**WELCOME** Mrs Dawson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting

**APOLOGIES** Mr Curry, Councillor Christopher.

**1. PRESENT** Mrs Dawson, Mr Clark, Mr Frost, Ms Crump, Mrs Hipkin, Mr Head, and Borough Councillor Mrs Wright (left the meeting at 19.30) County Councillor Michael of Chenery. (Arrived at 19.15 and left the meeting at 20.03)

**PUBLIC** – None present

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mrs Dawson was proposed as chair by Ms Crump and seconded by Mr Frost this was carried. Mr Head was proposed as Vice Chair by Mr Clark and seconded by Ms Crump this was carried.

Both chair and vice chair signed their declaration of acceptance.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None declared for this agenda.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.** Minutes of the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> April were approved Proposed Ms Crump and seconded Mr Clark and carried.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Highways matters. No updates this month.

b) Future Development in Sedgeford. Mr Glasse of Hastoe has been in discussion with the Borough and they will be attending our July meeting for further discussions. Five people have indicated an interest in future low cost housing in the village.

c) Notice board. Mr Clark had attended to the current board. The council asked the clerk to investigate the cost of a new board.

d) Stable Block. Mrs Christopher has confirmed that the structure should have planning permission. Mr Head agreed to speak with Mr Barber and seek clarification of the situation.

e) School Trees. Ms Crump reported that approximately 24 trees have been saved from the school site. Mr Clark is now looking after them and council agreed to consider sites for them in September.

**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Police Matters – No report submitted by the PCSO
- Meetings attended – The clerk attended the local Snap meeting. The new priorities are speeding agricultural traffic in Docking and anti-social behaviour in Hunstanton, Westgate.
- Village Hall matters – None this meeting.

**4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION LATER IN THE MEETING:-**

- Verges Docking Road
- Rangers Work
- July Meeting, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Church service

**5. PLANNING MATTER**

None this month

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS.** The County have not yet decided to sell the incinerator site to the Borough Council. The new administration will have to consider this point. The government have confirmed that they will not support the county with any funds for the incinerator debt. The councillor could not comment on the possible link between the conservative party and UKIP that could see the Conservatives back in power. The councillor was asked again about reassurances about the investigation into the incinerator and where the blame lies. Parish Councillors also want to be assured that this situation could not happen again.

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He was unable to answer this at present but suggested the council write with their concerns to Victoria McNeill at County Hall who is leading on the investigation.

**7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS.** No matter to bring to the meeting. The Councillor was asked to look into the situation where people cannot nominate a preference for housing in the village. There is no provision to say where you wish to live despite the Borough saying there is no housing need for Sedgford. If you cannot identify Sedgford how can they say there is no need? Councillor Wright will speak with the housing department.

<b>8. FINANCE</b>	CGM grounds	£54.00
	CGM grounds	£13.31
	K and M lighting	£35.16
	Dog Bins	£312.00
	Rix Accounting	£150.00
	DD Eon April	£43.27

Proposed Ms Crump Seconded Mr Frost and carried.

Insurance. The clerk had received a renewal from Aon for £439.79. He had a second quote from Zurich for £315.20 and a three year agreement at £303.56. It was proposed by Mr Clark and seconded by Mr Frost that the quote from Zurich was accepted for three years.

**Balances before tonight's meeting.** C.A £10,362.40 Business £10,620.58

**Accounts 2013/14.** The local audit of the accounts was now complete and the papers presented for approval. The clerk gave out the balance sheets.

- α) Proposal to adopt the annual Accounts. Proposed by Mr Head seconded by Mr Frost and carried
- β) Proposal to adopt the annual governance statement proposed by Mr Clark seconded by Ms Crump and carried.

**Street lighting** the new lights have now been installed. The council need to decide the payback period to be sent to the contractor. 12 months £160.42, 24 months £80.21 or 36 month's £53.47. It was proposed by Mr Head and seconded by Ms Crump to take the 36month option. The clerk will inform the contractor. The clerk will confirm if the lights are on at night or switched of as in the past. The clerk will set up a standing order when the payments have been finalised.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Borough** – None

**NCC** – None

**OTHERS** – Mr Martin re flooding in Church Lane onto his property. It was agreed that this was a matter between Mr Martin and Highways and the clerk should send Mr Martin the contact details for Highways.

**10. OTHER MATTERS.** Verges Docking Road. There was a short discussion about the erosion of the banks on the Docking Road and the future of the footpath. It was agreed a discussion was need with Highways and they would be invited to attend the June meeting. Clerk will also contact the police to see if they will attend.

The council was not sure what work was carried out last month. The clerk will make contact and ask.

Date of July meeting. It was agreed the meeting would be moved to Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Church service Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The chair asked for councillors who would be prepared to read a lesson. Two councillors said they would be happy to read at the service.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm