

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SADBROOKE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE ON THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Bernard Bartram (Chairman), Mrs C Myers (Clerk)
7 members of the public,

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss R Dobbs, Mr M Dickie, Mrs B Solly (Treasurer)

1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2010 – These had been circulated and were signed as a correct record.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Sent by Councillor Miss R Dobbs

Ladies and Gentlemen; Members of the Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the first Thursday of the month with the exception of August but your very dedicated Parish Councillors also voluntarily give their time for the Sudbrooke community on matters such as checking on road problems, planting Spring bulbs, detailed consideration of planning applications referred by the District Council, helping in frequent litter picks, environmental issues such as Tree Preservation Orders, planting trees etc.

We are very pleased to welcome the Public at our regular meetings. In addition our local County Councillor Sue Rawlins is often in attendance to update us on various issues and District Councillor Stuart Curtis who is also a member of the Parish Council. PC Donna Thompson is the Police Representative and regularly reports on various matters during the month which have occurred in the Parish.

It was unfortunate that the Ceremony of the lighting of the Christmas tree and its celebrations had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. It is pleasing to see that the Parish Council have achieved the lighting of the Millennium Stone.

The Sudbrooke News continues to flourish thanks to the work of The Editor, Nick Truscott and contributions are always most welcome.

The staff supporting the Parish Council, Chris Myers, as Clerk to the Parish Council, and Bridget Solly, as Treasurer, continue to produce efficient service and we are fortunate that they have been with the Parish Council for some years giving very reliable and valuable continuity.

3 CLERK'S REPORT

My work as the Parish Clerk continues to be busy trying to keep on top of new legislation and the increased responsibilities which are being put on Parish Councils. However I continue to enjoy my work and have an excellent team of Councillors who work tirelessly for the village. The residents of Sudbrooke should be proud of them!

The Parish Council has passed comment on 20 planning applications from within the parish since last April.

Bridget, the Treasurer, and myself continue to work closely together in order to keep the Parish Councils' administration and the accounts in good order.

4 TREASURERS REPORT - Sent by Mrs B Solly

Financial report to year ended 31st March 2011.

The precept for the year came in on the 1st of April at £16,000. Expenditure for the year was circa £22,800 including monies spent on lighting the Millennium stone, grass cutting, insurance renewals, painting the Sudbrooke Gates and the Sudbrooke News. Income for the year was circa £22,200 which included the precept, grants for flood defences, monies paid by the County Council towards grass cutting and advertising revenue for the Sudbrooke News.

5 REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

During the last year I have been Vice-Chairman of West Lindsey Planning Committee. I am also one of the representatives of West Lindsey on the Joint Strategic Planning Committee along with representative members from North Kesteven and City of Lincoln Councils responsible for preparing LDF planning policies for up to the year 2026.

The Government target figure of recycling half of our waste materials by 2020 has been achieved 9 years ahead of schedule.

Although the District Council will have to find over 2.5M over the next couple of years following Government spending cuts no services run by West Lindsey are to be scrapped and no redundancies are expected.

West Lindsey is also considering increasing its CCTV monitoring from 72 hours to 150 hours and saving £50,000 at the same time.

Under the District Council Initiative Fund I have this year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke and Scothern Pre-School Groups, Senior Section Girl Guides, Scothern Scouts, LIVES and Sudbrooke Carving Group.

6) LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

a)Village Hall – Sent by Miss R Dobbs, read by Mrs G Rignall

I think everyone will agree that here we have one of the best and most practical village halls in Lincolnshire in a perfect setting; one of which we the community should be proud.

I am proud of the very professional and enthusiastic team that helps to run this Village Hall, trustees and the representatives of the various organisations; it is very strong committee. We meet every six weeks and it is rare for an apology to come in for a meeting. We depend so much on the success of the Village Hall from each and every one of the Committee. It is wrong to point to anyone in particular but particular thanks must go to the Bar Manager, Paul Rignall, his wife Gill, the Secretary of the Committee, Hugh Thomson, Treasurer, Stuart Curtis and his wife who take the bookings. Most of the remainder of us help when required with the maintenance and other matters that occur from day to day; giving voluntary help as and when necessary for the good of our village community.

This year has seen new chairs arrive for the Bramham lounge, the decoration of the toilets, new flooring in the toilets, upgrading of the bar area which includes a new glass washer, repairs to the

front porch, replacement of roof flashing, and general maintenance. It is hoped that in the fairly near future that the kitchen will be refurbished.

Bookings have steadily arrived and one successful feature has been the New Year's Eve event which has been well attended thanks to the work of Paul and Gill Rignall.

I thank Sudbrooke and the wider community for their continued support and my Committee for their hard work and dedication in the success of this Village Hall.

b) Gardening Club – Sent by Mr Mike Halliday

In the year to 31st March 2011, we held 8 meetings. 3 of the meetings were held in the village hall.

The spring and autumn shows were open to all residents of Sudbrooke and we were pleased to see exhibits from people who were not gardening club members.

Stephen Lovell gave a very interesting talk with slides at the October meeting but our speaker for March fell ill at the last moment so the meeting was cancelled.

In July we had a trip to Rennishaw Hall in Derbyshire. The weather was perfect and we all enjoyed a tour of the hall and gardens. The staff at Rennishaw Hall were extremely pleasant and helpful.

Other meetings were held at member's homes.

We have 21 active members and would welcome a few new members. If anyone is interested please contact myself. Mike Halliday (Secretary), Tel 754686.

c) LIVES First Responders – Mrs Gill Rignall

Mrs Rignall explained that Sudbrooke now had a team of six LIVES First Responders and one in training. The group had been established during last autumn and covered Sudbrooke, Scothern, Stainton By Langworth and Langworth.

PARISHIONERS ITEMS - There were none.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm and was followed by refreshments.