

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 15 January 2015 in Amy Robsart Hall

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

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1. Apologies for Absence
None received.
 2. Parishioner's Time
None present.
 3. Declarations of Interest
None.
 4. Minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting held on 18 December 2014
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
 5. Ongoing Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Report on the Wind Farm Funding Panel Meeting
Chairman gave a progress report on obtaining quotes for the items to be considered for grant applications. Cllr Taylor reported on the Funding Panel Meeting attended last evening by the Chairman and himself. It is likely that Funding will be available from May/June 2015 and for the early years there may be a limit of £5000 per project. Cllr Askew expressed concern that £5000 is low when considering grants for playground equipment. **Resolved Clerk to notify Norfolk Community Funding that our Representative on the Funding Panel is Cllr Taylor.**
 - 5.2 Report on Speed Limit Signs
Chairman advised that the battery for one of the speed signs runs low very quickly and Westcotec have taken the equipment away to investigate why this is happening. Currently there are only four fixing brackets for five signs and Cllr Askew suggested one more bracket is purchased. **Resolved to purchase one more bracket for the speed signs.**
 6. Planning Matters
 - 6.1 Notice of Name Change "Manor Farm House" to "The Manor House"
Received and noted at the meeting.
 - 6.2 Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-Submission Document received from BCKLWN by letter dated 18 December 2014
Received and noted at the meeting.

7. Financial matters
7.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
8. Newsletter Advertising Response
G A Tiling have subscribed for advertising in the Parish Newsletter. Councillors confirmed that possible new subscribers have shown an interest but no payments have been made as yet.
9. Playground Inspection 2015
Chairman advised that we need to appoint the Inspectors for 2015. Cllr Askew was satisfied with the thoroughness shown by the Inspections last year. **Resolved Clerk to order a June 2015 Inspection with the same company.**
10. PCSO Funding by Parish Councils
Chairman explained that the Police have launched a 'match funding scheme' asking the Parish Councils to contribute half of the costs of employing a PCSO. The scheme was considered at the meeting. **Resolved not to proceed.**
11. SNAP Representative
Chairman advised that Denise Goff is awaiting hospital treatment and asked if any Councillors would be interested in covering the role as our SNAP Representative. No decision made on this at present.
12. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
Nothing to report as Cllr Chenery not present.
13. To receive items for next Agenda
13.1 Cllr MacArthur expressed concern about the possible withdrawal of funding for ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) when the current four-year funding agreement with DEFRA comes to an end in March. If ACRE's funding were to be withdrawn it would unquestionably have a serious impact on all those rural communities which are already struggling with low incomes and poor services. **Resolved Clerk to write to Elizabeth Truss MP (copy to Henry Bellingham MP) to request that this vital funding continues.**
14. Date of next meeting 19 February 2015 at 7.30pm – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.29pm.

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 15 January 2015

7.	Financial Matters		
7.1	Bank balance from December minutes		11139.95
		TOTAL	11139.95
7.2	Balance as at 1 January 2015		
	Community Account	958.78	
	Tracker Account	10181.17	
	Bank balances as at 1 January 2015		11139.95
7.3	Payments		
	E-On Street Lighting (DD payment Jan 2015)	22.50	
	101260 B. Lloyd (Jan salary)	177.00	
	101261 HMRC (Paye Jan 2015)	39.00	
	101262 Cllr R. Thompson expenses (playground Keep Clear sign for Double Gates)	17.93	
		SUB TOTAL	(256.43)
7.4	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	10883.52

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