

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 18 September 2014 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr A Schmidt
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr Ms M Thompson
Cllr M Chenery (from Item 13)
The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr MacArthur.
2. Parishioner's Time
None present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting held on 17 July 2014
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Speeding in the Village
Chairman reported that Mark Taylor (PCSO) has forwarded our request for the police to monitor the speed in the village to the Traffic Division. We await to hear the response from the Traffic Division.
 - 5.2 Playground Maintenance (Cllr Askew Report)
Cllr Askew reported that repairs have been made good for items identified to be of moderate risk by the Playground Inspector. Still remaining to be looked at are a few advisory issues which are of very low risk. **Resolved to approve expenditure of approximately £10 to purchase mastic sealant for the slide.** Chairman thanked Cllr Askew for his time and effort in completing the repairs.
6. Highways Rangers
 - 6.1 Trim hedges in Rudham Road, requested 14 July 2014
Chairman reported that the top end of Rudham Road has been trimmed as this was considered all that was necessary by NCC Highways.
 - 6.2 Footpath repair Manor Gardens, requested 30 July 2014
Chairman advised that repairs are in hand with NCC Highways.
7. Jack's Lane CLG Report
Chairman confirmed that Cllr MacArthur attended the last CLG Meeting. The wind farm developer has confirmed annual benefits of £75,000, made up of £30,000 for Community Grants (up to 5 km from the wind farm) and £45,000 for the Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS). Originally excluded from the LEDS entitlement were 72 dwellings in Monks Close, Bircham and with these dwellings now included, the annual entitlement will be reduced from

£117 per annum to £100 per annum. There was no change to the LEDS entitlement in Mill Lane Syderstone, with only the first few houses nearest to the wind farm being included, albeit that the whole of Mill Lane has the same postcode.

8. Financial matters

8.1 The Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet for the period July to September 2014 was received and noted at the meeting. The Chairman was pleased to advise that Receipts and Expenditure are within budget.

8.2-5 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.** The bank statements were agreed and signed at the meeting by the Chairman and Cllr Schmidt.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Replacement of dilapidated sash windows with like for like new sash windows and removal of internal wall at Manor Farm House, The Street, Syderstone Reference number 14/00870/LB

Resolved to support the application because of the improvements to the property.

9.2 Notice of Decision Application Permitted Proposed two dwellings West of the Stores 15 – 16 Ashside, Syderstone Reference number 14/00898/RM Received and noted at the meeting.

9.3 Notice of Decision Application Permitted Proposed three dwellings East of the Stores 18 – 19 Ashside, Syderstone Reference number 14/00900/RM Received and noted at the meeting.

10. Filming and Recording of Parish Council Meetings (proposed changes to Standing Order 67)

From: The Council shall afford to the press reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present. There shall be no audio or video recording or photographs of the meeting without the express approval of the Council.

To: The Council shall afford to the press and public reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of any proceedings at which they are entitled to be present, in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

Chairman explained the amendment to the Standing Order which now allows the filming and recording of Parish Council Meetings. **Resolved to agree the changes to our Standing Order which will be amended and circulated to all Councillors.**

11. Auditing of Accounts (Possible future changes)

Chairman advised that the Government is consulting on proposed changes for external and internal auditing. Our external auditors (Mazars) have confirmed to us that the present arrangements continue until 31 March 2017. **Resolved that the Parish Council are minded to keep the current arrangements for both external and internal audit.**

12. Correspondence Received

12.1 Letter from the Post Office dated 17 July 2014, regarding closures of Bircham, Sedgeford and West Newton Post Offices Received and noted at the meeting.

13. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report

Cllr Chenery reported as follows:-

13.1 The BCKLWN are introducing from 1 October 2014 an enhanced recycling scheme allowing such items as glass and plastic pots to be recycled.

13.2 NCC has made funds available for pot hole repairs in the County.

13.3 A number of areas in Norfolk continue to suffer poor mobile phone reception.

14. Paint Amnesty
Chairman expressed his disappointment with the chaos last Saturday at the Hempton Recycling Centre for the lack of organisation in dealing with the large traffic queues for people willing to participate in the paint amnesty day.
15. County Response to Incinerator Letter
Chairman referred to the previously circulated response received on the 18 July 2014 from the Monitoring Officer, NCC. **Resolved to write to the NCC External Auditors Ernst & Young requesting them to investigate and report upon the circumstances of the expenditure of some £30 million for the abortive incinerator development.**
16. To receive items for next Agenda
 - 16.1 To consider a request for NCC to reduce the speed limit in Tattersett Road from 40 miles per hour, to 30 miles per hour.
 - 16.2 To explore options to improve the problems of the road narrowing in The Street.
 - 16.3 To discuss with NCC Highways the purchase of their disused speed warning signs in order to install in the Parish.
 - 16.4 To follow up with Freebridge the parking along the pavement in Norman Way.
17. Date of next meeting 16 October 2014 at 7.30pm - Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55pm.

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 18 September 2014

8.	Financial Matters		
8.1	Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet July to Sept 2014		
8.2	Bank balance from July minutes		13756.79
	Deduct Direct debit paid to E.On (12 August 2014)		(22.50)
	Add Tracker Account interest paid 8 Sept 2014		1.37
		TOTAL	13735.66
8.3	Balance as at 8 Sept 2014		
	Community Account	3595.76	
	Tracker Account	10179.90	
	Less unrepresented cheque 101235 Paperclip Ltd	(40.00)	
	Bank balances as at 8 Sept 2014	TOTAL	13735.66
8.4	Payments		
	E-On Street Lighting (DD payment Sept 2014)	22.50	
	101239 B Lloyd (Aug salary)	177.00	
	101240 B. Lloyd Expenses (Paye reclaim for Aug 2014)	39.00	
	101241 B. Lloyd (Sept salary)	177.20	
	101242 HMRC (Paye Sept 2014)	38.80	
	101243 Norse Eastern Ltd (grass cutting July & Aug)	514.48	
	101244 R. Thompson (reclaim tube & starter for bus shelter)	16.00	
	101245 Sandringham Estate Sawmill (playground repairs)	197.76	
	101246 Mazars (external audit fee)	120.00	
		SUB TOTAL	(1302.74)
8.5	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	12432.92

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