

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 17 January 2013 in Amy Robsart Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence
None.
2. Parishioner's Time
No parishioners present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of December Council Meeting held on 20 December 2012
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Public Rights of Way Map (Approval of Expenditure)
Chairman presented the maps and talked the meeting through the proposed legend and suitable materials to be used for the signage. Foamex material will cost approximately £115 at A1 size, slightly more for A0. The BCKLWN have agreed to a 50% discount for the Planning Application fee, making this cost £55. **Resolved to approve the expenditure and to use Foamex material up to A0 size. Planning Application to be submitted to BCKLWN.**
 - 5.2 Playground (update on repairs and mole control)
Cllr Askew reported no mole activity at present. Cllr Askew proposed that instead of removing the play equipment with the four tyres repairs can be carried out by taking off 12 inches from the uprights then installing a new spar. **Resolved for Councillors to look at this option.**
 - 5.3 Grass cutting tender 2013
Clerk advised that good progress is being made with Norse Commercial Services Ltd with regard to the Contract and Schedule. It is anticipated that these will be signed by both parties shortly. Cllr Taylor emphasised that the new Contractor must be informed that they are to use the provided screens in order to protect the church windows whilst works are in progress. **Resolved Clerk to notify Norse Commercial Services Ltd regarding the screens.**
When the Contract has been finalised arrangements must be made to obtain the keys from the previous Contractor. **Resolved Clerk to arrange this.**

6. Financial matters
 - 6.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
 - 6.5 2013/14 Precept setting

Chairman read out his detailed reports on Syderstone Parish Council Tax 2013/14 and explained the alterations in tax bases and funding for Parishes brought about by changes in Council Tax Benefit arrangements. The meeting debated the impact of these new rules at length and considered that the changes in Council Tax Benefit introduced by Central Government are outside the control of Syderstone Parish Council. **Resolved to set Precept requirement for the year to 31 March 2014 at £7880 and to receive Council Tax Support Grant of £620 giving total income of £8500. A brief explanation of the 2013/14 Parish Council Tax will be published in the March Parish Newsletter.**
7. Four Winds Garage Road Junction

Cllr Askew explained that approximately two years ago a request was made for this junction to be made safer by introducing a roundabout. Despite this request, to date no action has been taken. The road needs resurfacing (Post meeting addendum: Works for resurfacing programmed for September 2013) and in order to significantly improve the safety of this junction a permanent solution such as a roundabout or other alternative method should be provided.

Cllr Taylor suggested that a financial contribution towards the cost of a roundabout could be made by the developers of the two Wind Farms who have already identified changes to access are necessary to accommodate their large vehicles. **Resolved Chairman to make contact with NCC Highways to express our concerns and to establish the procedure for carrying these proposals forward.**
8. Local Wind Farms Update

Chairman reported that the High Court challenge was unsuccessful and permission has now been granted for both local Wind Farms to be built.
9. Burnham Green Lane PROW Application

Chairman was pleased to advise that the Planning Inspectorate have approved this application.
10. Annual playground inspection 2013 (order approval)

Clerk advised of a £2 increase by Play Safety Limited for carrying out the 2013 ROSPA inspections. **Resolved Clerk to place order.**
11. To receive other correspondence
None.
12. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Cllr Chenery not present and no report received.
13. To receive items for next Agenda

Cllr MacArthur raised two items for information:-

 - 13.1 The Better Broadband investment programme by NCC with BT has targets to improve speeds etc throughout Norfolk by 2015.
 - 13.2 New types of street lamps are available which can provide 95% electricity savings compared to conventional lamps. Cllr MacArthur agreed to make further enquiries and report at a future meeting.
14. Date of next meeting 21 February 2013 at 7.30pm - Agreed
There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.59pm

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6. Financial Matters

6.1	Bank balance from December minutes		8910.51
		TOTAL	8910.51
6.2	Balance as at 1 Jan 2013		
	Community Account	1972.21	
	Tracker Account	7172.75	
	Less unpresented cheque 101118 (Amy Robsart Hall)	(14.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101119 (B.Lloyd sal)	(168.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101122 (Westcotec)	(52.45)	
	Bank balances as at 1 Jan 2013	TOTAL	8910.51
6.3	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Jan 2013)	64.70	
	101124 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00	
	101125 B Lloyd (Jan salary)	168.00	
	101126 HMRC (Jan tax)	42.00	
	101127 B.Lloyd (expenses stationery)	2.00	
	101128 Westcotec (Dec street light maint)	52.45	
	101129 Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk (Planning application fee for map)	55.00	
		SUB TOTAL	(398.15)
	Add Newsletter cheques banked on 10/01/13 (Mr Ayres and Mr Page payments)		60.00
6.4	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	8572.36

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