

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SADBROOKE
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE

PRESENT: Peter Heath (Chairman), Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer),
11 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Miss Rose Dobbs

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2014 – Proposed by Martin Dickie, seconded by Stuart Curtis that the notes be signed as a correct record.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

It is my pleasure to give the Chairman's report to our activities over the last year.

The long drawn out saga of the footpath to Nettleham has reached a conclusion. The planning application for Poachers Lane has been agreed and as part of the 106 agreement the village will gain the playing field next to the Village Hall and also land to the south of Church lane as far as Oak Cottage for a footpath. It has also been agreed that the footpath will extend around the 2 corners at Church lane as part of the planning application for the development of land for Sudbrooke house. Nettleham Parish council have agreed to seek to extend the footpath as far as Nettleham as part of future development plans of their village.

The Sports day this year was a wash out due to the weather but we are going to run an event this year and are hoping for better weather!

The Jubilee Garden has had 1200 plug plants planted to enrich the flora and this spring should see them grow to provide an array of colour and structure. We have also had made a new Village Notice board to compliment the Village Map for the Jubilee Garden area and are in the process of having it erected.

The multi surface playing court next to the village hall has had our attention. The court surface has been cleaned and the surface repainted for both tennis and a five aside court. The PC obtained funds to provide a new tennis net, net equipment, a container to keep it in, and to repair the wooden fencing. The surrounding foliage has been reduced to provide better light and deter antisocial behaviour.

The village hall and fencing for the tennis court has been the subject of minor but continuous vandalism for a number of years also there has been frequent reports of drug taking and of considerable amounts of litter being dumped. So in conjunction with the village hall committee we have gained the funds to install CCTV around the hall and within. This will hopefully deter the vandals and displace the antisocial elements.

The bus shelter, opposite the Park gates, was in disrepair has been replaced with a new shelter; again a grant was obtained to support this expensive project. We hope that the new shelter will last for many years but would welcome further comments on visibility from within.

We persuaded the highways department to carry out an Archer survey on Manor Drive/West Drive to obtain data on speed and usage from traffic in response to complaints from a resident. The survey

showed that the majority of the traffic kept to the speed limits but there are still a few who exceed the limit by a considerable margin. It is for the safety of all that we will seek to install traffic calming measures in the future.

The future of our village will have further development in part to comply with the nationwide requirement for more housing. We have been given an impression of the potential for development of the old Sudbrooke Park area but as yet have no firm details as to the number and composition of the housing to be built. Once plans are submitted we will hold a public meeting to inform and acquire feedback from residents.

The Parish Council is ever mindful of the need to keep spending in check and I have to thank our excellent Parish Clerk for her knowledge of funds available and to our District and County Councillors for their positive support in acquiring grants for village projects. Without that support many of our projects would be simply a wish list and our village the poorer for it.

CLERKS REPORT

Another busy year for the Parish Council.

The PC continues to take advantage of grant aid available and I am always keeping alert to learn of new sources where there is spare money. We have been fortunate in gaining grants for the new notice board, bus shelter, CCTV, wildflowers.

Legislation for Parish Councils continues to change and increase which has prompted me to undertake the training for the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Sudbrooke was fortunate in continuing through the first round of the BKVC.

Peter Malone, our Playground Inspector, continues to work hard to keep our play equipment in safe order and I thank Peter for being so willing to do the small jobs that are often difficult to be able to get a tradesman to carry out.

Bridget Solly, our Treasurer, is also kept busy keeping the Parish finances in order, not always an easy task.

The Parish Council has commented on 15 planning applications during the last year.

TREASURERS REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank the Clerk for all her efforts to secure almost £6,000 in grants this financial year – a fantastic amount of money that has allowed the Council to purchase a new bus shelter, re-surface the multi-purpose sports area and purchase a new notice board.

Monies this year have been spent as follows:

£5,960 – grass cutting with the County Council paying a contribution of £2,263.

£2,450 – Sudbrooke News with advertising revenue generated of £1,224.

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

This year monies have also been spent on insurance, general administration and conservation.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

During the last year I have remained Chairman of West Lindsey Planning Committee and also sit on the Central Lincolnshire Planning Committee responsible for preparing the Local Plan for central Lincolnshire covering West Lindsey, North Kesteven and the City of Lincoln for the next 20 years.

At present the Lincoln fringe area settlements such as Welton, Cherry Willingham, Nettleham and Saxilby are having to take more than their fair share of new development but once the Local Plan has been adopted it will define precise areas for development in each settlement.

Unlike other Local Authorities in the County your green wheelie bins are to remain free. West Lindsey has one of the highest recycling rates in the country with 53.2% of all waste collections in 2013/14 going for recycling.

Under the District Councillor Initiative Fund I have during the last year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke & Scothern Parish Councils and Village Hall Committees and also to Scothern and Sudbrooke Tennis Clubs for capital projects.

Finally your Council Tax for the next civic year has been frozen for the third consecutive year.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

Gardening Club – Sent by the Chair, Mike Halliday, and read out to the meeting.

The club has a stable membership and seems to have 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. 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.
- In July we visit a stately home or famous garden and generally enjoy a full day out. This year we are visiting Geoff Hamilton's gardens at Barnsdale.
- The May, June, August and December meetings are hosted by members on a voluntary basis at their homes.

Walking Group - Sent by Mike Halliday and read out to the meeting

The group has existed for about 8 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.

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 this free and healthy activity.

Village Hall Committee – Secretary Mrs Gill Rignall

Mrs Rignall stated that there was little to report from the Village Hall other than the Committee had a new Chair Person – Mr Alan McCrone.

PARISHIONERS ITEMS - There were none raised.

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm. Light refreshments were served by Mrs Bridget Solly and Mrs Chris Myers.