

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 19 January 2012 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr A Schmidt
Cllr Ms M Thompson
Cllr M Chenery (To present his Report only)
The Clerk
One Parishioner

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Taylor and Cllr Daly
2. Parishioner's Time
Mr Felmingham raised concerns that in Creak Road, from The Street to Number 1 Creak Road, there is a lack of footpath and presents a problem especially for children walking to the bus stop. Chairman responded by saying that there is a highway verge but the responsibility for footpaths rests with NCC Highways and not the Parish Council.

Mr Felmingham informed the meeting that he has been invited to the Master Composters Event in Swaffham.
3. Declarations of Interest
Chairman, Cllr Ms Thompson and Cllr Schmidt declared an interest in Item 10.
4. Minutes of December Council Meeting held on 15 December 2011
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approved the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Playground equipment/repairs, use of funds from Football/cricket clubs (Cllr Askew)
Cllr Askew supplied the Clerk with the address of the previous club's Secretary – Mr A Cornwall. **Resolved for Clerk to write to Mr Cornwall seeking his agreement for using the club funds to acquire/repair the playground equipment and possibly buying four football corner flags.**
 - 5.2 Norfolk gritting routes
Chairman explained that County grit Tattersett Road from the B1454 to the Ashside crossroads, then through the village including Ashside, The Street and Docking Road to the B1454. They do not grit Mill Lane, Creak Road or Rudham Road and they do not grit any pavements.
 - 5.3 Mole control (Cllr Taylor)
Due to Cllr Taylor absence no update received.
 - 5.4 Jubilee Celebration report (Cllr Taylor)
Due to Cllr Taylor absence no report received.

6. Planning matters
 - 6.1 Notice of Decision – Grant of Planning Permission (ref no 11/01640/F) erect conservatory at The Lynn Arms public house
Received and noted at the Meeting.
 - 6.2 Proposed construction of dwelling on garden plot adjacent to 2 Tattersett Road, Syderstone.
Planning Application reference number 11/02156/O discussed at the Meeting.
Resolved to object to the Application because this development would not be in sympathy with the setting of this sensitive location within the rural village of Syderstone. Also the young children of Syderstone village walk to Blenheim Park Infants School along Tattersett Road. The only paved footpath is on the west side of Tattersett Road, there being is no paved footpath on the east side of Tattersett Road. This development would entail another vehicle access across this west footpath where the village children walk to school, which is felt to be undesirable for reasons of safety. Although the young school children pass several vehicle entrances on their way to school along Ashside, these offer clear views of exiting traffic. At this development exiting vehicles would be screened by the neighbouring hedge to the north at "The Stores".
 - 6.3 Proposed demolition of existing conservatory, erection of replacement conservatory and conversion of outhouse to living accommodation at Thurnby House, The Street, Syderstone.
Planning Application reference number 12/00004/F and reference number 12/00005/LB discussed at the Meeting. **Resolved to object to the Application because Thurnby House is a charming two up, two down, Grade II listed property, with a sympathetic kitchen extension to the rear. The scale and nature of this development would not be in keeping with its listed status and its conversion into a four bedroom house would detract too much from its original design. Syderstone Parish Council wishes to maintain the original character of predominately older properties such as the Manor House and surrounding properties, located on the south side of The Street so as not to deter from the charming appeal of the village.**
7. To approve TTSR grounds maintenance contract 2012/13
Clerk confirmed that he had received the 2012/13 Grounds Maintenance quote from TTSR for which there is no increase in costs compared to the 2011/12 quote. **Resolved to accept the 2012/13 quote and Clerk to advise TTSR.**
8. Financial Matters
 - 8.1 2012/13 Precept approval
Resolved for Clerk to notify the Borough Council for a request of a precept of £8250 for the year ending 31 March 2013 which represents no increase on the current year.
 - 8.2-5 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
9. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Cllr Chenery late in attending but the following report noted:-
 - 9.1 Cllr Chenery circulated publicity material promoting the NCC 'Say Yes to better broadband in Norfolk'.
 - 9.2 He advised that the only reduction in bus service to affect the village and surrounding area is the Sunday bus service (X8).
 - 9.3 Regarding the proposed incinerator at King's Lynn a period of 28 days for further consultation will commence shortly inviting comments from Parish Councils etc.

- 9.4 NCC and the Borough Council have frozen the Council Taxes for 2012/13.
10. Chiplow & Jacks Lane Wind Farms Public Inquiry
Chairman explained that the Public Inquiry opens on 31 January 2012 and one day, Friday 3 February 2012, is set aside for public representations
11. To receive other correspondence
- 11.1 West Norfolk Sports Council re 1948 village torch trail
Chairman explained that the West Norfolk Sports Council is organising a fun run around the Borough. Cyclists will carry a torch (from the previous 1948 Olympics) from village to village and two volunteers, over the age of 14, are required to run with the torch through each village. **Resolved for a notice seeking volunteers to be posted on the Parish Notice Boards and in the Parish Newsletter.**
- 11.2 Wells Community Hospital Trust request for financial aid
Correspondence received at the Meeting and **Resolved for no donation to be made.**
- 11.3 E-mail from Mr N Riches regarding a salt spreader
Chairman advised the Meeting of Mr Riches request for the Parish Council to purchase or provide a grant for a salt spreader. Discussion regarding the request expressed a number of concerns including the need for risk assessment, appropriate training, liability insurance, provision of safety clothing (high visibility jackets, gloves, etc), maintenance of the machine and the large area of pavements coverage required for the village. **Resolved not to purchase nor provide a grant and Clerk to advise Mr Riches.**
12. To receive items for next Agenda
No items received.
13. Date of next meeting Thursday 16 February 2012 at 7.30 pm. - Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm.

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8. Financial Matters

8.1 2012/13 Precept approval

8.2 Available funds from December minutes	8274.04	
Interest received on 5 Dec (Tracker account)	0.89	
Newsletter adverts cheques received	45.00	
TOTAL		8319.93

8.3 Balance as at 1 January 2012

Community Account	1932.83	
Tracker Account	7168.41	
Less Football Club Funds	(600.04)	
Less Cricket Club Funds	(181.27)	
Available funds at 1 January 2012	TOTAL	8319.93

8.4 Payments

E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Jan 2012)	62.21
101048 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00
101049 MHB Street Lighting maintenance	52.45
101050 B Lloyd (Jan salary)	160.00
101051 HMRC (tax)	40.00
101052 Clerk's expenses (purchase of stamps)	11.04

SUB TOTAL 339.70

8.5 Available funds carried forward

TOTAL 7980.23