

SIDESTRAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st JUNE 2019

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Present: Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher, Mrs. B. Wiseman, Mr. N. White

Also present : Mr. R. Bateman, Mrs. S. Burton

1. Apologies of absence were received from Mr. A. Cooper and Mr. I. Watkins

2. Declaration of interests – none.

3. Co-option of members to fill vacancies on the Council – the Clerk reported that there had been 3 expressions of interest to be co-opted onto the Council : Mr. R. Bateman, Mrs. S. Burton and Mr. A. Cooper. Mr. N. White proposed that the above be duly co-opted. The proposal was seconded by Mrs. B. Wiseman and carried unanimously.

Mr. R. Bateman and Mrs. S. Burton signed their Declaration of Office forms, witnessed by the other officers.

4. Election of Officers -

Chairman : Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher was proposed by Mrs. B. Wiseman and seconded by Mr. N. White. This was agreed unanimously.

Vice Chairman : Mr. R. Bateman was proposed by Mrs. B. Wiseman and seconded by Mr. N. White. This was agreed unanimously.

Financial Officer : Mr. N. White agreed to continue in the role. Proposed by Mr. M. Danson-Hatcher and seconded by Mrs B. Wiseman. This was agreed unanimously.

5. Minutes of meeting held on 16th March 2019 and matters arising from the minutes – Mrs. B. Wiseman proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Mr. N. White. Agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

6. Matters arising from the minutes:

Affordable housing – the Chairman reported that there still had been no response to the letter from the Parish Council asking for further information on the identified sites. The Chairman, therefore, proposed that he draft a notice and circulate it to members which when agreed, will be uploaded onto the website to

inform the village of the position. In addition, the chairman proposed writing to NNDC to formally inform them that we are stopping the process.

It had also come to our notice that some other parishes who had signed up to the scheme were unhappy with the process.

Rangers visit – the Clerk asked the members if there are any specific items that need to be brought to the attention of the Rangers for their next scheduled visit. The footpath by the school is very overgrown. The Clerk will contact the Rangers.

Mr. Bateman reported that he had emailed the Highways Department regarding the drains either side of Starling Rise and has agreed to pursue the issue.

Upgrading of seating on the clifftop – it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

7. Meetings attended and reports arising : there was none.

8. Signing of cheques – the Clerk reported that the NALC annual subscription of £80.73 was due.

9. Correspondence – the Clerk informed the Council that there had been 4 items of correspondence :

- details of NNDC Coastal Forum Summer Field Trip
- details of NALC seminar
- SNAP newsletter
- leaflet from NNDC regarding potholes

10. Any Other Business – Mr. Neil White raised the question that, in view of the recent substantial cliff fall is there a need of a fence to stop people getting too near to the edge. Mr. Bateman suggested that he would ask the Coastal Engineer at NNDC and report back at the next meeting.

Mrs. S. Burton suggested that the church sign needed updating. It was noted that this was a parochial matter and could be looked at when a new vicar is appointed to the parish.

Mrs. Burton also offered to finance a larger tree at Christmas in the churchyard. However, it was noted that there are logistic problems in installing a larger tree so it was agreed that additional lights could be placed on the same size tree to give a better visual impact.

12. Date and time of next meeting – 19th September 2019 at 3pm in the Reading Room, Sidestrand

