

# SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)  
Cllr M Askew (from Item 5.1)  
Cllr A Schmidt  
Cllr G Taylor  
Cllr Ms M Thompson  
Cllr M Chenery (from Item 8)  
The Clerk

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1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllr M MacArthur.
  2. Parishioner's Time  
None.
  3. Declarations of Interest  
None.
  4. Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting held on 19 September 2013  
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
  5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
    - 5.1 Post office (update)  
Chairman reported that the Post Office have relaxed the rule as to who can operate a satellite service, enabling the "Post Office Local" at East Rudham to provide a service. Negotiations are currently taking place with the Amy Robsart Village Hall Committee regarding charges for the hiring of the hall.  
Discussions took place at the meeting regarding financial support. **Resolved that Syderstone Parish Council are not able to contribute financial support towards the provision of the Post Office Service.**
    - 5.2 Playing Field (Vehicle Safety)  
Following a letter from a local resident expressing concerns about children's safety at the entrance to the village playground, the highways authority had offered to install safety railings and to paint a KEEP CLEAR road marking at the entrance. **Resolved to accept this offer and authorise the works.**
    - 5.3 Playing Field  
Chairman confirmed that the grant has been received and the order placed for the basket swing. Site meeting with supplier to take place on Monday 21 October 2013. All Councillors expressed their thanks to the Chairman for obtaining the grant. In order to satisfy a condition of receiving the grant Syderstone Parish Council will need to provide insurance cover for the basket swing and it is anticipated the premium will be just over £11 per annum. **Resolved to insure the basket swing.**  
Detailed discussion took place regarding the tile gaps as reported in the latest ROSPA Report. **Resolved no further actions to be taken at present.**

Chairman advised that he had obtained a quote from another company who carry out safety inspections for play equipment which was £24 per annum cheaper than the current provider. **Resolved to look at alternative providers next year.**

Chairman explained that NALC run training courses for playground safety and suggested that Cllr Askew attends. **Resolved Cllr Askew to attend a future course.** Chairman advised that he has designed a weekly inspection sheet for Cllr Askew to record his inspections. Cllr Askew agreed. **Resolved to adopt the inspection sheets.**

Cllr Askew requested authorisation to spend approximately £50 on paint to refurbish some of the playground equipment. **Resolved to agree this expenditure.**

Cllr Askew agreed to arrange for some of the height to be taken out of the willow tree on the playing field. **Resolved for pruning to take place.**

5.4 RES CLG (update)

Chairman requested that all Councillors let our Jack's Lane Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG) Representatives know of any questions they would like to be asked at the next CLG meeting.

6. Financial matters

6.1-5 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**

7. Grass Cutting (frequency)

Detailed discussions took place during the meeting regarding the frequency of grass cutting. **Resolved that current arrangements should remain unchanged.**

8. St Mary's Churchyard (options)

It was reported that Syderstone Church are minded to extend the graveyard of St Mary's Church to the west, the alternatives being to close the cemetery or reuse existing graves. **Resolved that the Parish Council agree in principle with the Church's proposal to extend the graveyard.**

9 Street Lighting (update)

Chairman reported that the installation of the new street lights is almost complete with five lights remain to be installed. It is anticipated that the installation will be completed in the very near future. Concerns were expressed at the meeting regarding trees overhanging property boundaries and blocking some of the lighting. **Resolved to include an article in the next Parish Newsletter requesting the relevant residents to ensure there is no obstruction for the lighting. Also a 'Postcard' note to be sent to the relevant residents regarding the overhanging trees.**

10. Planning:- Coxford Abbey Quarry (new footpath & curfew lighting)

Chairman reported on the proposed new footpath and in the absence of Cllr MacArthur explained the concerns regarding light pollution above the concrete batching plant area. Chairman agreed to personally respond to Longwater Gravel Limited and will raise the concerns regarding the light pollution.

11. Correspondence received

11.1 Letter from Cruso & Wilkin re former football field in Syderstone

Letter received and noted at the meeting.

11.2 Response letter from VOA re Tarn Hows Council Tax

Letter received and noted at the meeting.

11.3 NCC Parish Partnership Schemes

Letter received and noted at the meeting.

12. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report  
Cllr Chenery reported as follows:-
  - 12.1 Commemorations to take place regarding World War One. Papers to be reviewed by Cllr Taylor.
  - 12.2 NCC has a funding gap of £189 million over the three years commencing April 2014 and a number of proposals are opened for public consultation. Cllr Chenery explained some of the proposed changes including new charges for waste disposal.
  - 12.3 NCC Councillors are to vote on the King's Lynn incinerator in approximately two weeks time.
13. To receive items for next Agenda  
None received.
14. Date of next meeting 21 November 2013 at 7.30pm - Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.

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## Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 17 October 2013

### 6. Financial Matters

6.1	Bank balance from September minutes		<b>9799.62</b>
	Add NCF Grant received on 01/10/13 (restricted funds)		<b>2405.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12204.62</b>

6.2	Balance as at 1 October 2013		
	Community Account	1309.66	
	Tracker Account	8676.01	
	Add NCF Grant received on 01/10/13 (restricted funds)	2405.00	
	Less unpresented cheque 101173 Amy Robsart Hall	(14.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101178 Westcotec	(52.45)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101179 Poppy Appeal	(20.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101180 Playsafety Ltd	(99.60)	
	Bank balances as at 1 October 2013		<b>12204.62</b>
	<b>(£3000 transferred from Tracker to Community account on 09/10/13)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

6.3	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Oct 2013)	62.61	
	101181 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00	
	101182 B Lloyd (Oct salary)	170.40	
	101183 HMRC (Oct tax)	42.60	
	101184 Westcotec Limited (September maintenance)	52.45	
	101185 Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd	577.12	

**SUB TOTAL (919.18)**

6.4	Bank balances carried forward	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11285.44</b>
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