

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 21 November 2013 in Amy Robsart Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Taylor and Cllr Chenery
2. Parishioner's Time
None present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting held on 17 October 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)
Cllr MacArthur reported that discussions are still taking place with East Rudham Post Office and Wendy Hamilton (Post Office), nothing as yet finalised. A vote of thanks expressed to Avril MacArthur for her efforts in trying to restore this service.
 - 5.2 Playing Field (Update)
Chairman was pleased to advise that the basket swing has been installed. **Resolved Clerk to arrange insurance for this play equipment in accordance with the grant condition and to inform Norfolk Community Fund of its completion.**
Enquiries were made to establish if there was warranty cover to replace the rotten post for the multi play toddler unit. Unfortunately the company 'Adventure Playground Ltd' went into liquidation. **Resolved Cllr Askew kindly agreed to replace this post.**
 - 5.3 Street Lighting (Update)
Chairman advised that postcards have been issued to the relevant residents informing them of the need to cut back overgrowth to prevent the street lighting from being obscured. The overgrowth at Thurnby House (Holiday Home) needs to be cut back and the owner to be contacted at his home address.
 - 5.4 RES CLG (update)
Next meeting to be held on the 4 December 2013. Chairman requested that the relevant questions previously circulated are asked at the meeting and additionally:- 'How the connection will be made to the National Grid at Egmere?' and 'When will monies be available for grants?'
 - 5.5 Church Graveyard (Update)
Chairman gave a brief update and explained the procedures and responsibilities for

Syderstone Parish Council regarding a closed churchyard. The main concerns related to our responsibility to maintain the boundary walls and pruning the large trees located within the churchyard. **Resolved that should the graveyard at St Mary's Church Syderstone be closed, then subject to the circumstances at that time, the Parish Council is likely to be minded to pass the maintenance thereof to the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk.**

6. Financial matters

6.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**

Chairman advised that he has drafted a report for Syderstone Parish Council Tax 2014/15 but figures to be confirmed by Clerk before report circulated.

7. Red Telephone Box

Chairman was pleased to report that the telephone box has been repainted and a working coin box has been installed.

8. Village Hall Broadband

Chairman explained the recent events concerning the intended removal of the Broadband service on Wednesday mornings in the village hall, which is now rarely used.

Resolved to discontinue the service and Clerk to write to the BCKLWN regarding the collection of the computer and other equipment.

9. County Council Budget Cuts

Chairman had previously circulated his response comments relating to the budget cuts. The main concerns related to proposed charges for waste disposal especially for tyres, visit charges and reduced opening hours for certain disposal sites. **Resolved Clerk to send the report detailing the response comments to Norfolk County Council.**

10. December Newsletter

Draft discussed at the meeting. **Resolved Cllr MacArthur to provide articles for the films to be shown in December, January and February for inclusion in the Newsletter.**

11. Village Tree Preservation Orders

Chairman confirmed that details now held of all the Tree Preservation Orders relating to the Parish of Syderstone.

12. Planning NCC East Rudham, Coxford Quarry application for Planning Permission ref C/2/2013/2006

Chairman explained that NCC were in receipt of "Amended Information" supplied by the applicant in response to various "Representations".

In separate correspondence with the Parish Council the applicant has confirmed that the use of down lighting and switching off the lighting at night will apply to the entire site including the concrete plant, in order to minimise light pollution. Twenty-five years is a long time in business and there may be future takeovers and changes in management. As the present applicant has clarified this, we ask for a blanket planning condition to reflect this agreement in respect of lighting for the whole site.

Resolved taking into account the "Amended Information" and the planning condition suggested above, Syderstone Parish Council affirms its support for this planning application. Clerk to respond to NCC accordingly.

Cllr MacArthur suggested that the Syderstone Business Park maybe interested in reducing light pollution and energy consumption. **Resolved Cllr MacArthur to discuss our energy consumption savings for our street lights with Mr Paul Page (Business Park) and to**

offer our advice in order to encourage the Business Park to make environmental improvements.

13. Correspondence received
 - 13.1 Letter from the Planning Inspectorate re site visit at site east of the Stores, Tattersett Road, Syderstone.
Letter received and noted at the meeting.
 - 13.2 Chairman advised that he had received an e-mail from TMO Traffic Ltd regarding proposed road closures in Rudham Road Syderstone to enable Contractors to carry out underground cabling works between the pumping station and Common End in March/April 2014. **Resolved Chairman to arrange a site visit with UK Power Networks in order to establish the details of the works to be carried out.**
14. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Cllr Chenery not present at meeting, but apologies had been received.
15. To receive items for next Agenda
 - 15.1 Cllr Schmidt expressed his concern relating to the muddy verge in Mill Lane. Chairman agreed to request Sally Bettinson (NCC Highways) to inspect and action accordingly.
 - 15.2 Cllr Ms Thompson enquired regarding progress for Tarn Hows. Chairman agreed to check the website to see if there had been any changes to the Council Tax charges.
 - 15.3 To include on next Agenda Budgets/Precept for 2014/15.
16. Date of next meeting 19 December 2013 at 7.30pm – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.36pm.

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6.	Financial Matters		
6.1	Bank balance from October minutes		11285.44
		TOTAL	11285.44
6.2	Balance as at 1 November 2013		
	Community Account	5643.43	
	Tracker Account	5676.01	
	Less unpresented cheque 101181 Amy Robsart Hall	(14.00)	
	Less unpresented cheque 101179 Poppy Appeal	(20.00)	
	Bank balances as at 1 November 2013	TOTAL	11285.44
6.3	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Nov 2013)	53.81	
	101186 Amy Robsart Hall Hire	14.00	
	101187 B Lloyd (Nov salary)	170.40	
	101188 HMRC (Nov tax)	42.60	
	101189 PaperKlip Ltd (December newsletter printing)	40.00	
	101190 B. Lloyd (expenses for Dec newsletter distribution)	10.00	
	101191 Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd (interim invoice £692.54 and final invoice £1615.92)	2308.46	
	101192 Westcotec (Oct and Nov maint at £15 per month)	30.00	
		SUB TOTAL	(2669.27)
6.4	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	8616.17

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