

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 17 April 2014 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr M MacArthur
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr M Chenery (for Item 13 only)
The Clerk
Two Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Schmidt and Cllr Ms Thompson
2. Parishioner's Time
Mr D Bridge addressed the meeting giving details of the costs of defibrillators and possible grants available. He also went on to outline how defibrillators are used. Detailed discussions then followed and the Chairman explained that an independent group is required as Syderstone Parish Council has no powers to run a defibrillator scheme. Further debate resulted in agreement that an independent group needs to be formally set up also inviting representatives from Tattersett, Blenheim Park and Wicken Green areas to run the scheme and twelve people need to be identified as volunteers for training.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the March Parish Council Meeting held on 20 March 2014
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Post Office update and to receive correspondence from the Post Office regarding Public Consultation – Change of Service
Cllr MacArthur was pleased to report that Wells Post Office is planning to provide a service at Syderstone commencing in May. **Resolved Clerk to respond to the Post Office regarding Public Consultation – Change of Service advising that Syderstone Parish Council agrees with the proposals.**
 - 5.2 Wind Farms update and CLG questions
Cllr MacArthur advised that the Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) payments are CPI index linked and the electrical cable routing will be to Burnham Thorpe. He also advised that the date of the next CLG Meeting is Wednesday 21 May 2014. **Resolved Cllr MacArthur to give advance notification of the following questions for the next CLG Meeting:-**
 - (a) **A list of the Post Codes that qualify for the LEDS payments.**
 - (b) **An explanation of the grant conditions and would applications for such items as a defibrillator and cemetery grants be permitted.**Chairman explained that the Chiplow Wind Farm is now likely to be progressed by E.ON and that a Community Liaison Forum has been created. Representatives of the

developer and the landowner along with representatives of the local community are members of the Forum. Syderstone Parish Council has not been contacted regarding the Community Liaison Forum. **Resolved Clerk to write to E.ON enquiring as to why Syderstone Parish Council has not been invited to join the Forum.**

6. Grass cutting Mill Lane/Norman Way Green
Chairman advised that he has requested the BCKLWN to cut the grass. The Borough Council have agreed to start the cuts week commencing 21 April 2014 and continue at three weekly intervals.
7. Financial matters
 - 7.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
 - 7.5 Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2014 – Annual governance statement **Resolved to approve the Accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2014. Also the Annual governance statement 2013/14 was completed and approved at the meeting.**
8. Removal of obsolete "Neighbourhood Watch" signs
Chairman explained that the Neighbourhood Watch signs are obsolete. **Resolved to remove the signs and recycle where possible.**
9. Defibrillator Report
No further discussions as already covered during Parishioner's Time.
10. Highway Rangers Work Not Done
Chairman reported that he has written to Mr A Copeman (Highways Technician) expressing our concerns that two items were reported to the Highway Rangers in January/February 2014 but we have heard nothing back and the work has not been carried out. **Resolved Cllr Chenery will bring this matter to the attention of the Area Manager when he meets with him next week.**
11. Village Hall AGM Report
Cllr MacArthur advised that it is possible that two people will be co-opted onto the Village Hall Committee. Chairman reported that he has asked the Village Hall Committee why the energy costs have increased significantly despite the installation of the solar panels.
12. Playground Inspection & Repairs
Cllr Askew presented to the meeting his completed Syderstone Playground Inspection Log for the period 2 August 2013 to 7 December 2013. **Resolved Clerk to place a copy of the Log in the insurance file.**
Cllr Askew advised that the Wendy House needs to be repaired and has requested the Clerk to obtain a date for the Annual Inspection of the Playground. **Resolved Clerk to advise Cllr Askew of the date.**
Cllr Askew suggested that consideration should be given for a funding request from Tattersett Parish Council as Wicken Green residents use the playground. Also, at the appropriate time, Jack's Lane Wind Farm Grant Scheme could be asked for a grant for additional playground equipment.
13. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Cllr Chenery reported as follows:-
 - 13.1 To advise appropriate groups (for example Health and Well Being Group) that Syderstone and neighbouring villages are intending to provide a defibrillator and will take the opportunity to seek their advice and support.

- 13.2 The King's Lynn Incinerator has been abandoned following recent votes held by County Councillors at County Hall and monies have been reserved for the compensation payments.
14. To receive items for next Agenda
 - 14.1 Cllr MacArthur advised that he is awaiting a response from the Forestry Commission as to why a number of trees have been felled recently.
 - 14.2 Cllr Askew reported that the railings protecting Syderstone pond have been damaged following a car accident. **Resolved Clerk to request Sally Bettison (NCC Highways) to arrange for railings to be repaired.**
 - 14.3 Chairman requested all Councillors to review their Register of Interests in order to be considered during the May Annual Parish Council Meeting.
15. Date of next meeting 15 May 2014 at 7.30pm – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.13pm.

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 17 April 2014

7. Financial Matters

7.1	Bank balance from March minutes		6970.05
	Add Precept/CTS cheque banked 07/04/14		9033.00
		TOTAL	16003.05
7.2	Balance as at 1 April 2014		
	Community Account	1307.47	
	Tracker Account	5677.58	
	Add Precept/CTS cheque banked 07/04/14	9033.00	
	Less unpresented cheque 101211 Westcotec Ltd	(15.00)	
	Bank balances as at 7 April 2014	TOTAL	16003.05
7.3	Payments		
	E-on Street Lighting (DD payment Apr 2014)	22.50	
	101212 Amy Robsart Hall (Hire for 11 meetings 2014/15)	154.00	
	101213 B Lloyd (Apr salary)	174.80	
	101214 HMRC (Apr tax)	38.20	
	101215 B. Lloyd (expenses; stamps)	22.32	
	101216 Norfolk Association of Local Councils (annual subs)	120.82	
	101217 Norse Eastern Ltd (March grass cuts)	135.14	
		SUB TOTAL	(667.78)
7.4	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	15335.27

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