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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 17<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**WELCOME** Mrs Dawson welcomed all in attendance to the meeting Mr J Austin (Ken Hill Estate Manager) and Mr Lewis (Norfolk Rivers Trust) attended to discuss the proposed permissive path to be opened to Sedgeford residents from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 by kind permission of Mr Buskell. The route of the path was shared again with the meeting and there was a short discussion about signage and usage. The land owner has agreed to the path as long as the Parish are prepared to sign an annual agreement. All councillors were very pleased with the opportunity to have the path and be able to get closer to the river. The council will put out a sheet with the conditions and map later in the year and explain that it is for residents only. It was agreed that in March/April there will be an event with the river Trust, Ms Crump will liaise to organise this with Mr Lewis. Mr Austin said that after the first year there may be opportunities to change the days and include some Saturdays. He also reminded the council there would be livestock in the fields, a point to tell residents. The chair thanked Mr Austin and Mr Lewis for attending and for the opportunity to have the path open, they left the meeting.

**APOLOGIES** Mr Frost and Councillor Christopher

**1. PRESENT** Mrs Dawson, Mr Curry, Ms Crump, Mr Clark, Mrs Hipkin, Mr Head ( left at 7.30), and Borough Councillor A Wright(left at 8.00) and County Councillor Michael of Chenery(arrived 7.15 and left at 8.00)

**PUBLIC** – No members present for general meeting.

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

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.** Minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> July were approved Proposed Mr Clark and seconded Mr Curry and carried.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Parking Holly Hill. The clerk has not heard back re the area and the confirmation of land owned by Highways. He has sent a reminder of the matter to highways.
- b) Notice board. The clerk has had verbal confirmation that the college will help the council with a new board but as yet has not had a conversation with them about setting up a meeting to share ideas.
- c) Incinerator Investigation. The clerk has not received a reply from Victoria McNeill. County Councillor was asked to follow up. The Councillor sent an email during the meeting.
- d) Dog bin for Docking Road has now arrived. The clerk confirmed that these are owned by the council but on a service contract with the Borough.
- f) Grass Cutting. The clerk had an email from CGM to say that the church warden Paul, I assume Peter had asked them not to cut prior to the festival. CGM had responded to other concerns re the playing field.

**STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Police Matters – no incidents recorded
- Meetings attended – none
- Village Hall matters – The hall extension is being shelved at the current time.

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

- Vodaphone Open Sure Signal- Ms Crump
- Hastoe Open Meeting
- Boundary issue
- Football posts south end
- Trees
- Bench war memorial
- Dog bins

## 5. PLANNING MATTER

Planning Approval 26 Field Barn Cottages- approved

**6. FOOTPATHS DEFINITIVE MAP** Ms Crump had walked all the paths that could be walked on the map and reported her findings to the meeting. In conjunction with previous documents we need to find out if changes can be made and updates placed on the definitive map. Ms Crump will contact highways before the next meeting.

Path 1- Cemetery to Janet Hammonds is OK

Path 2- Church over cross styles to Snettisham Road is OK

Path 3- Heacham Road to railway line. This is a bridleway. Need to check on whether the path alongside Mr Barber's field can be walked and included?

Path 4- Peddars Way to Fring Road

Path 5- Old Route of Peddars Way from the railway line

Path 6- Official Peddars Way

Path 7 Near East Hall Farm, across fields towards the woods. This path is not walkable and we should try to get it removed from the map.

Path 8- Across cornerstones Yard. This is now part of a resident's garden and consideration should be given for removal.

Path 9- Path to Snettisham that passes Eaton Lodge

The path from Magazine Farm to the railway line has not been designated and needs investigation.

The next step is for Ms Crump to do further investigation and come back with proposals to the next meeting.

## 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR BUSINESS.

The councillor reported that the waste amnesty went well and others are planned.

## 8. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BUSINESS.

Mrs Wright said the WW1 service was excellent and she also attended the flower festival.

The open day in Kings Lynn had gone well. The chair thanked her for attending village events and meetings it was much appreciated. Mrs Wright then left the meeting.

**9. FINANCE** Eon August and September £12.54 each month still £38.63 in credit

K and M lighting August and September £78.72 paid by S.O.

CGM August and September £249.54 paid by S.O.

CGM Jarvie Close plus church yard £ 81.00

CGM Jarvie Close £ 65.40

Mazars audit fee £120.00

Proposed Mr Clark Seconded Ms Crump and carried.

Audited Accounts. The clerk reported the findings of the auditor. Concern was expressed at the comment re large reserves. It was agreed we will minute at budget time the reason for the reserves in future. There were no actions to take related to the accounts this year.

**Financial Statement** The clerk had sent out the statement prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

**10. ELECTION OF VILLAGE HALL REP.** The chair has spoken to Mr Frost and he is willing to cover the position and this will be confirmed at the next meeting when he will be attending.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

NCC Budget priorities 2015/18

Completed Ranger work

Mr Davis re tree on footpath shadowing garden. Clerk to confirm ownership of path with Highways.

Kickstart moped loan scheme, clerk to display posters

Hospice appeal letter. It was agreed to make a donation of £50, a letter will go with the cheque to say this is a one off donation as it is linked to Dr H Ford a former village resident.

NALC amendment to standing orders re the filming of meetings

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Changes to recycling materials

NALC AGM 4<sup>th</sup> October Swanton Morley chair took letter.

NALC re audit changes. Concern was expressed that we would have no audit and there was agreement we should continue our local audit.

Copy of Norfolk Link for each Councillor

Course on Press releases

Poster to support help for Dementia

Highways rangers next visit W/b 27<sup>th</sup> October

**12. OTHER MATTERS.**

1. Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal Programme. It was agreed to defer this as the news of the new broadband does not make this application necessary.

2. Hastoe open day. Councillors agreed a slot to be in attendance.

3. Boundary issue. A resident of Jarvie Close has had a new fence erected with large gates onto the Borough land. The clerk will approach the Borough Council re this matter.

4. Football posts south end. Concern was expressed about the damage to the newly planted hedge. It was agreed after a short discussion that a working party will weed out the hedge and a small section of wire will be put up to protect the hedge.

5. Trees. Mr Clark has about 20 trees some of which can go in the new hedge and councillors were asked to consider other sites.

6. Bench. A parishioner has offered to donate a bench for the war memorial site. Concern was expressed about traffic danger and liability of accidents. The clerk will try and get further information.

7. Dog bins. The dog bin on the playing field has rusted and needs replacing. There was a short discussion about a new bin on Church Lane but it was decided not to go ahead at this time. Clerk to order one new bin.

8. Grave of Mr Oliver very overgrown. Clerk will write to his daughter

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm