

**Minutes of Sedgebrook Parish Council Meeting  
held at 8.00 pm on Thursday 21 June 2018 in Sedgebrook Social Club**

**Present:** Chairman G Preece, Vice Chairman C Wood, Cllr G Mahoney, Cllr J Denton, Cllr C Warby, Mrs J Bratton (Clerk) and County Councillor M Whittington.

- 1 Chairman's Remarks** – the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his thanks for being re-elected.
- 2 Apologies for absence and reasons given** – apologies were received from Cllr H Drew-Bradley.
- 3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office** – the Chairman signed the Declaration.
- 4 To receive declarations of interest on any item on the Agenda under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 of the Localism Act 2011.**  
No declarations received.
- 5 Notes of the last meeting held on 17 May 2018**  
The notes of the last meeting, held 17 May 2018, were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as being a true record.
- 6 Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding not covered by the agenda** – none.
- 7 Correspondence**
  - 7.1** From SKDC listing alterations to the electoral register.
  - 7.2** Came and Co with confirmation of Parish Council insurance renewal.
  - 7.3** June/July 2018 issue of Allington News.
  - 7.4** A letter was sent to Time Assured Ltd accepting their offer of a five-year contract for annual servicing of the memorial church clock.
  - 7.5** From and to FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd regarding third party funding towards grant for play equipment.  
**Clerk Action:** to send copy of letter sent with the third-party funding to Cllr Mahoney. Clerk to email FCC Recycling to see if they have received the cheque.
  - 7.6** From Highways England giving details of maintenance work on the A52 in July and August 2018.
  - 7.7** Further letter from Highways England detailing different dates for the A52 improvement and maintenance works.
  - 7.8** A grant of £300 had been awarded to Sedgebrook Parish Council at an Awards Presentation on the 19<sup>th</sup> June from the Rotary Swimarathon towards the play equipment. Cllrs Warby and Denton attended. Publicity/photographs for The Rotary Swimarathon to be organised when the play equipment has been installed.  
**Clerk Action:** to write acknowledging receipt and thanks for the cheque.
- 8 Public Forum**
  - 8.1** County Councillor Whittington reported that the contract for Highways is due for renewal in 2020. Highways are looking at more flexibility when contractors repair potholes. The potholes in "A" roads are repaired in 7 days, "B" roads within 28 days and with

“unclassified” roads there is no time limit. The software and information database for reporting highway problems needs much improvement.

## **9 Flooding – (Vice Chairman 9.1/Cllr G Mahoney – 9.2)**

**9.1** Items to report/update – nothing further to report.

**9.2** Flooding on Allington Road on 25 May 2018 – following exceptionally heavy rainfall Allington Road had flooded again - Highways have recently been to the village and flushed out the drains. The Vice Chairman commented that, due to the very dry ground, if we have any further heavy rainfall it will no doubt flood again. The drainage system was built to cope with steady rainfall and not the monsoon type of rainfall which we are now experiencing.

## **10 Highways (Vice Chairman – 10.1 /Cllr G Mahoney 10.2.)**

**10.1 Update** - The Vice Chairman had sent a list of Highway Schemes to the County Councillor for consideration in their future Annual Improvements Programme. It was noted the promised repairs of the potholes on Woolsthorpe Lane were not on the Works Programmes for 2018.

**County Councillor Action:** to look into the matter.

Highways have been told to be more responsive to Councillors and things have improved. Highways are still clearing up the winter backlog which will take a further 6 to 8 weeks. It was noted that 37000 tons of salt were used last winter but only 13000 tons were used the winter before.

**10.2 Lincolnshire Community Speed Watch** – Cllr Mahoney had 7 volunteers for the Speed Watch. Further information from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and Lincolnshire Community Speed Watch had been requested on moving forward with the project; to date no replies had been received.

**Cllr Action:** Cllr Mahoney to send a further email.

## **11 Planning (Vice Chairman)**

**11.1 Update** – Nothing further to report.

**11.2 Planning Application No: S18/0916** – 10 Church Lane – Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey extension. The Parish Councillors had no objections to the planning application.

**Clerk Action:** to inform SKDC accordingly.

## **12 Recreation & Footpaths (The Chairman)**

**12.1i Update** – concern raised about the right-hand verge in School Lane which had not been cut. This was not Parish Council’s responsibility – it comes under Highways. Following the recent grass cutting the grass on the Village Green and in the play area was certainly looking much better.

**12.1ii Field on School Lane** – Cllr Warby said that the proposed dog training may be going ahead in the field. It was recommended that the Duty Planning Officer at SKDC be contacted to see if any planning permission was required to erect a shed in the field.

**12.2 Playground Equipment – update on the grant for play equipment** – The Grant for the play equipment had been accepted. A cheque for £1992.70 for the third-party funding had been sent to Wren. Cllr Mahoney had received a quotation from Eibe and was awaiting quotations from both Creative Play and Kompan.

**Chairman/Cllr Action:** The Chairman and Cllr Mahoney to meet prior to the next PC Meeting to discuss further information required by Wren prior to the grant being finalised. It was noted that any publicity has to be sent via Wren.

**12.3i Tree – overhanging branch adjacent to the bench** – apart from a quotation for removing the limb, no further progress had been made.

- 12.3ii Tree – in recreation field** – still awaiting contact from Western Power regarding work required on the oak tree in the far corner of the field.
- 12.4 Overgrown pathway – rear of School Lane – update** – this had now been cleared.
- 12.5 Request for extension to footpath on Allington Road – update** – the request had gone to Highways via the list sent to the County Councillor.
- 12.6 Footpath - Abbey Lane to Church Lane – overgrown hedge** – following discussion it was agreed to initially put a notice on the notice board, on the website and in Allington News regarding overgrown hedges in the village. If hedges/vegetation were not trimmed back by the next Parish Council Meeting, a letter would be sent to the County Council.  
**Clerk Action:** to send a copy of the letter to the County Councillor after the next meeting.
- 13 BT Phone Kiosk – update (Cllr J Denton)** – the preparation for the re-painting of the phone kiosk will be made next week. It was reported that part of the door of the kiosk is rotten and will need repairing.
- 14 Best Kept Village & Small Towns Competition – update** – the competition had been advertised in the Allington News, Saxonwell Parish News, on the website and notice board. The £18 entrance fee had been refunded.
- 15 Pilgrim Boston Hospital – Children’s Services – write to MP with concerns about potential closure?** The County Councillor outlined the situation with regards to staffing levels at the Pilgrim Boston Hospital. As children in the area use Children’s Services at both Boston and Lincoln Hospitals, it was resolved to write to the MP expressing the concerns of the Parish Councillors. **Clerk Action:** write to Jeremy Hunt MP.
- 16 Finance (The Clerk)**
- 16.1 Verification of bank statement/bank reconciliation** – bank statement and reconciliation was verified to 5 June 2018.
- 16.2 End of Year Vat Return** – update on progress – £377.12 VAT refund had been received.
- 16.3 Payments** – Community Cleaner – payments to the 30 June 2018 were resolved.
- 16.4 Payment** – Parish Clerk – it was resolved to pay the Clerk up to 31 May 2018.
- 16.5 Payment** – resolved to pay P E Hempstead & Sons for grass cutting for May 2018
- 16.6 Payment** – resolved to refund the Clerk £14.89 for postage and stamps.
- 16.7 Payment** – FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd – it was resolved to pay £1992.70 for the third-party funding to provide the shortfall under the Landfill Communities Fund for the Sedgebrook play area improvements.
- 16.8 A payment** of £20 was resolved for Lincolnshire County Council to supply additional wheelie bin stickers.
- 17 Items to be discussed at the next meeting:**
- 17.1 Garage on the A52** – concern raised with scrap vehicles accumulating at the property – the situation will be monitored.
- 17.2 Footpath to the Bridge on Allington Road** – concern was raised about the lack of footpath and erosion is occurring at the side of the road – the Vice Chairman stated that Highways would not be able to complete the requested work for a number of years.
- 18 Date of next Meeting:**

Thursday 19 July 2018

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.20 pm.