

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SADBROOKE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE ON THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2009

PRESENT: Miss R Dobbs (Chairman), Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer)
9 members of the public
Elaine Bilton (Recycling Inspector, WLDC), Nigel Periam (Street Force Warden, WLDC)

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dickie

1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2008 – These were signed as a correct record.

2 ADDRESSES BY WEST LINDSEY'S STREET FORCE WARDEN AND RECYCLING INSPECTOR – An interesting presentation was made to the meeting outlining the work of the Street Force Team, followed by an address by the Recycling Inspector who explained about the current recycling process in the District.

3 CHAIRMANS REPORT - Martin Dickie

'Another year and another report and I hope you all agree another successful year. We have worked with Helen Link and the wood carving group and after seeing the results on Sunday March 15th what a tremendous job everyone has done so well done Helen on the first of many projects. We look forward to them being placed around the millennium stone area for everyone to enjoy and also see the carvings that relate to the Parish of Sudbrooke.

We all endeavour to keep abreast of all matters within the village and sometimes we have a little slippage and we get comments from residents bringing this to our attention. Our aim is always to get things right first time around but we do appreciate you letting us know when we occasionally don't, so thank you for bringing it to our attention.

We are working on getting a pathway between Sudbrooke and Nettle ham which will take time but we are progressing. We support the Parish Plan group with all their hard work and I think the liaison between the council and the Village Hall committee is also going well

The Christmas tree event went ahead again this year and the weather was certainly kinder than last year. We are thinking of having a small local choir this year so what do you think and would you like to get involved. Contact us.

More bulbs and trees/shrubs were planted around the village and with the good turnouts we are getting on Litter Pick days we will hopefully get better results in the best kept village competition. If you see litter please pick it up and put in a bin around the village.

After five years of being the Chairman I am stepping down. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and my thanks go to Chris the Clerk and Bridgett our Treasurer, for their hard work, but mainly for putting up with me. And a final thank you to all the councillors for their support during the year'.

4 CLERKS REPORT – Chris Myers

Another very busy year for an active Parish Council.

I was pleased that the grant application for the re-surfacing of the play equipment on the Village Hall site I submitted on behalf of the Parish Council was successful. The grass is now growing through the new plastic matting and the area looking good. This should last for many years.

Both mine and the Treasurers positions become more involved and challenging each year but I am pleased to say that I enjoy the work immensely and have a good working relationship with members.

Bridget and I continue to work closely together to ensure that the administration and finances of the Parish Council continue to be run in a professional manner.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT – Bridget Solly

Receipts in the year:

Precept - £16,500
Grass Cutting Grant = £1,725
Bank Interest = £1,730
Grant for Multi-purpose play area = £4,000
Sudbrooke News = £1,540
Sports Day = £110
Christmas tree event = £425
VAT reclaimed = £1,864

Total Receipts = £27,894

Payments in the year:

Parks and Open Spaces = £8,246 (this includes £7,050 to resurface the play area, £180 in repairs at Northfield Park)
General Admin = £1,771 (this included Audit fees, insurance, first aid courses, hire of village hall for meetings)
Salaries and expenses = £9,933
Grass cutting = £3,879
Christmas tree event = £690
Parish Plan = £52
Tennis nets = £96
Sudbrooke News = £3,175

Total Receipts = £27,843

6 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Stuart Curtis

During the last year I have been Vice-Chairman of the West Lindsey Planning Committee. I also sit on the Local Development Sub-Committee responsible for preparing the local development framework dealing with new planning policies for West Lindsey up to the year 2026. This will replace the existing local plan, the basis for a decision by West Lindsey, City of Lincoln, North Kesteven and Lincolnshire County Councils to establish a joint statutory planning committee for central Lincolnshire. The main purpose of the Joint Committee will be to deliver a Joint Core Strategy to guide the development of Central Lincolnshire up to 2026. A core strategy is the statutory document which decides where, when and how much development should be provided over a period of approximately 15 years. It will replace existing District Local Plans.

West Lindsey District Council has committed itself to achieve a recycling rate of 55% by 2015. This is a tough target and one which we must achieve whilst maintaining the current high level of satisfaction with the services and delivering value for money. To achieve this target it will be necessary to make changes to the way we collect your waste. We are at present considering a triple bin collection service and a pilot scheme is currently operating in Caistor.

Under the District Councillors Initiative Fund I have this year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke and Scothern Pre-School Groups, Scothern Cricket Club, Scothern Kids Club and the local scout group. In addition a sports grant of £2,500 was given to Scothern Cricket Club to provide a new mower for the Scothern Playing field.

Despite the credit crunch the District Council has been able to set a council tax of £1,417.12 for a Band D property. This is an increase of 1.61% by the District Council, 1.75% by the County Council and a 4.99% by the Lincolnshire Police Authority.

7 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

Ladies Club – Gill Rignall

The Ladies' Club currently has about 22 members who have joined for 2009. Meetings are open to guests at a charge of £2 each. All age groups are welcome. Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult.

Sadly, during 2008 three members died.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday each month. We have theatre visits and an annual summer dinner in a local restaurant. We have had a wide range of speakers during the year and there has been something to interest everyone. A Christmas social was held in the Hall.

We collect stamps and small coins for charity. £200 raised last year was donated to the Air Ambulance.

Parish Plan – Mike Halliday

The Parish Plan was launched two years ago and is a 10 year plan for the village, covering requested matters relating to Police, health, and highways.

It is disappointing that the Parish Plan Committee has not been successful in obtaining traffic lights at the junction of Wragby Road/Scothern Lane or a local Drs surgery, but negotiations in other areas continue.

Gardening Club – Mike Halliday

There is currently an active membership of 18. Last year we have had 9 meetings, and Spring and Autumn shows. Young members are always welcome.

Village Hall – Rose Dobbs

Another successful year has passed and many thanks are due to the dedication and professionalism of the Committee. We meet every six weeks receiving reports from the Honorary Treasurer, Bar Manager, Bookings Secretary and from each of the representatives of the organisations on the committee. The Committee is vibrant and usually we have a full team of trustees and representatives who attend meeting after meeting and volunteer their services in many ways – checking health and safety, stock taking, checking inventories and volunteering to do minor and in some cases major maintenance work.

So much is the goodwill and rapport amongst the Committee, that we had an extremely successful New Year event staged at the Hall, members turning out with their wives and partners to help in whatever way possible to make this a success for our village – floral arrangements, dressing tables, serving food, collecting glasses, dishes and debris, and just being there to help in whatever way possible. So much was its success that there will be a similar event for our next New Year. But without the help of Paul Rignall,

our Bar Manager, and his wife Gill, none of this would have been possible. They suggested and picked up the gauntlet and convinced the Committee that the village needed an event to celebrate the New Year; and what a success it was.

I would like to thank Sudbrooke parishioners for their continued support and the following organisations who regularly use the hall

8 SADBROOKE NEWS – THE FUTURE

The current Editor had recently resigned, and although the resignation had later been rescinded, many enquiries had been made as to the future of the magazine. Parish Councillor Nick James and Mrs B Solly, Advertising Manager for the magazine, had received 41 replies in answer to a questionnaire prepared for the magazine on behalf of the Parish Council about whether the magazine should continue. 3 offers of help on an editorial team had been received.

Discussion took place as to the way forward for the magazine and it was felt that a team to assist the current Editor in producing more material would be an asset. This would be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting following this meeting and a decision made.

9 PARISHIONERS ITEMS – None

The meeting closed at 8.40pm and those attending the meeting were served refreshments by the Clerk and Treasurer.