

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr D Daly
Cllr A Schmidt
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr Ms M Thompson
The Clerk
One Parishioner

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr M Chenery
2. Parishioner's Time
Mr Felmingham advised that there had been a theft of telephone copper cable at Wickham Green and enquired about the existence of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Cllr Taylor responded by confirming that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is still in existence but there are no active members. Mr Felmingham asked if the Parish Council could take action to promote active members of the Scheme. Chairman replied that this is a separate organisation which needs to recruit their own active members to undertake these responsibilities.
3. Declarations of Interest
Cllr Ms Thompson and Cllr Schmidt declared an interest in Item 11. Chairman declared a personal interest in Item 11.
4. Minutes of November Council Meeting held on 17 November 2011
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
Chairman advised that planning permission has been granted for the conservatory at the Lynn Arms Public House.
6. Jubilee Celebrations
Chairman explained that a request for a grant had been received from the Syderstone Jubilee Evening Celebration Committee. **Resolved to make a grant of £250.00 (from 2012/13 budget) to the Celebrations Committee towards the provision of music for the purpose of dancing. This grant is made under the Local Government Act 1972 s145(a) and may only be used for the above purpose. It is for the Celebrations Committee to make all the necessary arrangements, including insurance and licensing as maybe required.**

Chairman explained that the Celebrations Committee would like to have a representative from the Parish Council on their Committee. **Resolved Cllr Taylor agreed to be the representative.**

Chairman confirmed that if a road closure is required for the celebrations then application has to be made to NCC Highways with six weeks notice and payment of a £36 fee. The application is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

7. Financial Matters

7.2 Chairman circulated a spreadsheet showing estimated expenditure for January, February and March 2012 and the estimated out-turn for the financial year 2011/12. Out-turn expected to be within budget, although it was noted that additional expenditure could be incurred for mole control, playground equipment repairs and bus shelter repairs. **Resolved for Cllr Taylor to obtain estimates for mole control costs. Agreed to keep the 2012/13 precept at the same level as 2011/12 if possible, but for resolution at the January 2012 meeting.**

7.3-5 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments**

8. Rangers December visit

Clerk reported that to date he had received no requests requiring action by the Rangers for their visit week commencing 19 December 2011. Cllr Taylor requested at the meeting that the Rangers reposition some Syderstone directional signs so they are facing the appropriate way. **Resolved Clerk to pass request onto the Rangers and to ask the Rangers to give feedback after each visit.**

9. Norfolk Public Rights of Way Service

Chairman explained the correspondence received from NCC inviting Parish Council's to take a greater role in both monitoring and maintaining Public Rights of Way. **Resolved due to lack of information to be deferred for a future meeting.**

10. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report

No report as Cllr Chenery absent.

11. Chiplow & Jacks Lane Wind Farms Public Inquiry

Chairman reiterated that the Public Inquiry starts on 31 January 2012 and the public have an opportunity to put forward points to the Inquiry, this must be done by prior arrangement and the points must be supported by clear evidence. He further explained that the Borough Council have now withdrawn their objection regarding the geese for Jacks Lane and had previously withdrawn this objection for Chiplow. Landscape and Cultural Heritage are now the main issues.

12. To receive other correspondence

12.1 Letter from Open Spaces Society "The new threats to green spaces"
Received and noted. **Resolved no donation to be made to the green spaces appeal.**

13. To receive items for next Agenda

13.1 To resolve precept of £8250 for 2012/13

13.2 Playground equipment/repairs – use of funds from Football and Cricket Clubs.
Resolved Cllr Askew to try to obtain Treasurer's address.

13.3 Norfolk Gritting Routes

14. Date of next meeting Thursday 19 January 2012 at 7.30p.m. – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman wished everybody a Merry Christmas and closed the Meeting at 8.50pm

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7. Financial Matters

7.1 Available funds spreadsheet (April – December)

7.2 2012/13 Precept initial considerations

7.3 Balance as at 1 December 2011

Community Account	2885.85	
Tracker Account	7167.52	
Less Football Club Funds	(600.04)	
Less Cricket Club Funds	(181.27)	
Less unpresented cheque Amy Robsart Hall	(14.00)	
Available funds at 1 December 2011	TOTAL	9258.06

7.4 Payments

E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Dec 2011)	62.21
101043 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00
101044 MHB Street Lighting maintenance	52.45
101045 B Lloyd (Dec salary)	240.00
101046 HMRC (tax)	60.00
101047 TTSR grounds maintenance	555.36

SUB TOTAL 984.02

7.5 Available funds carried forward

TOTAL 8274.04