

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011 IN AMY ROBSART HALL

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr A Schmidt
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr Ms M Thompson
The Clerk
Nine Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh.
2. PARISHIONER'S TIME
Brian Poulson advised that he had not received a copy of the Minutes from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 21 April 2011. Chairman passed a copy to Brian Poulson
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21 APRIL 2011
Minutes of meeting held on 21 April 2011 had been circulated. Cllr Taylor proposed that they be accepted. All in favour. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
- 4.1 Matters Arising
Longwater Gravel Co Ltd
Cllr Taylor reported that seven people (including himself) attended the Local Liaison Meeting held on 11 May 2011.
Cllr Taylor reported that Longwater Gravel Co Ltd are in negotiation with the Ombudsman as Norfolk County Council want to charge significant sums of money for the new extraction licence.
At Rudham Road huge amounts of forestry have been taken down and the Company are now clearing in readiness to use. There is no further increase in transport, although two extra staff. Longwater Gravel Co Ltd are conscious about environmental issues. Natural additives used for the slurry so it dries out quickly.
Cllr Askew expressed concerns that the Company were looking to double the extraction area. If granted extraction rights for 10 – 15 years, how many more trees would be felled? Cllr Taylor responded by confirming that the Company has to reinstate to agriculture or forestry use. Also advised that most extractions cannot be seen from the road.

Chairman thanked Cllr Taylor for his report.

5. ELECTION 2011

- 5.1 To receive Candidates election expenses (including nil returns).
All received by Clerk, except Cllr Askew's return, to follow by 2 June 2011.
- 5.2 To receive register of members interests
All received by Clerk.
- 5.3 Co-option of Members (2 vacancies)
Chairman requested the Clerk to explain the Co-option procedure for filling the two vacancies. One application received from David Daly. Cllr Taylor proposed that David Daly be Co-opted. Cllr Askew seconded. All in favour. **Resolved David Daly Co-opted as a Parish Councillor.** Declaration of Acceptance Forms and Register of Members' Financial and other interests signed by Cllr Daly, witnessed by Clerk.
Action: Agreed to advertise the second vacancy on Parish Council Notice Boards and in the Parish Newsletter.
- 5.4 New Bank Signatories
Three signatories agreed (Cllr Thompson, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Daly). Any two signatories required for signing cheques.
Action: All three authorised to sign bank mandate.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS

- 6.1 Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC). Costs for 2010 £119.
Cllr Taylor proposed that membership continues. All in favour. **Resolved to renew subscription.**
- 6.2 National Playing Fields Association (NPFA). Costs for 2010 £20.
Cllr Taylor proposed that membership continues. All in favour. **Resolved to renew subscription.**
- 6.3 Open Spaces Society. Costs for 2010 £40.
Cllr Taylor proposed that membership continues. All in favour. **Resolved to renew subscription.**
- 6.4 Norfolk Rural Communities. Costs for 2010 £25.
Cllr Taylor proposed that membership continues. All in favour. **Resolved to renew subscription.**

7. STREET LIGHTING

MHB 3 Year Renewal Contract, £524.55 (5% increase) was considered.
Cllr Taylor explained that, in the past, enquiries have been made searching for alternative Contractors, but very limited options. Cllr Taylor proposed to renew MHB Contract. All in favour. **Resolved to renew Contract.**

8. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of Playing Field, Churchyard and phone box footpath carried out by TTSR. All in favour to continue as a good service received. **Resolved to continue with TTSR.**

9. ADMINISTRATION

- 9.1 E.mail distribution of Agenda and Minutes.
Chairman explained that due to the Clerk living in Dersingham he proposed that Agenda and Minutes are issued by E.mail. All in favour. **Resolved to E.mail all Agenda and Minutes in the future.**
- 9.2 Parish Notice Boards Updating
Chairman proposed that the Clerk E.mails Notices to him for posting in Notice

Boards. All in favour. **Resolved that the Clerk E.mails Notices to Chairman for posting.**

9.3 Public Minutes on Syderstone.com

Chairman proposed that he will post Minutes onto the 'Syderstone.com' site. All in favour. **Resolved that Chairman post Minutes onto village web site.**

9.4 Disposal of old Parish Records

Chairman explained that the National Records Office were not particularly interested in having old (archive) records, which the majority are most likely to be planning records. Chairman proposed (all in favour) that old records are offered, as archives, to Sheila Riches and Avril MacCartha.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Syderstone Bus Service

10.2 D Rust Notice of Planning Decision (for next Meetings' Agenda)

10.3 nplaw

10.4 Open Spaces Society

10.5 Sports Society

10.6 Glasdon products.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed as Thursday 16 June 2011 in Amy Robsart Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20p.m.

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