

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 IN AMY ROBSART HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr D Daly
Cllr M MacArthur
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr Ms M Thompson (from Item 5)
Parish Clerk
Four Parishioners

1. Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence
Cllr Chenery and Mrs D Goff.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2014, previously approved on 19 June 2014.
Chairman proposed that the Minutes be accepted. All in favour. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
4. Reports from Parish Organisations and businesses.
 - 4.1 Defibrillator report *See Appendix 1 for the Report*
Cllr Bateman gave a brief outline of this report.
 - 4.2 Amy Robsart Hall *See Appendix 2 for the Report*
In the absence of Mr N Riches, Cllr MacArthur presented the report.
 - 4.3 St Mary's Church *See Appendix 3 for the Report*
Mr B Wells presented the report and confirmed that grants are being considered for refurbishment of the fabric of the Church.
 - 4.4 Art@Robsart Hall *See Appendix 4 for the Report*
Mrs L Pearse presented the report. Chairman thanked Mrs Pearse on behalf of the Art Group for keeping the activity available for the community.
 - 4.5 Any other reports
 - 4.5.1 Chairman presented the Hunstanton & Burnham Market Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Report on behalf of Mrs D Goff. *See Appendix 5 for the Report*

Chairman explained that Mrs Goff is resigning as SNAP Representative and thanked her for her efforts.
 - 4.5.2 Cllr Taylor gave a verbal report regarding the Great Massingham Community Cars Scheme. The scheme remains very successful, although more volunteer drivers are required. In future drivers may need to be police checked. The Committee are grateful for the £150 grant given by Syderstone Parish Council.

There were no other reports and Chairman thanked all for their presentations.

5. Issues raised by electors
None.

Chairman thanked all for attending and there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.22pm.

Appendix 1

The Syderstone Community Defibrillator (SCD)

SCD team are Martin Bateman, Daniel Bridge and Denise Bridge.

In the last year our community has raised over £4,000 for the Syderstone Community Defibrillator. This has been raised through a series of Quiz nights, raffles, auctions, music night and a sky dive by a villager.

In September we purchased a Semi-Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from the Community Heartbeat Trust and a secure, heated cabinet which has been sited on the external wall of the Amy Robsart Village Hall. A light was added a while later to ensure good visibility at night to input the code to gain access to the AED.

The AED and cabinet is included in the Village Hall Insurance and paid for by the SCD funds.

In January The Village Emergency Telephone Scheme (VETS) was set up. This scheme has approx. 20 volunteers from Syderstone, Wicken, Blenheim & Tattersett who will help operate the AED in an emergency. The VETS will ring all of the volunteers simultaneously, the first person to answer the phone will deal with the call and all the other phones will stop ringing. If for any reason the first person to answer can't help, e.g. the call is answered in error by a child or a non-volunteer, the caller would have to re-dial. The volunteer will arrive asap and arrange for a second volunteer to collect the AED. Unfortunately the Emergency Services do not have the facility to dial this number on the caller's behalf. The caller must always dial 999 first. The VETS telephone number is 01485 205100.

On 28/3/15 seventeen of our VETS volunteers attended a Basic Life Skills training course. This covered AED operation, CPR, recovery position and chocking. The course was purchased from Norvic Training Ltd and attendance certificates issued.

We have an information leaflet in production which will shortly be delivered to Syderstone, Wicken, Blenheim & Tattersett. It contains lots of information about the AED, VETS, Basic Life Support and web addresses for information sites.

The AED & Cabinet is checked weekly to ensure that the power supply to the cabinet is on. The AED requires no servicing but the battery and chest pads have replacement dates.

We are very appreciative of all the help that we have received and the overwhelming support of the community but we haven't named any individuals in this report as lots of people have helped in one way or another and to single out a few people would not be fair on the contribution made by everyone.

It is our intention to maintain the VETS and insurance indefinitely and will fund-raise when required to keep the funds topped up.

Denise Bridge
Treasurer & Admin.

Appendix 2

AMY ROBSART (SYDERSTONE) VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Winner of the EDP/NRCC Community Building Award 2009

Chairman: Mr Norman Riches 'Birches', Mill Lane, Syderstone, King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RX

2014 – 2015 Chairman's Report

To Syderstone Parish Annual Meeting 21st May 2015

This has been a comparatively quiet, but relatively successful year for the Village Hall.

The solar panels have continued to provide free energy and a significant income throughout this past year

The satellite Post Office service provided by Wells Post Office has now been running successfully for almost a year and the service operated by Carol Starkey and her team has not only been of benefit to local residents but has also generated regular income for the hall. In order for this to continue it is essential that local residents make full use of this service.

I would to thank Carol on behalf of the hall and village for a friendly and efficient service.

Gerry Taylor continues his much appreciated management of the hall Lottery scheme, another important source of regular income for the hall, as a result of this we will continue entering his number in the draw!!

The Village Screen cinema has improved on the success of recent years by attracting new cinema goers from further afield.

This project started and run with the help of Creative Arts East, under the supervision of Malcolm and Avril continues to provide a local venue for major film releases and has become a significant source of hall income. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help run the cinema and assist on the night.

Attendance at the Wednesday Coffee Morning has increased steadily over the last few months. This is an important social gathering for the local community and the hall Committee are keen to support the team running it and I would like to thank Marion, Kate, Renee, Ted, Mike, Jennifer and Jenny for all their efforts.

Despite time taking its toll on our elderly members of the 'Old Syderstonians' the reunions continue to attract interest and attendance from further afield including abroad.

Many new international contacts, interested in their Syderstone family histories have been established as a result of the formation of this group, and much valuable information exchanged.

The reunions continue to bring together people who otherwise do not have the opportunity to meet. I would like to thank Sheila and Avril for organising these events and all those who help on the day.

Dizzy and Bob Goff, who have run the very successful Art and Craft group ,from its inception are now taking a well-deserved rest . They have handed the reins over to Linda Pearse and Ann Walters. In particular I would like to thank Dizzy and Bob and wish Linda and Ann continued success.

We are also pleased to see that the Ladies Keep Fit and Rainbows groups, two of our longest established regular users, are still running successfully.

In cooperation with a group of villagers headed by Martin Bateman who managed to raise a sum in excess of that required to purchase a Defibrillator and associated training we have installed the equipment with the help of Barrie Wells(1) on the wall of the village hall.

The provision of this potentially life-saving equipment is an important asset to the village and the surrounding community as a whole.

The hall Committee would like to congratulate all those involved with this project.

As you may be aware Barry Wells(2) is standing down as Treasurer and from the Committee at the AGM after 8 years of meticulous service.

I would like to add my personal thanks to that of the Committee for his unswerving efforts during this period.

Following a successful planning application to KLWNBC,(thanks to all the efforts and patience of Roddie MacLeod) and a positive reaction to our proposed wet heating system at a recent funding clinic run by WNVCA, we were disappointed to find that our preferred installer appears to have gone out of business.

We therefore have had to start over again, arranging site surveys and obtaining new quotations, from a number of installers, in order to progress this important project.

As ever the hall could not survive without the help and support of the village hall committee and those who attend and assist at all our functions.

Many thanks to you all.

Norman Riches

Appendix 3

ST.MARY'S CHURCH SYDERSTONE (serving Barmer, Blenheim Park, Syderstone and Wicken Green Village)

SYDERSTONE P.C.C. REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL 2015 A.G.M

It has been a very busy time for us this year. We have continued applying to Grant providers for funding to repair the East End and Western tower of the Church. We have had some success and some disappointments. We are now reaching the point where we can start work later this year.

We continue to have favourable comments on how nice the Churchyard looks and we thank the Parish Council for the grass cutting and the volunteers who keep it looking so pristine.

Last Christmas we had a ceremonial 'Switching-on the floodlights'. Although the Church has been floodlit at Christmas for many years, this was the first time we had an official ceremony.

We have recently removed some pews from the Church, making more space at the back for baptisms and at the front for funerals and also two spaces for wheelchairs.

The After School Messy Church at Blenheim Park School is a great success and is held on the last Friday of the month.

We are joining with the rest of the village to have a Village Fete this year and it is good to have everyone working together for our Village. Thank you to all who are giving time and effort to make the event possible.

J. Barrie Wells, Churchwarden

Appendix 4

Annual Parish Meeting - 21 May 2015

ART @ AMY ROBSART – Annual Report

Dizzy and Bob Goff retired from running Art @ Amy Robsart at the end of the Summer Term 2014, ending with a celebratory Afternoon Tea and the presentation of a charming retirement gift donated by our Members. Thank you Dizzy and Bob for all your hard work and support over so many years.

The Autumn Term opened in late September with 21 paid members, averaging 12 members per Session. A variety of beautiful arts and crafts were carried out, with members happily sharing their expertise and knowledge, giving support and advice whenever requested. The Autumn Term ended just before Christmas with a little 'seasonal' refreshment to accompany the usual coffee and biscuits!

The Spring Term began in cold, dark January with 16 paid members averaging 8 members per session with one prospective new member. Numbers were down for a variety of reasons. New knees and hips, coughs and colds and some preferred to stay at home in the warm!

However, some intricate pieces of patchwork and knitting took pace complimenting the artists' beautiful pencil and painting works.

The Summer Term began 29 April for 11 weeks and will end with an Afternoon Tea Party in July. Following a request from the Village Fete Committee, many members have enthusiastically agreed to display examples of the work done during our Art@ARH sessions.

Finally, to close this Report and on behalf of all Members, a huge, huge, thank you to all those who work so hard to keep our very special Village Hall alive and kicking.

Linda Pearse

For Art@Amy Robsart

May 2015

Appendix 5

HUNSTANTON & BURNHAM MARKET SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANEL **[SNAP]**

'SNAPS' are Safer Neighbourhood Action Panels, organised by the West Norfolk Partnership to provide an opportunity to raise issues of anti-social behaviour and local crime. These groups meet every two months and are held jointly with the Police, Borough and County Councils, representatives of Parish Councils and interested members of the public and chaired by a Borough Councillor. Highlighted issues are directed to the relevant body or authority for action and report back. The local SNAP group meets in Hunstanton

As noted last year, representation from the region continued to be poor – despite the best efforts of organisers to encourage a wider attendance. It is understandable that most representatives attend only to discuss their own particular problems but the group does provide an excellent forum for learning what is happening throughout the region, to receive first hand information about Police activities and to monitor how the two Councils are dealing with problems raised. Syderstone's regular attendance at meetings (5 out of the 6) has been appreciated.

As previously, much discussion has centered on Hunstanton, as the busiest component in our area. However, I am certain that input from the general floor has been useful with representatives sharing their wider experiences. It has been acknowledged that Syderstone (residents and PC) took a proactive approach to local difficulties in coping with the problems of dog fouling and speeding, alongside other issues. Although an inter-agency system of fixed penalties for anyone allowing their dog to foul has been introduced, no prosecution has yet taken place in our area.

Crime figures have remained fairly static, again dropping in many sectors. Clusters of anti-social crimes often diminished with the arrest and sentence of single or group offenders. Thefts of oil continued to be reported, with Police recommending that alarms be fitted to oil tanks where possible. High profile policing in Hunstanton and Heacham proved effective during the busy summer months and local Parish Councils should also be congratulated for their efforts. Seasonal warnings to lock up cars, not to leave valuables on view, to shut windows and lock doors when going and to be vigilant with wallets and handbags have once again been passed on to us. We were encouraged to use the 101 phone number if wanting to report any issues to the Police.

Having represented the village on the SNAP group for some years, the time has come for me to hand over to a successor. I have been proud to attend this group and, in a small way, to let everyone know how hard we all work in Syderstone to make our village such a civilized and pleasant place.

Dizzy Goff

16 May 2015