

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016 IN AMY ROBSART HALL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr D Daly (from Item 4.2)
Cllr G Taylor
Cllr Ms M Thompson
Parish Clerk
Three Parishioners

1. Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence
Cllr MacArthur, Linda Pearse, Roddy and Liz McCloud.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2015, previously approved on 18 June 2015. Chairman proposed that the Minutes be accepted. All in favour.
Resolved to approve the Minutes.
4. Reports from Parish Organisations and businesses.
 - 4.1 Syderstone Community Fund Raising Group *See Appendix 1 for the Report*
Clerk read out the report.
 - 4.2 Amy Robsart Hall *See Appendix 2 for the Report*
Mr N Riches presented the report.
 - 4.3 St Mary's Church *See Appendix 3 for the Report*
Chairman read out the report on behalf of Mr B Wells.
 - 4.4 Art@Robsart Hall *See Appendix 4 for the Report*
Clerk read out the report on behalf of Mrs L Pearse.
 - 4.5 Any other reports
No further reports.

Chairman thanked all for their reports.
5. Issues raised by electors
None.

Chairman thanked all for attending and there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.16pm.

Appendix 1

Syderstone Community Fund Raising Group

Fete/Fundraising

We have hosted regular quizzes and a race night all of which are well supported and attended. To date we have donated more than £1,800 to Norfolk Charities!

We are hoping this year's fete will be as successful as the last with profits going to East Anglian Air Ambulance, the ARVH new heating fund and Syderstone Community Fundraising.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has been removed from the cabinet but not used as the Ambulance Service arrived shortly after.

We are currently working with a small group and the chair of the Wicken Green Residents' Committee with a view to purchasing a Defib for the Wicken Estate and shall be donating a sum to their fundraising to help them on their way.

Please see website for more info syderstonecommunity.weebly.com

Denise Bridge

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

2015 – 2016 Chairman's Report

To Syderstone Parish Annual Meeting 19th May 2016

We have had a few changes to the hall Committee during this past year.

Firstly, following the resignation of Barry Wells (2) as Treasurer after a commendable eight year stint, Chris Little stepped up to the plate and took over as Treasurer.

He appears to have made a good job of it so far, for which I wish to thank him, so I suspect we will be keeping him on for the foreseeable future. Currently, the hall finances are in good shape which is reassuring for the future of the hall.

Secondly after 12 years of unflagging service Malcolm and Avril will be standing down from the committee as Vice Chairman/Cinema Manager and Secretary respectively following their planned move to pastures new.

I would like to thank them on behalf of the Committee and personally for their invaluable contribution to the successful running of the hall during this time.

We all wish them well for the future.

Malcolm's responsibility as cinema manager have been divided up between Chris Little (Projectionist), Val Robson (advertising) and Jan Simkin (film administration/ ticket office).

Avril's role as refreshment sales/ raffle organiser has been taken on by Linda Pearse.

I would like to thank them all for offering their services and am pleased to report that the transition appears to have worked well.

Our regular users continue to provide much appreciated financial support for the hall and community benefits for their group members.

Wednesday coffee mornings provide an ideal opportunity for local residents to get together and catch up on local news. Social events such as these provide an important community benefit in a comparatively isolated rural location.

The art/craft group have done well under their new leaders Linda Pearse and Ann Walters, who have taken over from Dizzie and Bob Goff, who ran it so well, before taking a well - deserved rest.

The satellite Post Office service has increased in usage during the past year and continues to provide a friendly and invaluable service, despite being regular winners of the coffee morning raffle.

Both Ladies Keep Fit and Rainbows continue to be popular and are amongst our longest-running groups.

This past year has seen closer involvement between the village fete / fundraising group and the village hall committee. I am pleased to see this happening as the whole local community benefits as a result.

We have added the village fete to those events for which the hall foregoes a hire charge in recognition of their fundraising group's achievements.

Our very popular (amongst the winners) hall lottery continues to do well so much so that I understand that we have a waiting list for tickets. Thanks again go to Gerry Taylor for managing this important fundraiser.

Old Syderstonians / Family History Days have expanded the use of the hall and have played an important part in bringing together old friends/ villagers in the former old school which many attended.

It has also resulted in many people becoming interested in tracing their ancestors as well as the World War 1 Project to record the part played by soldiers and sailors from the local area in this major conflict.

I would like to thank Sheila and Avril for all their efforts in this area which has created so much interest on the part of people both locally and much further afield.

Avril has confirmed her continuing participation with the Old Syderstonians events.

Thanks also go to Chris Pearse for a very professional installation of our new cupboards, which have received very many favourable comments and I am personally very grateful as we now have most of our study space back. They were long planned and much needed. The local history archives can now be accessed by prior arrangement, by contacting Sheila Riches, Barrie Wells or Chris Little.

Thanks to the hard work of both Roddie MacLeod and Chris Little, I am pleased to confirm the revised heating project funding has been approved. Without Roddie's tireless efforts none of this would have been possible and I am extremely grateful to him for his knowledge and advice.

Funding from Jack's Lane Windfarm Fund / KLWNBC / The Shelroy Trust, together with village hall assets have made this possible.

I would like take this opportunity to thank all the above mentioned organisations for their much appreciated financial assistance, including Norfolk Community Foundation for all their help and support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Village Hall Committee, past and present and all our volunteers and supporters without whom the hall could not survive.

Finally, this year marks my 11th year as Chairman of the hall as and previously announced it is my intention to stand down on completion of the revised heating project. I am however prepared to stand for re-election until this time and if necessary until another Chairman is appointed.

Norman Riches

Appendix 3

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

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Previously in our Report to the Parish Council we were trying to obtain Grants for urgent repairs to our Church building. I am pleased to inform you we have been successful in completing the First Phase of the work. Thus was the nave roof North side, the East end cable wall and some work on the Tower and so we are water tight again.

We will again this year be joining with the Village Fete Committee and using the Church for Children's Art Display, Messy Church and Children's Treasure Hunt. The Art Group will also be displaying their work in the Church.

We continue to get favourable comments on how nice the Churchyard looks. The Villagers and our P.C.C. are very grateful for the continuing help we receive from the Parish Council. The Churchyard new section is now almost full and we are looking to rebury on land closer to the North side of the Church. We have asked for permission to remove the bank which runs along the old fence line between the two sections and drag the soil into a nearby recession in the ground. It will mean for a short time we will have an area of bare soil until we reseed it and the grass grows again.

We continue to host the usual events throughout the year for social get togethers which raise much needed funds. We look forward again to working with our fellow organisations to maintain the social and spiritual live of our Committee.

J. B.Wells Church Warden

Appendix 4

Annual Parish Meeting - 19 May 2016

ART @ AMY ROBSART – Annual Report

Now in our second year following Dizzy and Bob's 'retirement' the Group continues to thrive in both attendance and expertise.

The team who took over Bob and Dizzy's role remain in place. Ann Walters holds the keys, and plans the diary, Linda Pearce collects the subscriptions, pays the Hall fees and keeps the register; with Margaret Litchfield and Sandra Quince taking care of the Refreshments. Not forgetting the kind volunteers who assist in the setting up and putting away of tables and chairs!

Although a few long-standing memberships have lapsed over the past year, we are delighted to have also welcomed several new participants. Some of which heard of the Group via the Syderstone Web-Site. There continues to be a very wide and diverse range of activities including the use of many different media by the Artists, plus embroidery, knitting, patchwork, quilting, crochet and cross-stitch.

The Summer Term began on 29 April for 11 weeks with an average attendance of 10. Following a request from the Village Fete Committee, we agreed to display examples of our work. This proved a great success, creating much interest. The Term ended with an Afternoon Tea Party at Ann Walters home.

The Autumn Term began on 23 September for 11 weeks and averaged 12 per Session. Members were always happy to share their expertise and knowledge, by giving support and advice whenever requested. Term ended just before Christmas with a little 'seasonal' refreshment to accompany the usual coffee and biscuits!

The Spring Term began on 13 January for 10 weeks and averaged 10 per session. We were all very pleased to have use of one of the new storage cupboards for our refreshments box and waterproof table covers.

With 19 regular members on our Register the Summer Term will begin on 4 May for 10 weeks. The Term will include a pottery/ceramic painting session run by Suzy of PaintMeCeramics Hunstanton .

Finally, a big thank you to all those who work so hard to ensure our Village Hall remains a vital part of our community.

Linda Pearce

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