

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SADBROOKE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE ON THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2012

**PRESENT: Councillor Bernard Bartram (Chairman), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer/ Acting Clerk)
57 members of the public, PCSO Jackie Parker**

APOLOGIES: Councillor Miss R Dobbs, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mr Mike Halliday

1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2011 – These had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been my first year as Chairman and I have to say it's been a interesting year and a hard year with some difficult decisions to make but also a very rewarding year.

We had our first "Meet the Council" evening, where we probably endured the wettest night of the year but still had a good turnout. We **will** be having similar events in the future.

We have had some very successful litter picks with excellent support from West Lindsey District Council Street Force Team but I wonder why we have to have them at all/ I do appeal to all residents, both young and old to keep our village neat and tidy.

However we have finally got our own website off the ground thanks to Lincolnshire County Council and our webmaster Roy Summerfield. I have been overwhelmed by the number of hits that have been recorded already and I am talking her of several hundred.

There is so much to see on the site with ever changing news both from the Parish Council but also the numerous groups who have their own pages. We also are able to have polls to get your views and also a forum for you to give us feedback or ideas on issues that either concern you or excite you.

We see the website as a useful addition to our very successful village magazine Sudbrooke News which has gone from strength to strength under the Editorship of Nick Truscott.

One particular aspect has really excited me and that is the development of the land between the Millennium Stone and Beech Close, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It really is beginning to look good, we hopefully will soon have an official name for the area, this will be revealed (and I hope the area will look spectacular) when we have the official opening event in June.

I am pleased to have the support of my Vice Chairman, Martin Dickie, and a team of hard working (and unpaid) Parish Councillors plus our excellent Clerk, Chris Myers, who keeps us all in line, our Treasurer Bridget Solly, who keeps the finance in order, and our District Councillor Stuart Curtis and County Councillor Sue Rawlins.

I look forward to another successful year; I am sure we will have some obstacles to overcome but I am equally sure we can go forward and continue to develop our village.

3 CLERK'S REPORT

My apologies for not being able to be at this meeting.

There is nothing much different to report from last year in that my work continues to be busy, as are all the Councillors, as no matter what time I switch the computer on emails come hurtling in! I work closely with the Chairman and Treasurer and we are in daily contact about parish matters.

I personally would like to acknowledge the work of Eric Pitt, our Playground Inspector and Village Handyman. Eric and I seldom see each other but if anything needs attention I only have to send him a message and it is done with haste. I just wish he worked for the Highways Department!

The Parish Council has commented on 19 planning applications during the last year.

4 TREASURERS REPORT

The total balance in the bank accounts at the 31st March 2012 was as follows:

£38,577.86.

This includes £25,000 in the 12 month investment bond given to the Council by developers to replace play equipment when it needs doing.

Monies set aside in the Northfield Park account and Fox Covert Account for repairs and maintenance.

Monies set aside in the Sportsfield Account – again for any maintenance on the sports grounds in the village.

This year has seen monies spent on the Christmas Tree event, village sports day, production of Sudbrooke News, general administration and grass cutting.

5 REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

During the last year I have been Vice-Chairman of West Lindsey Planning Committee. I have also continued to represent West Lindsey on the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee responsible for preparing the LDF. This planning Committee is made up of representatives from City of Lincoln Council, LCC, NE and WL District Councils planning together for future central initiatives over the next 20 years. Formal consultations on the LDF document with Parish Council's and general public will start in the summer and although major development will be centred around the urban areas of Lincoln, Gainsborough and Sleaford residents will still have their say on what their local community needs. The Lincoln eastern by-pass is to go ahead at a total cost of £97.8m and construction is due to commence in 2014.

Following pressure by Sudbrooke, Scothern and Nettleham Parish Councils the Boundary Commission has now agreed that Sudbrooke and Nettleham wards should both remain independent instead of their original intention to merge both wards.

I received a number of complaints at the end of last year concerning the early withdrawal of Green Bins. I agree that this was a mistake by West Lindsey and similar to other Councillors have requested that this year they are continued.

Under the District Council initiative fund I have so far this year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee and Scothern Players.

Finally although financial support from central Government has been reduced from £8.2m to £5.7m West Lindsey has frozen your Council Tax for the next fiscal year.

No report had been received by the County Councillor.

6) LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

a)Village Hall Management Committee – Mrs Gill Rignall.

Officers for 2012 / 13 were elected at the recent AGM as follows:

Chairman: George Bingham

Treasurer: Hugh Thomson

Secretary: Gill Rignall

The hall remains a popular venue for family parties and other functions such as quiz nights. It is in use every day by the Pre-school and local community groups.

It is hoped that the planned kitchen refurbishment will be carried out within the next year and we hope to attract a WREN grant for this work.

b) Gardening Club – Sent by Mr Mike Halliday

The gardening club is thriving at the present time. 7 new members have joined in the past few months. We held 9 meetings during the past year.

The Spring and Autumn shows were held in the village hall and we well supported along with good input from juniors.

We had speakers at 2 meetings held in the Village Hall and 4 of the meetings were held in member's homes.

In July last year, club members and friends enjoyed a good day out at Normanby Hall near Scunthorpe. The restored walled Victorian gardens are a joy to see.

In Summer this year we have planned a private tour of Doddington House and gardens.

Finally, on a sad note, our only life member Vera Murdoch passed away last year. Vera was a founder member of the gardening club and her unique contributions are sadly missed.

c) LIVES First Responders – Mrs Gill Rignall

Sudbrooke LIVES First Responders offers emergency care and Basic Life Support in Stainton, Langworth, Scothern, Sudbrooke and the surrounding area. A local responder can be with the patient within a few minutes of dialling 999 and care can begin before the ambulance arrives.

Responders can only be called out by EMAS after a 999 call.

We currently have 8 Responders and 2 in training.

Calls since August 2011:

Langworth – 6

Reepham – 2

Sudbrooke – 4

Scothern – 2

Anyone aged 18 or over and able to drive can apply.

Enquiries: Mike Johnson, Co-ordinator, on 01522 750878

d) Sudbrooke Walking Group – sent by Mike Halliday

The informal arrangements for the group seem to work well. We publish our planned walks monthly in Sudbrooke News and anyone can join in the walk. We have approx 20 regular walkers who meet at the village hall on the first Saturday of each month for a 9:30am start. We take turns at leading the walks and generally aim to be back in Sudbrooke around 1:30pm.

The walks vary in length between 6 and 8 miles. Occasionally a longer walk is planned but good notice is given of this. In June last year 15 walkers enjoyed a long weekend in glorious weather walking in the Derbyshire Peak District.

e) Sudbrooke Ladies Club – read by Gill Rignall

Sudbrooke has an active Ladies' Club. Membership currently stands at 24.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 730 pm in the Bramham Lounge at the Village Hall. We have a guest speaker at most meetings. Everyone is welcome. Guests are asked to contribute £2.

The programme for 2012 is very varied and has something to interest everyone.

We have a book stall and small coin collection. The money raised is donated to a local charity when it reaches £200.

16.02.12	'Financial Planning - 2008 and beyond' – CHRISTOPHER DUGGAN
15.03.12	'Lincs 2 Nepal' – GARRY GODDARD
19.04.12	'Related to the Famous - Bishop Edward King' - RICHARD THORNTON
17.05.12	'The Eye and It's Myths' - RUPERT HADLEY, Optometrist
21.06.12	Sudbrooke Holme 'Then & Now' – STUART CURTIS

19.07.12	SUMMER LUNCHEON
20.09.12	'The Original Lincoln Ghosts' - MARGARET GREEN
18.10.12	'Marie Curie Care' – STUART WYLE
15.11.12	'Leafy Spaces' – MICHELLE BOLTON
20.12.12	CHRISTMAS PARTY

PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A large number of residents raised concerns about what has been done to Sudbrooke woods by the new owners, Wilkinson Brothers. Many residents expressed their outrage at the destruction of areas within the woods that have been walked by many people for many years.

Some residents expressed concerns about being intimidated by men on quad bikes in the woods.

Residents stated that some footpath signs have been moved and damaged by the new land owners.

Cllr Peter Heath stated that if residents feel they are being intimidated they should phone 101 immediately and the police will respond if the complaint is within their remit.

PCSO Parker stated that the landowners are within their rights to do what they are doing on their own land. PCSO Parker re-iterated Cllr Heath's comment.

Cllr Bartram stated that existing paths as shown on current maps, copies of which were made available to the meeting, should be used but that the land is private.

Residents agreed to form a committee to look into the footpath situation and it was agreed this would be supported, wherever possible, by the Parish Council.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm and was followed by refreshments.