

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
8.00 pm on Thursday 11th May 2017 in Sedgebrook Social Club**

Present: Chairman Gwynfor Preece of Sedgebrook Parish Council together with County Councillor Mark Whittington, District Councillors Pamela Bosworth and Hannah Westropp, Mrs J Bratton (Parish Clerk) and 20 members of the public.

- 1 **Chairman's Welcome and "Opening" of the Meeting** - Chairman Gwynfor Preece was pleased to see so many people attend the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ann McNeish and Val Swain (Allington News).
- 3 **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 6th May 2016**
The minutes were approved by the meeting.
- 4 **Matters Arising** - none.
- 5 **Chairman's Report** - Cllr Ann McNeish will be resigning from the Parish Council and he expressed his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Ann for her work as Flood Warden and with organising the Emergency Plan. The Chairman thanked all of the Councillors on the Committee for all their work carried out. Sedgebrook went through to the Second Round of the Best Kept Village & Small Town Competition and were entering again this year. Noted that Highways had been filling in some of the potholes – in Woolsthorpe Road and also near to the railway bridge. Thanks were given to the Wade family for their help in organising the Christmas Tree which was paid for from the Jubilee Fund.
- 6 **Playground Equipment – update** - The Parish Council have ring-fenced funding for the play equipment. Some of the timber equipment had been lost through age and rot in 2016. The Parish Council will be looking at replacing play equipment or fitness equipment and suggested the forming of a Sub Committee - volunteers were requested.
- 7 **Telephone Kiosk – what would the villagers like to see it used for?** - The Parish Council have “adopted” the Kiosk and ideas would be welcomed on its future use.
- 8 **Short Reports from village organisations**
 - 8.1 **County Councillor Mark Whittington** - It was County Councillor Mark Whittington's first meeting at Sedgebrook and he would endeavour to attend the majority of Parish Council Meetings. He would look at highways issues and requested anyone to contact him on any issue.
 - 8.2 **District Councillors Hannah Westropp and Pamela Bosworth** - As representatives on the District Council, the District Councillors try to represent parishioners' views in local decisions. Gravity Fields Festival held last year, the new cinema development is in progress, a new club is being built for the Grantham Senior Citizens, Wyndham Park to be restored as a First World War Memorial Park. The Community Fund is available to help local groups. Grantham Southern Relieve Road is now on Phase 2. There is a new SKDC website.
 - 8.3 **Twinning Association** – The Association was in contact with Tuffé trying to arrange a visit to Sedgebrook/Allington. A link between the two schools in Tuffé and Allington has now been established. Fundraising has taken place to provide entertainment when the exchange takes place. The Association are looking for a Treasurer. They have plenty of “host” families but not much

interest in people visiting France. Samples of “Tarte Tartin” and French biscuits were available to try.

- 8.4 **Golden Jubilee Committee** - Samantha Wade reported that the Jubilee Committee had been focusing on raising money for the church roof. The Committee have helped raise money for the Christmas Tree – now it is self-funding. They are in the background in case the village need any assistance from them e.g. funding for the church beam or play equipment.
- 8.5 **The Reverend Harriet Orridge (St Lawrence Church)** - 2016 has been a very busy year. 24/7 prayer event hosted by St Lawrence, arts and crafts exhibition and the Loveden Quartet sang in the summer. A special Songs of Praise was held thanking the village and in particular the Jubilee Committee for the roof fundraising - the next day a roof beam cracked which this held up the roof repair. In 2017 Allington with Sedgebrook school came across the fields for their Easter Service and a special St George’s Day service was held. The Church is now open on a daily basis. Apologies given for the alarm system going off – working to resolve issue. Finally received planning permission to put Tern Coated Steel on the organ loft. Historic England won’t allow for the replacement of the whole roof with TCS. Thanks were extended to District Councillor Pamela Bosworth for her help with the Planning Department on this issue. There are ongoing costs regarding building maintenance and repair work following the Quinquennial Inspection from 2015. Planning on running a funding campaign so that the day to day costs of keeping the church open are met. Loveden Quartet coming on the 9th September and the Harvest service is on the 15th October.
- 8.6 **Christine Warby (Allington & Sedgebrook CE Primary School)** - 13 out of the 113 pupils attending the school are from Sedgebrook. Queen’s 90th birthday was celebrated with a “Dambusters” themed gymnastics display. Visited Rand Farm Park for a one-night residential. Year 6 leavers went for two nights to the Peak District. Visit to a science day in York where they met Tim Peake the astronaut. School visited by Paralympian Sam Ruddock and Olympic hockey gold medallist Shona McCallin. Came first at the Small Schools’ sports hall Athletics competition and 4th in the Small Schools’ Swimming Gala. Swimming lessons given to children from year 2 onwards. Lessons given to pupils on a variety of musical instruments.
- 8.7 **Alan Cook (Sedgebrook Social Club)** - Stood in for the Chairman. The Club has not had a bad year - £2500 down on the profits with £2000 spent on repairs. A surplus for the year of £3440 having received a rebate of 5 years’ business rates from SKDC of £6065 as the Social Club are not required to pay them. £12000 in the bank. Looking for members who are not paying their subscriptions. Lot of events held in the Social Club – Rainbows, Pilates, burlesque, fitness club, line dancing and Zumba. Should break-even this year.

9 Invitation to the public to raise any matters of interest

- 9.1 Chris Warby enquired about the metal gate which appears to have been pulled out of the ground close to the bridge on Allington Road. Vice Chairman Michael Bowyer informed the meeting that a villager had witnessed a large lorry backing up from the bridge realising it was too large to go underneath. As this was on private land it is not a Parish Council matter.
- 9.2 Sam Wade had received a complaint from a parishioner being chased by cattle. The cattle only use the footpaths at the end of Meadow Lane – they might chase but they do not hurt as they are reared for their meat and are vegetarians.
- 9.3 Sam Wade enquired about the supply of sandbags. Cllr McNeish was contacting the Council with the number of sandbags required.
Clerk Action: to inform Sam Wade when delivery would be made.

With the main business completed, the social evening commenced with cheese and wine which was enjoyed by all.

- 10 Close of meeting** - The Chairman thanked everyone and would welcome attendance at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 18 May 2017. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.