

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 21 July 2011 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr A Schmidt
Cllr M Chenery from 8.30pm
The Clerk
Two Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr G Taylor, Cllr D Daly and Cllr Ms M Thompson
2. Parishioners Time
Parishioner John Felmingham raised concerns regarding several rotten posts in the playground equipment. Cllr Askew replied that these issues to be covered later in the Agenda when considering the RoSPA Inspection Report.

Parishioner John Felmingham asked if the Parish Council could make use of the facilities available at the Lynn Arms Public House, this being the only commercial business in the village. Chairman responded by saying that this would incur a personal cost for those attending, as Council funds could not be used.
3. Declarations of Interest
Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7.4 Jack's Lane Report.
4. Minutes of June Council Meeting held on 16 June 2011
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. Cllr Schmidt proposed that they be accepted. All in favour. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Football & Cricket Club Funds
Cllr Askew reported that Andy Starling is still trying to contact a previous official of the Clubs so that the Clerk can seek agreement regarding the use of residual funds for children's amenities/equipment on the playing field.
 - 5.2 Parked vehicles corner of The Street/Rudham Road
Clerk advised that he had e-mailed PCSO Taylor requesting his help to resolve the safety concerns for vehicles parked in The Street very close to the corner of Rudham Road. **Chairman requested the Clerk to follow up with PCSO Taylor.**
 - 5.3 Parish Records Handover
Clerk confirmed that he had received records from the previous Clerk and was grateful that the records had been kept in such good order. Some of the records will shortly be passed to Avril MacArthur for archiving.
 - 5.4 Overgrown hedges along Mill Lane
Clerk advised that he had e-mailed The Norfolk Wildlife Trust on the 22 June asking them to attend to the overgrown hedges in Mill Lane. The Norfolk Wildlife Trust replied on the same day explaining that they would ask a member of their field staff to

investigate and report back to the Clerk. Despite a reminder from the Clerk nothing further has been heard.

5.5 Highway Rangers Report

Chairman reported that the Rangers have actioned the requested items and we will continue to report further appropriate actions which require the Rangers attention in the future.

5.6 Tattersett Road Surface

Clerk advised that he had reported the poor condition of Tattersett Road to NCC Highways and had received a message from Richard Fletcher (NCC) stating that temporary repairs had been completed and he would visit the road to see if anything further needed attention. Cllr Askew stated that resurfacing of the road is required rather than yet another patched road repair. Cllr Schmidt advised there is a problem with the wash down of gravel, particularly as there are no kerbs especially at the 'T' junction/fork. Chairman explained that kerbing would be expensive. **Resolved Clerk to follow up further with NCC.**

5.7 Village Farm Traffic

Chairman read out a letter from Catherine Ringer regarding their farm policy to use alternative routes for HGV/farm traffic and he advised that he had recently spoken with Tid Morton of Bagthorpe Hall Farm, who was also sympathetic towards the problems of farm traffic through the village. As NCC is not applying weight restrictions through the village it is difficult to enforce on independent hauliers.

6. Street Lighting

6.1 Foliage Removal

Chairman reported that all foliage has now been cleared.

6.2 Street Lamp Numbering Plan

Chairman circulated at the meeting a street lamp numbering plan and advised that MHB Contractors have agreed to replace the numbers on street lamps, as required.

6.3 Lighting Times

Chairman advised that a number of Councils are switching off street lights to save costs. He explained that our village street lights cost 7 pence per lamp per night and switching off at midnight would save 3.5 pence per lamp. However in order to switch off at midnight special control gear, costing £60 per lamp, would have to be installed. As the total cost of the control equipment is £1,740 it is not feasible to make this initial outlay. The present lighting arrangement gives security and safety for the village.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Application (PP/C/2/2011/2020) Incinerator

Application details and letters from B Borrett, Cabinet Member NCC and Cllr N.Daubney, Leader BCKL&WN had been previously circulated. Clerk referred to the reply received from DEFRA in response to our letter to Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. **Resolved for Clerk to respond to NCC with objections and to write to The Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asking for the planning application to be called in for Public Inquiry.**

7.2 Minerals and Waste Site Consultations (Coxford Quarry)

Chairman explained that the NCC Consultation relates to Coxford Quarry which has been identified as a site for future expansion and extraction. Chairman advised that NCC have received our objection in respect of the backfilling condition relating to the Longwater Gravel Planning Application. **Resolved no further comments required for the Minerals and Waste Site Consultations.**

7.3 Chiplow Wind Farm Appeal

Chairman reported that E-on are recalculating the background noise measurements and discussion continues between E-on and the Borough Council for the date for the Public Inquiry.

7.4 Jack's Lane Report

Chairman confirmed that Jack's Lane Wind Farm is on the Borough Council DCB Agenda for the meeting to be held on Monday 25 July 2011 at 1.30pm.

Representatives of Syderstone Parish Council will speak at the meeting. Cllr Schmidt expressed concern that the 723 letters of support were obtained by door to door canvassing in the Wisbech and King's Lynn areas resulting in a misleading representation of support. He requested this point be made clear by the speaker at the meeting. Chairman advised that he had met with Natural England to enquire as to why they withdrew their objection. The objection was withdrawn mainly due to the extension of the goose wintering period from 30 days to the entire goose wintering period of, at least, 90 days.

8. Appointment of SNAP Representative (Mrs D Goff)

Chairman advised that following D Sparrow's resignation, it is proposed that Mrs D Goff be appointed as Representative. **Resolved, all agreed.**

9. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Reports, dated 1 June 2011

RoSPA Report received at the meeting and studied in detail. The Chairman emphasised the importance of providing safe equipment to avoid any accidents or legal action against the Parish Council. Brief overview of the results of the reports as follows:-

Page 5	Goal Post	Medium Risk	Projecting Bolt Thread
Page 6	Tyres	Low Risk	Timber Rot Monitor
Page 7	Burma Bridge	Medium Risk	Timber Rot Action
Page 8	Chains	Low Risk	Timber Rot Monitor
Page 9	Log Traverse	Low Risk	Timber Rot Monitor
Page 10	Multi Play	Low Risk	Horizontal Infill Required
Page 11	Slide	Medium Risk	Toggle Entrapment
Page 12	Motor Bike	Very Low Risk	Protruding Handles
Page 13	Snail	Very Low Risk	Nothing recommended
Page 14	Swinging Plant	Low Risk	Nothing recommended
Page 15	Swings	Low Risk	Tile Gaps
Page 16	Wobble Board	Low Risk	Nothing recommended

Cllr Askew agreed to look at all items in the report. **Resolved Cllr Askew to action recommendations within the report prioritising the three Medium Risk items, then the remaining items. The meeting gave authority for Cllr Askew to incur expenditure up to £100, any excess requiring further approval. Cllr Askew also agreed to monitor the playground safety and report to the Parish Council every three months.**

10. Bus Shelter (birds)

Chairman reported that swallows had nested in the bus shelter causing problems with bird droppings on the seat and floor. This has now been cleared up. **Resolved, wire netting will be placed to keep birds away in the future.**

10a Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh Report

Cllr Chenery joined the meeting and gave the following report:-

10a.1 NCC would like extraction to continue at Coxford. Longwater Gravel will have to apply to renew extraction licence. He agreed to ask NCC for an update on this extension.

10a.2 Following public consultation NCC have agreed to keep all libraries open but to reduce opening hours by 10%. **Action: Clerk to e-mail Cllr Chenery to remind him to check if reduction includes mobile libraries.**

- 10a.3 Regarding proposed incinerator Cllr Chenery expressed his concern over health and confirmed that NCC decision making not going to NCC Full Council, but will be an executive Cabinet decision.
- 10a.4 Regarding wind farms Cllr Askew requested that NCC only support off shore wind farms and to strongly oppose on shore wind farms. He was concerned that NCC are silent on this major issue which will affect the quality of life and economic well being of the County of Norfolk. These on shore wind farms will have a detrimental effect to the wildlife and permanently damage the current unspoilt landscape of our County. Tourism (a major industry in Norfolk) will be adversely affected, which will have an impact on local jobs and the Norfolk economy. Cllr Askew requested that NCC adopt a policy of opposing all on shore wind farm applications. Cllr Chenery suggested that a notice is posted on the village boards inviting parishioners to write in with letters of objection. Cllr Chenery advised that he will raise these points with Cllr Murphy, Leader NCC, when he meets with him on 22 July 2011. **Action: Clerk to e-mail Cllr Murphy, Cllr Chenery and 12 Norfolk County Councillors who represent West Norfolk area to cover the above points. A separate e-mail to be sent to other groups who are opposing these wind farms.**
- 10a.5 Cllr Chenery reported a problem with reduced services provided by Norfolk Green Buses, particularly at Harpley. NCC is looking to help on this matter.

Financial Matters

- 11.1 Available funds spreadsheet (April-June)
This spreadsheet was circulated at the meeting and the expenditure explained by the Chairman. **Resolved to agree the spreadsheet.**
- 11.2/5 **It was resolved that 'Financial Matters' would be shown in a separate attachment for Agenda/Minutes. See attached. Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
- 12. To receive other correspondence
 - 12.1 Queen's Jubilee
Resolved not to participate in a bonfire for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.
 - 12.2 Norfolk Pride
Resolved not to participate in the Norfolk Pride competition.
- 13. To receive items for next Agenda
None
- 14. Date of next meeting 15 September 2011 at 7.30pm – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.27pm

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11. Financial Matters

11.2	Available funds from June minutes	12898.92	
	Less bank charges	(0.31)	
		TOTAL	12898.61
11.3	Balance as at 1 July 2011		
	Community Account	2648.11	
	Tracker Account	11166.14	
	Less Football Club Funds	(600.04)	
	Less Cricket Club Funds	(181.27)	
	Less unpresented cheque NRCC	(15.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque NALC	(119.33)	
	Available funds at 1 July 2011	TOTAL	12898.61
11.4	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment 13.7.11)	62.21	
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	101011 Amy Robsart Hall Hire (July)	14.00	
	101012 MHB Street Lighting maintenance (June & July)	99.88	
	101013 B Lloyd (July salary)	160.00	
	101014 B Lloyd (August salary)	160.00	
	101015 HMRC (July tax)	40.00	
	101016 HMRC (August tax)	40.00	
	101017 B Lloyd (Exps: envelopes, postage & memory stick)	20.88	
	101018 TTSR Limited Grass Cutting (March – June)	971.88	
	101019 RoSPA annual inspection	100.80	
	101020 Syderstone Parochial Church Council	50.00	
		SUB TOTAL	1781.86
11.5	Available funds carried forward	TOTAL	11116.75