

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SUDBROOKE**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE**

**PRESENT:** M Dickie (Chairman), Mrs C Myers (Clerk),  
Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), 9 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** I Russell, County Councillor R Hiscox, PC M Lassmans,  
PCSO J Parker

**MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

It was confirmed that these were a correct record of the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – M DICKIE**

Welcome to the Annual Parish meeting of Sudbrooke on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007

I have looked at the last two reports I have made as Chairman and to be honest there is not much to say that has not already been said, or will be said, by the other organisations tonight. So I thought I would do a self assessment on what a Chairman should be!

Be calm, friendly and able to get on with the members. *Well I might have hit 1 out of three.*

The chairman must be prepared to be unpopular at times. *Don't ask me to put that in to percentages as it might depress me.*

Be clear thinking. *I always go to the pub **after** the meeting*  
Not easily swayed by emotional or irrational issues. *My Psychiatrist says I am coming along nicely with this.*

Have a sense of humour. *I wouldn't be here if I didn't.*

Not pompous or full of self importance. *The other councillors have been bringing darts and sharp pin so no worries there.*

An occasional light touch. *Never been caught shop lifting.*

Without being frivolous. *Whoops just failed that one*

Be able to control their temper and endeavour to remain calm and impartial at all times. *Boy are those tablets worth the money.....*

Seriously I said this last year and I am happy to repeat myself :-

All Sudbrooke Councillors endeavour to put the good of the Village as a whole, when dealing with Parish matters. Throughout the year we can not please all the people all of the time but we give our time freely and willingly in a professional manner to a good standard set by the Local Authority and I would like to express my personal thanks to each and every councillor for their support during the last year.

I would also like to thank Bridget for keeping us solvent once again and to Chris who is invaluable in keeping us on the straight and narrow, I believe we all work well as a team. I would like to thank Chris Brown for his contribution during his time as a Councillor and wish him well for the future. We will soon be getting a new member joining us in May (I hope!!) and who ever that may be I look forward to working along side them in the coming year.

We have another full year coming up but I will let the respective councillors inform you, with their reports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Godfrey our past Editor and Nia our present editor for the hard work entailed in getting the Sudbrooke News completed, and to the printers, and to all the distributors who without, we would not receive the magazine at our front door. Thank you.

### **CLERKS REPORT – Mrs Chris Myers**

Another busy year for a keen and active Parish Council.

Meetings of the Parish Council have been held monthly throughout the year.

I as Clerk have attended several courses organised by the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils which are always informative and useful. The Clerk's duties and responsibilities are increasing along with those duties of a Parish Councillor. It may be that in the near future Sudbrooke Parish Council will need to consider becoming a Quality Council.

### **TREASURERS REPORT** – See attached

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Stuart Curtis**

During the last year I have sat on the Planning Services and Environmental and Licencing committees. On planning issues there have been no controversial applications during the last year but I was disappointed on a couple of appeals which have gone against the District and Parish Councils. We still await the outcome of the application for gas storage at the Gathering Centre. Although this will be decided by the Secretary of State but it will be necessary to consult all three tiers of local government. If there are any objections the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry will be expected to hold a local public enquiry.

The West Lindsey Local Plan for 2006 has been adopted and covers the period up to 2021. This will be replaced by the Local Development Framework. It will set out the land use proposals and policies for the District up to 2026. It will set out the land allocations for housing, employment and other uses for the future seeking to balance national and regional requirements to development against the needs, aspirations and priorities of the local communities.

On waste management a revised West Lindsey Waste Strategy will be produced to give a clear direction as to how waste management will be pursued in the future. The Strategy will take into account the pressing need to divert as much waste as possible from land fill disposal. Land fill is now widely recognised as the least sustainable long term option for managing our waste. The Strategy will encompass street cleaning in addition to refuse collection and recycling and will make reference to the street cleansing rounds review. We will also be producing recycling and waste minimisation plans.

On communities and parishes in recognising the advantages of a Town or Parish Council to deliver some very local services such as playgrounds and playing fields, we have in consultation with the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils been developing a Parish Charter that will reflect the District Council's priority service standards and discussing opportunities to allow Town and Parish Councils responsibilities and a voice in the services that we deliver especially those that impact on their area. We have developed a draft charter between Town and Parish Councils within the District and ourselves. This was subject to widespread consultation with our Town and Parish Councils and LALC. Following consideration of the response we have now adopted a Parish Charter. Our elected Councillors have strong links with Town and Parish Councils within their wards. This links into our developing role as community leaders and supporting local Councils to attain a 'Quality Mark' as set out and defined by Government. We also support Town and Parish Councils with the development of Parish Plans. The Council is working with the Community Council for Lincolnshire to support those local Councils that wish to develop such plans.

Finally your Council Tax increase for the following year will be set at 2.89%.

### **PARISH PLAN – Mr M Halliday**

The Parish Plan is coming to the end of a very busy process involving people in the village. There has been an excellent response in comparison to other villages – 45% response to the questionnaire. 60 residents volunteered for various activities in the village. The Open Day and launch of the Action Plan is to be 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

### **REPORT BY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** – See attached

### **REPORT BY SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE – Mr R Adams**

I myself have not been very active on the Sportsfield Committee this year but fortunately Stuart Curtis has been and through his efforts we were awarded a grant of £5000 from Awards for All to renovate and resurface the Multi-Purpose Play Area and work on this will commence very shortly.

In the past it has been difficult to encourage people to take part in Sporting activities but I am hopeful that interest will be generated by the Parish Plan and more people will become involved.

### **LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS**

#### **Village Hall – Mrs Shirley Newman**

The Village Hall has had another successful year despite one or two late cancellations. We have obtained a partial grant to improve some exterior lighting for the rear of the Hall which will be installed soon. We don't seem to be able to get over the vandalism to the front light which seems to be a regular target. It seems to be out more than it is on. We did have a bell installed but that was pulled off twice and has now disappeared completely.

The Hall is used daily for functions such as Pre-School Group, Bowls, Brownies, Mah Jong, Baby's and Toddlers and Whist. There is a Seniors Club and Ladies Club who meet once a month plus other casual users. Weddings Christenings and private parties are all very popular as we have a good well stocked bar.

The Hall is a very successful asset for the community in Sudbrooke.

### SUDBOOKE LADIES' CLUB – Gill Rignall

Sudbrooke has an active Ladies' Club. 2006/7 was another busy year although membership and attendance dwindled slightly. We have about 30 members at present. Subscriptions are £14 per year for members and £2 per evening for guests. We are pleased to welcome male or female guests to attend meetings which may be of particular interest. There is no pressure to join. Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult.

We had varied programme of guest speakers in the Village Hall, a visit to a garden and two visits to Lincoln Theatre Royal. We went to the Bottle and Glass at Scothern for our successful summer dinner and held an enjoyable Christmas party in the hall. The 2007 summer dinner will be held at The Carpenter's Arms in Fiskerton.

During 2006 £515 was raised for the Lincoln Friends of Childline. We raised this by a garden party, small coin collection and book stall. Members decided at the AGM in January to fund raise for Lincoln County Hospital Accident Flying Squad during 2007. All residents are welcome to support our fund raising and some have donated small coins.

We have much appreciated the assistance of Steve Hall, Chaiman of the Village Hall Committee, during his year of office.

Meetings take place in the Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April when Peter Harrold will speak about 'The Mary Gordon on the River Witham'.

Our events are always advertised in the Sudbrooke News and Scothern Parish Magazine. If anyone would like further information they can telephone me on 595736.

### Gardening Club – Mr M Halliday

There have been 9 meetings of the Gardening Club this year along with a Spring and Autumn Show. Some meetings were held at members homes.

### Sudbrooke Seniors – Mrs S Offord

About 30 members of The Sudbrooke Seniors meet monthly for a Coffee and a Chat. At Christmas we have a Lunch together.

### PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council had any input or connection with the cycleway which was currently under construction between Reepham and the Cherry Tree Café. The Chairman replied that no consultation with the Parish Council had taken place and a costing of the project was awaited from County Councillor Hiscox. It was added that the Parish Council had requested on several occasions that a cyclepath be constructed along Sudbrooke/Nettleham Lane and it was felt that this would have been more used than the one currently under construction.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

