

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SUDBROOKE
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE**

PRESENT: Peter Heath (Chairman), Mrs Chris Myers (Clerk), 10 members of the public

1 APPROVAL OF NOTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2015

That the notes be approved as a correct record and signed as minutes Proposed by Andy Cottam, seconded by Paul Rignall and **Resolved.**

2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Developments - Sudbrooke Park, has been difficult for us. We expected some development but not on the scale shown on the outline plans shown to us by the developer. We tried to get changes to the plan but our input was not taken up. As a result we were compelled to object to the application on numerous grounds; but principally the size and loss of valuable natural woodland landscape. The developer later amended the plans but not the overall scale. In an attempt to circumvent the planning process this application has gone to appeal with the Secretary of State. However WLDC Planning committee has agree with us and stated that they would have refused planning permission had they been able to make judgment.

There are other developments in the pipeline - permission has been granted for 6 houses off Wragby Road, an executive development off Poachers Lane and off Church lane. The Parish will gain the football Pitch near the Village Hall and a footpath toward Nettleham as part of the 106 agreement from the Poachers Lane and Church Lane developments.

To combat vandalism we have joined with the Village Hall committee to have CCTV fitted around the hall. We have seen a marked decrease in incidents since then.

Tennis Courts have now full equipment and we hope to see them used to the full with the better weather.

We have responded to Parishioners requests and installed a window in the Wragby road bus shelter and also had the pathway from Fox Covert to Main Drive re-laid to general approval.

In the immediate future we have plans to place woodchips on the footpath from Main Drive toward the stream. Volunteers are called for to help with moving a considerable quantity of chips! Also everyone is invited to help with the litter pick on Saturday 9th April.

3 CLERKS REPORT

Another busy year for the Parish Council - the members who work together as a team for the benefit of the village.

During the last year we have received a grant for the wildflower seeds in the Jubilee Garden which have now been sown, following several hours of work in ground preparation by volunteers.

Grant funding has also been secured for the cost of wood chips for laying on FP 816 and 817 through the Park which should make these paths more accessible.

Sudbrooke was fortunate in continuing through the first round of the BKVC for the second year running, and the village is entered again this year. We look forward to more success following the efforts of residents Bernard Bartram and Dave Etheridge in painting and repairing seats.

Bridget Solly, our Treasurer, is kept busy keeping the Parish finances and balancing the books.

Legislation for Parish Councils continues to change and I am pleased to report that I have now completed the training and submitted my portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

The Parish Council has commented on 23 planning applications during the last year.

4 TREASURERS REPORT

The Clerk managed to secure a grant for £500 to pay towards the CCTV which is now installed at the Village Hall, and a grant of £150 for wildflowers.

Monies this year has been spent as follows:-

£4,612 – grass cutting with the County Council paying a contribution of £2,275.

£2,110 – Sudbrooke News with advertising revenue generated of £1,029.

£1,100 – repairs to the Fox Covert Footpath.

A full copy of the accounts will be available to members of the public in due course as per instructions from the Auditors.

The Council lived within its budgeted precept.

5 REPORTS BY LOCAL COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Stuart Curtis:-

Since the District Council election last May I have remained as Chair of the Planning Committee and also represent West Lindsey on the Central Lincolnshire Planning Committee. The final draft of the Local Plan was approved on 14 March 2016 and following public consultation later this month it is expected to be approved by the Secretary of State and adopted by the end of the year.

The emerging Local Plan has now gained more weight to determine planning applications and hopefully Policy LP2 designating Sudbrooke as a medium sized Village with a permitted 10% growth over the next 20 years will be taken into consideration along with current policies when the Planning Appeal for Sudbrooke Park is determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

As announced in the last Budget by George Osborne, West Lindsey is working closely with the other nine Lincolnshire Councils to explore the potential for a devolution deal for a Greater Lincolnshire. You will be hearing much more on this subject within the next few months and have the opportunity to have your say on the matter.

West Lindsey's Refuse Collection remains second to none and are still the only Local Authority not to charge for green bin collection

Under the District Councillor Initiative Fund, I have during the last year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke Gardening Club, Scothern and Sudbrooke Village Hall Committees.

6 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

Sudbrooke Ladies Club

Unfortunately membership of the Ladies Club is diminishing mainly due to members moving away from the village. However monthly meetings continue and members also enjoy both a summer and Christmas lunch. Meetings are open to both ladies and men and new members will be made very welcome.

Sudbrooke Village Hall

Sudbrooke Village Hall was opened in 1986 and is an asset to our community.

It is cared for by a Management Committee which consists of seven trustees elected from the village and representatives from village organisations which use the hall.

Committee meetings are held every six weeks to ensure proper governance of the facility.

It is a registered charity governed by a constitution and an annual return is made to the Charity Commission.

Over the last year the hall has been well used and regular users include Sudbrooke Pre-School, Whist Club, Seniors, Ladies Club, Mah Jong and Parish Council.

Finances are in a healthy state largely due to excellent stewardship by the Treasurer and the activities of the fund raising sub-committee. Private and corporate lettings are increasing.

The Wi-Fi has been upgraded to give faster internet access.

General maintenance has been a commitment throughout the year. LED lighting has been installed and this should reduce costs.

The installation of CCTV has resulted in a reduction in littering and vandalism.

Thanks go to the Committee and other volunteers who give their time to keep the hall going.

Gardening Club

The club has a fairly stable membership and has settled into a regular programme of activities. We hold 9 meetings per year of which:

- The March and October meetings are held at the village hall where we engage a speaker. Last month we enjoyed a very interesting talk on Sweet peas by Chris Priestley who looks after these plants at Clumber Park. Non-members are invited to attend these meetings.
- The April and September meetings are the club Spring and Autumn shows held at the village hall. All residents including children are invited to exhibit at the shows. To encourage more children and adults to take an interest in gardening and hopefully have some confidence to enter some of their work into the shows we have 3 new trophies to award this year. It is important to say these trophies can be won by any exhibitor.

- In July we visit a stately home or important garden and generally enjoy a full day out. This year we are visiting a local garden at Saxby.
- The May, June and December meetings are hosted by members on a voluntary basis at their homes.
- Our August AGM will be held at the village hall.
- On behalf of the whole parish we run the village 'Best kept front garden' competition or the 'Best hanging basket' competition. This year hanging baskets will be judged. We are grateful to Scothern Nurseries for providing prizes as well as judging the finalists.

Enquiries about joining the club should be made to a committee member.

Sudbrooke Walking Group

The group has existed for about 9 years and continues to attract new walkers from the village plus a few from further afield.

We have a total membership of around 25 walkers but usually find a group size of 12 to 15 walkers is the 'norm.'

We use Sudbrooke News and e mail to communicate with members and meet on the first Saturday of every month at the village hall at 9-30am. We aim to walk between 6 and 9 miles and try to return to Sudbrooke by 1-30pm but it can be later if we are doing a coastal walk or similar long distance from Sudbrooke. Members are given good notice of a likely late return.

Due to unusually poor ground conditions, some of our intended walks this past year have been changed for 'drier' alternatives and it is pleasing there have been no outright cancellations.

In recent years our December walk has ended with a group Christmas meal, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The group is run on informal lines with no membership subscriptions and members volunteer to lead walks.

Everyone is welcome to join in these walks.

Sudbrooke Pre-School

It has been a particularly busy year at Sudbrooke Preschool, with the preschool running at full capacity on all sessions. We continue to aim to provide a service for our local children, working in partnership with parents and the community, to promote the learning and development of the children in our care and to ensure that they are prepared for the transition to school.

Last year, 18 of our children moved onto primary school and we understand they are all doing well. This July, we will have 28 children moving on to local schools and we will soon start the transition process, working with local schools, to prepare the children for this new phase in their learning.

The preschool has continued to hold its usual community events. Last June we held a sponsored walk through the woods, to support the local charity Lincs2Nepal, particularly poignant to the preschool as it affected one of our children's family. We raised over £500 for the charity with this

event. Our summer sports day was a great success, particularly the parent and child race which is always hotly contested!

We joined the Parish Council in organising the sports/Fun day in September raising much needed funds for both parties. We also took part in the Community and Harvest celebrations at St. Edwards's church, in October, providing a display of the children's art work and crafts.

In December the children put on a Nativity play, attended by over 70 parents and friends and this Easter we have visited St Edwards's church to put on a small play.

This school year, we have looked at the topics of 'All About Me', 'Autumn and Winter' and 'People who help us', as well as celebrating special days and festivals such as Pancake day and Diwali. We have enjoyed visits from PCSO Parker and her police car and teachers from Ellison Boulter's Academy amongst others.

Staff continue to train with Mrs Hutson and Mrs Hutchinson recently completing Paediatric First Aid training and Keyperson training. Mrs Clynes continues to work towards her Level 3 qualification.

We look forward to another busy year, with all places for September 2016 school year taken up and very limited spaces available for the September 2017 school year. We remain grateful to the Village Hall committee for supporting us in providing this service.

Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan

Agreement to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Sudbrooke was reached in 22nd October 2015 and the inaugural meeting was held on 26th November 2015. Elections were held on 12th January 2016 and details of the process for the procedure and initial timetable were finalised.

There are currently thirteen members of the Steering Group including The Chair, Treasurer and Co-ordinator most ably supported by Luke Brown of WLDC. We are a cohesive team with many skills and most of all the dedication and enthusiasm to bring this project to fruition.

Our first task was to produce and deliver a Survey that would form the basic evidence for our Neighbourhood Plan (henceforth SNP). It was based on a template supplied by Luke Brown and supplemented by material from other local Neighbourhood Plans as well as Sudbrooke's original Parish Plan. This was completed by 23rd February 2016 and delivered over the weekend of 27-28th February to all dwellings in the Parish of Sudbrooke, with a return date of 14th March.

In the meantime we all prepared for our first Consultation Day on Friday 11th March at the Village Hall 3-7pm. It was well attended with a map of Sudbrooke forming the central focus whereby attendees could show with coloured dots (based on the traffic light system) where they would prefer development that is based on the scale for a medium-sized village (10% increase over a period of 20 years with sites for up to 9 dwellings and occasionally, if warranted 25 dwellings as a maximum). A visual display of the fauna of Sudbrooke enhanced the occasion and light refreshments provided a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

We had a remarkable, for a first exercise, return of 210 Surveys - virtually 30%. The results are currently being analysed and will be produced in due course.

Events have been moving apace since our last meeting. Below is an update of events so far:-

- Luke has given our Parish Council details of costs guarantee to our Parish Council.
- The 'call for land' letter has been agreed and will be delivered over this coming weekend.

- On Tuesday 5th April members of the Steering Group and Parish Council met Darren Carroll, a NP Consultant, who will construct 'The character of the Village' section of the SNP. We walked with Darren Carroll around the Park Area of Sudbrooke. He will visit the other areas by himself.
- Members of the Steering Group will meet another NP Consultant who will devise the layout and content of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, whilst attending the WLDC Planning Committee meeting (06.04.16) to discuss the proposed Parklands development 133284, it was heartening to hear complements for our SNP given by one of the Councillors. Although emerging it still carries some weight.

7 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

There were no items raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm and light refreshments were served.