

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 15 May 2014 in Amy Robsart Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence
None.
2. Parishioner's Time
None present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting held on 17 April 2014
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes subject to amendment:-**
Item 11 which should read "Cllr MacArthur advised that two new people (Chris Little and Valerie Robson) were co-opted onto the Village Hall Committee" replacing the wording "Cllr MacArthur advised that it is possible that two people will be co-opted onto the Village Hall Committee"
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Post Office update
Cllr MacArthur advised that the Post Office re-opens on 4 June 2014.
 - 5.2 Syderstone Pond
Chairman advised that NCC Highways will be repairing the damaged fence around the pond with works estimated to take place in 3 – 5 weeks time.
 - 5.3 Defibrillator
Cllr Ms Thompson considered that all villages should be encouraged to obtain a defibrillator.
 - 5.4 Chiplow Wind Farm, E.On Community Forum
Chairman reported that this Forum has not yet been established.
Cllr MacArthur advised that he has submitted four questions to RES (Jack's Lane Wind Farm) in advance of the next meeting, in order that they are prepared to answer the questions fully.
 - 5.5 Highway Rangers (Cllr Chenery report)
Cllr Chenery reported that he has not as yet met with the Highway Rangers Management in order to raise our concerns regarding outstanding works.
 - 5.6 Date of playground inspection response
Chairman advised that the Company carrying out the Playground Inspection require

a payment of £25 (excluding VAT) if we wish to accompany them on inspection.
Resolved not to have an accompanied inspection.

6. Review by Councillors of their Register of Interests
Reviewed by all Councillors and no amendments necessary.
7. Financial matters
7.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
8. Grant for Great Massingham Community Car Scheme (raise cheque at next meeting)
Resolved to raise a cheque at the next meeting for £150.00.
9. Docking Road Emergency Closure
Chairman confirmed that the burst water main was in Tattersett Road not Docking Road.
10. Planning Matters
 - 10.1 Installation of air source heat pump, fit additional solar panel and construct external insulated lean-to structure to house hot water heat storage tank at Village Hall
Reference number 14/00574/F. **Resolved to make no observations.**
 - 10.2 Notice of Decision – Application Permitted. Proposed two dwellings West of the Stores
15 – 16 Ashside, Syderstone. Outline application, proposed residential development
Reference number 14/00320/O. Received and noted at the meeting.
 - 10.3 Notice of Decision – Application Permitted. Extensions to the side and rear of dwelling
1 Robinia Court, Mill Lane, Syderstone
Reference number 14/00328/F. Received and noted at the meeting.
11. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Cllr Chenery reported as follows:-
 - 11.1 Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk 2013/14 – *See Appendix 1 for Report.*
 - 11.2 Highlight Report 2013/14 (NCC) – *See Appendix 2 for Report.*
Resolved Clerk to write to NCC Monitoring Officer to raise issues concerning the King's Lynn Incinerator including the 30 million pound compensation payment.
12. To receive items for next Agenda
 - 12.1 Draft June Newsletter agreed with minor changes.
 - 12.2 Cllr Askew to obtain costs for the maintenance of the slide.
13. Date of next meeting 19 June 2014 at 7.30pm - Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.38pm.

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 15 May 2014

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Bank balance from April minutes **15335.27**

TOTAL 15335.27

7.2 Balance as at 1 May 2014

Community Account

5311.69

Tracker Account

10177.58

Less unpresented cheque 101212 Amy Robsart Hall

(154.00)

Bank balances as at 1 May 2014

TOTAL 15335.27

(Above balances include £4500 transferred from Community to Tracker Account on 23 April)

7.3 Payments

E-on Street Lighting (DD payment May 2014)

21.78

101218 B Lloyd (May salary)

177.20

101219 HMRC (May tax)

38.80

101220 B. Lloyd (expenses; punch pocket sleeves)

3.60

101221 Westcotec Limited (annual charge for street light maint)

180.00

101222 Broker Network Ltd (insurance renewal premium)

428.55

SUB TOTAL (849.93)

7.4 Bank balances carried forward

TOTAL 14485.34

Appendix 1

Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk 2013/2014

No increase in the Borough Council Tax for the 4th year running

No increase in car parking charges for the 4th year running

Defended the Borough position on objecting to an Incinerator in Kings Lynn

Introduced a new refuse and recycling contract that saved £830,000 in 2013/2014

Refurbished the Tuesday Market Place

Funded the widening of the road at the QEH

Commenced development of 55 new housing units on the Nar Ouse site

Spent over £1m in helping vulnerable people to adapt their properties to help them stay at home

Worked with the schools and the College in the borough to bring improvements to educational standards

Worked with health and social care partners to improve the services to the elderly/vulnerable groups

Launched LILY website to direct people to information for the elderly/carers

Reduced the number of empty homes in the Borough from 1,024 to 825

Carried out works to improve the area at the Spinney in Hunstanton

Winning awards for the In Bloom competitions

Launched a scheme to assist local groups and parishes to plan for the WW1 commemoration events

Continued success with Village Games and GEAR race

Appendix 2

Highlight report 2013/14 (NCC)

June 2013

Former Director of Children's Services, Lisa Christensen, retires following criticism from Norfolk MP. She is later replaced by Sheila Lock and her management team and Ofsted results are later shown to be improving.

July 2013

First village (Croxtan) receives high speed broadband. By May 2014 40,000 Norfolk homes had been connected to high speed broadband and the Authority is exploring ways of bringing extra Government money to rural areas which are difficult to reach. This will require match funding from public bodies.

August 2013

Cabinet announced an extra £16.5m investment in Children's Services to improve services. Transport minister announces the long term dualling of the A47 is back on the agenda.

September 2013

Putting People first consultation is launched following news that the Authority needs to find further savings of £189m in the next three years. A47 Alliance meets in Peterborough.

October 2013

Opening of the new Wensum Way footpath creating a brand new 96-mile long distance walking challenge in England, by joining up with Norfolk's other long distance trails and making it possible to walk across the width of Norfolk - from King's Lynn in the west to Great Yarmouth in the east.

November 2013

Launch of Norfolk Winter gritting campaign - by the end of the winter the number of people following the NCC twitter account giving daily weather updates has grown to more than 15,400.

December 2013

Digital Norfolk Ambition strategy is launched. Initiative will not only provide fresh new IT kit to council staff, but also provide apprenticeships and expertise with our partners Vodafone and Microsoft. Winter storms batter Norfolk, NCC media team relocated to Wymondham police HQ to bolster media response.

January 2014

New fleet of road gritters named by Norfolk school children. Competition won by Howard junior school in King's Lynn.

February 2014

Budget for year ahead agreed by 41-39. Eagle eyed staff at Norfolk recycling centre praised for spotting World War 1 medals abandoned in a skip – the medals were later reunited with the family of the owner.

March 2014

New Managing Director appointed by Norfolk County Council. Wendy Thomson joins the Authority in August having held senior positions both in the UK and abroad. Dr Thomson is currently Director of the School of Social Work and Professor of Social Policy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

April 2014

37,000 Pre school children's potential reading skills got a boost by the County Council Raising Readers campaign aimed at improving early learning. Backed by the EDP and acclaimed local author Louis De Bernieres (Captain Corelli's Mandolin), the campaign gives parents and carers advice on how to help their children's reading and speech.

May 2014

Norfolk county Council backs a new campaign, launched by Public Health England and the Alzheimer's Society, which aims to create a network of one million Dementia Friends by 2015 - helping people to develop a better understanding of dementia and to support people with the disease to live well for longer. Here in Norfolk, there are an estimated 16,400 people with the condition, making dementia one of the county's top health priorities.

Also in May, nationally renowned education adviser, David Woods CBE, former Principal Adviser for the National Challenge and Chief Adviser for the London challenge, has become the independent chair of the Norfolk Education Challenge Board - the board which oversees efforts to improve education in the county.

Professor Woods, a former teacher, senior school leader and local authority adviser, has helped steer improvements in both London and Birmingham, where schools have achieved significant progress in recent years.

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