

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 15 September 2011 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr D Daly
Cllr M Chenery from Item 12
The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr A Schmidt and Cllr Ms M Thompson
2. Parishioner's Time
No Parishioners present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None
4. Minutes of July Council Meeting held on 21 July 2011
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Lorry route signs
Clerk explained the various exchange of e-mails and the lack of progress with NCC Highways Engineer Sally Bettinson. Cllr Askew asked why a weight restriction could not be applied through the village. Chairman explained that this option had previously been explored with NCC but without success. **Resolved for Clerk to arrange a meeting inviting Chairman, Cllr Taylor, Parish Clerk and Sally Bettinson in order to discuss the way forward.**
 - 5.2 Tattersett road surface
Clerk confirmed that he had no response from his report to NCC Highways regarding the road surface and hazardous conditions at Tattersett Road. Chairman advised that gravel had been swept and some yellow markings applied to the road. Cllr Taylor thought that these markings maybe connected with planned sewerage works rather than road repairs.
Resolved for Clerk to chase NCC Highways for progress report.
6. Highway Rangers
 - 6.1 Items Reported
The following six items had been reported:-
 - (a) Trim the footpath running alongside the Church.
 - (b) Trim the hedges overhanging the pavement between Creake Road and Lynn Arms Pub.
 - (c) At the junction of Mill Lane with the Wicken Green Road attend to accumulation of gravel wash down.
 - (d) Cut the grass which is very high and blocking traffic visibility at the crossroad from Bircham across the Docking Road.
 - (e) Tidy up the village pond.

(f) Trim all road grass verges.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Chiplow Wind Farm update

E.ON appeal received and noted at the meeting. Chairman reported that the Borough Council are now fighting with four objections, their fifth objection relating to the geese will not be defended.

7.2 Jack's Lane Wind Farm update

Borough Council Notice of Decision – Refusal of Planning Permission received and noted at the meeting. Chairman confirmed that the five objections still remain. Chairman explained that the Planning Inspectorate considers that both Wind Farm appeals should be heard at a joint inquiry. The joint inquiry maybe held in January 2012. Cllr Askew asked if a local petition would help. Chairman responded by explaining that the date for consultation has expired and it is now up to the inquiry to decide.

7.3 BCKL & WN Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Notice of Adoption

Chairman briefly explained the Borough Council had recently adopted the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and advised that full details are available from the Borough Council Website or booklet.

7.4 BCKL & WN Site Specific Allocations and Policies Development Document

Issues and Options Consultation

Chairman advised that he had reported to the Borough Council errors in their scoring system in that Syderstone was given scores for a petrol station and a school, both of which no longer exist. Chairman advised that the Borough are holding three briefing sessions for Parish Councils on this subject. The five sites in Syderstone were discussed during the meeting. **Resolved for Clerk to circulate details of the five sites and include on the next Agenda.** Cllr Askew expressed concern that there is no affordable housing in Syderstone for the younger generation. Comment endorsed by Chairman.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Available funds spreadsheet (April – September)

This spreadsheet was circulated at the meeting and the expenditure explained by the Chairman. Each item of expenditure was compared to the six month budget and all agreed that expenditure for the current period was on target. **Resolved to agree the spreadsheet.**

8.2/4 'Financial Matters' attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve**

payments. Cllr Taylor requested that in future cheques for the newsletter printing be drawn at the meeting before the printing takes place, in order to avoid petty cash claims.

9. To receive items from Borough Council

9.1 Thank you letter from N. Daubney regarding our letter sent to Eric Pickles re incinerator

Clerk read out the letter received.

10. Playing Field

10.1 Update on repairs

Cllr Askew reported that the goal post bolt and toggle entrapment items have been actioned and that he would wait until the playing field closes for the winter before starting the repairs on the wooden structures. Cllr Askew recommended that bigger signs are required to indicate that no dogs are allowed on the playing field. **Resolved, Chairman to produce signs "No dogs, children only please"**

10.2 Covenant (3 metre fence)

Chairman explained the Parish Council duties contained in the covenant regarding the playing field fences. In particular the 3 metre high fence on the northern boundary, with the new bungalows at 21-25 Norman Way, must be maintained at this height.

- 10.3 Training course Tuesday 20 September
Chairman gave details of the forthcoming course. Cllr Askew advised that he was not available.
11. The future of the Parish Newsletter
Chairman reported that Mr D Sparrow had resigned as the typesetter for the newsletter. Discussion followed as to whether the newsletter can continue in the future. Cllr Taylor explained that part of the reason for the newsletter was to achieve Quality Status for the Parish Council and he would like to see the newsletter continued. Cllr Daly thought that the Parishioners do find the newsletter useful. **Resolved Clerk to establish if a volunteer for typesetting is forthcoming from the Church Hall or Village Hall Groups.**
12. To receive other correspondence
- 12.1 West Norfolk Sports Council Small Grants
Correspondence received and noted at the meeting. **Resolved Clerk to pass correspondence to Mr N Riches.**
- 12.2 Norfolk Playing Fields Assoc Summer Newsletter
Correspondence received at the meeting. **Resolved Clerk to pass to Cllr Askew.**
13. Bus shelter repairs (birds)
Chairman explained the problems caused by the considerable amount of bird droppings. **Resolved Cllr Daly to plywood line eaves inside bus shelter to stop the problem and the meeting agreed expenditure of up to £40 can be incurred.**
- 13a Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh Report
- 13a.1 Cllr Chenery confirmed that he had made enquiries with other County Councillors regarding Wind Farms and established that there was some support for banning the Wind Farms in tourist areas. Cllr Askew considered that NCC are not listening to the views of the public. Cllr Chenery suggested contact be made with the Peter Scott establishment for monitoring geese.
- 13a.2 Cllr Chenery passed to the Chairman, the Ministry of Defence contact details for a Paul Evans (STANTA) for future information regarding military exercises in the local area.
- 13a.3 Chairman asked Cllr Chenery whether he was aware of what NCC or the Borough Council were organising in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee for June next year. Cllr Chenery had received no details but agreed to make enquiries. Discussions followed regarding various requests made to the Parish Council about the celebrations. The main concerns are cost and insurance. **Resolved the Parish Council will not take the lead but will be sympathetic to any suitable requests that are made. Clerk to contact Sally Bettinson (NCC Highways) regarding the procedure for the closure of The Street, should that be requested.**
14. To receive items for next Agenda
- 14.1 Chairman expressed wish for Cllr Ms Thompson to carry out the six month end of probation appraisal of the Parish Clerk. **Resolved all agreed.**
- 14.2 BCKL & WN Site Specific Allocations
15. Date of next meeting Thursday 20 October 2011 at 7.30p.m. – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm

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8.	Financial Matters		
8.1	Available funds spreadsheet (April – September) previously circulated		
8.2	Balance as at 1 September 2011		
	Community Account	745.92	
	Tracker Account	11166.14	
	Less Football Club Funds	(600.04)	
	Less Cricket Club Funds	(181.27)	
	Less unpresented cheque Hall Hire	(14.00)	
	Available funds at 1 Sept 2011	TOTAL	11116.75
8.3	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Sept 2011)	62.21	
	101021 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00	
	101022 MHB Street Lighting maintenance	52.45	
	101023 B Lloyd (Sept salary)	160.00	
	101024 HMRC (tax)	40.00	
	101025 TTSR Limited Grass Cutting (July & Aug)	555.36	
	101026 Mazars (external audit)	144.00	
	101027 D.Sparrow (newsletter printing)	40.00	
	101028 G.Taylor (newsletter distribution)	10.00	
	101029 Poppy Appeal	20.00	
		SUB TOTAL	1098.02
8.4	Available funds carried forward	TOTAL	10018.73