

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 22 September 2016 in Amy Robsart Hall

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Askew
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr Ms M Thompson
The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Daly, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Chenery.
2. Parishioner's Time
None present.
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting held on 21 July 2016
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. On-Going Items from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Chiplow Wind Farm
Chairman reported that the Chiplow Wind Farm has recently been purchased by Santander. The new owners have confirmed that they will comply with any requirements stipulated in the Planning Regulations regarding community benefits payable. Chairman is awaiting confirmation from BCKLWN as to any benefits payable as set out under the Planning S106 Agreement.
 - 5.2 Footpath & Byway Cutting
Chairman advised that two public footpaths had become overgrown during the summer, providing limited access. Following enquiries with land owners and NCC both footpaths have now been cleared and access restored.
6. Financial matters
 - 6.1 Bank statements received at the meeting and signed by the Chairman and Cllr Askew.
 - 6.2 The Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet April to September 2016 received and noted at the meeting.
 - 6.3-6 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**
7. Speed Watch Report
Cllr Bateman reported that the speed watch team caught 32 speeders in August mainly in Ashside and bottom of The Street. Top speed recorded was 49 miles per hour. Having monitored the offenders, 80% were from outside the village. Currently there are 18 trained speed watch officers. Chairman thanked Cllr Bateman for organising an active community team.

Chairman referred to a publication from the Police (Police Connect) which reports that in a week long campaign during August, some 880 speeding offenders were caught across Norfolk.

8. Street Lamps (Overgrown Foliage)
Chairman explained that three street lamps (two in Rudham Road and one opposite Rectory Gardens) had overgrown foliage obscuring the light. **Resolved to approve the cost of approximately £60 for Westcotec Limited clearing the foliage.**
9. External Audit Report
Chairman was pleased to report that the external auditors have signed off our accounts for 2015/16 financial year. We await confirmation of the future external audit arrangements.
10. New Playground Equipment
Chairman confirmed that the Buddy Board and Cockerel Rock'n'Roll have been installed and are working. The zip wire should be completed on Friday 23 September. The grant schemes funding this new equipment requires the Parish Council to insure them. **Resolved Clerk to arrange for the equipment to be insured with immediate effect.**
Cllr Askew explained that a parishioner was enquiring why no playground equipment is sited near the boundary of Cllr Askew's property. Cllr Askew responded by explaining that the playground has to maintain access for emergency vehicles and is separated into zone areas, according to age for safety reasons.
11. Better Broadband
Chairman reported that following his enquiries NCC/BT have agreed to review the location of the 'green cabinet' in order to ensure it is in the best location for the broadband upgrades.
12. Playground Safety Inspection Report
Safety Report received at the meeting. Concerns were raised regarding discrepancies in the report, for example, the report comments on gaps in the surface tiles for the swing area but this area has been resurfaced prior to the inspection. **Resolved Clerk to respond to the Inspection Company with our queries which require explanation.**
13. Local Plan (Site Specific Allocations)
Chairman advised that the Inspector has accepted the recommendations in the Local Plan. The preferred location for the development of five houses is on the opposite side of The Street to the village green.
14. Grants (Goal Posts & Nets)
Cllr Askew explained that the children prefer a nine a side size goals. **Resolved to consider a grant for goal posts and nets.**
15. Norman Way Parking
Chairman reported that a party was recently held in Norman Way and due to the number of vehicles parking occurred in the Freebridge spaces. This was an unusual occurrence and the party lasted approximately three hours. **Resolved no action to be taken regarding parking, it is for Freebridge to control.**
16. Devolution (Mayor)
Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has received correspondence from Henry Bellingham MP and CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) opposing the proposed plans for Devolution and combined Authority/Metro Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. The proposals were discussed at the meeting. **Resolved Clerk to write to the Leaders of NCC and BCKLWN opposing the plans for the reasons outlined by Henry Bellingham MP.**

17. Boundary Commission Review
Chairman explained that reviews take place by the Boundary Commission from time to time with the aim of equalising the size of the voting areas for each Constituency. The current proposals are to transfer approximately 2100 electors in the Walton area from South West Norfolk Constituency to North West Norfolk Constituency with the changes implemented from 2018. **Resolved to make no comments.**
18. Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation (BCKLWN)
Chairman referred to the review being made by BCKLWN to the Council Tax Support Scheme. The Scheme provides help with paying Council Tax for people on a low income. As the Scheme is a discount it affects the Parish Council's Tax Base and Parish Precept. Chairman advised that we are at a loss to comment because we do not know the effect upon Syderstone Parishioners, as we have no information regarding our claimants. Also we need to know our Tax Base by November 2016 yet the BCKLWN Cabinet are not considering the proposed final Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18 before 31 January 2017. We await further developments.
19. Planning Matters:-
 - 19.1 Notice of Decision. The Stores, 16, Ashside, Syderstone. (Ref number 16/00930/F) Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 14/00900/RM. Application Permitted. Received and noted at the meeting.
 - 19.2 Letter from Gavin Barwell MP "Neighbourhood Planning Bill"
Received and noted at the meeting.
 - 19.3 Cllr Ms Thompson gave an update on the work in progress at the Manor House. The BCKLWN were involved recently in order to sort out a dispute over the fence line at the front of the property.
20. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
No report presented. Chairman confirmed that he will raise with Cllr Chenery the unacceptable way the BCKLWN had shown Special Expenses for grass cutting on Council Tax bills.
21. Late Correspondence
None.
22. Co-Option
Chairman reported that three Parishioners have shown an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. **Resolved Chairman to write to these Parishioners inviting them to submit a brief CV.**
23. To receive items for next Agenda
 - 23.1 Cllr Askew reported that the 'Give Way' road markings need to be repainted at three junctions in the village.
 - 23.2 Cllr Bateman advised that motorbikes were riding on the Common last Sunday. Chairman suggested that in future a note should be made of any vehicle registration numbers and details reported to telephone number 101.
24. Date of next meeting 20 October 2016 starting at 7.30 p.m. – Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.16pm.

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 22 September 2016

6.	Financial Matters		
6.1	Receive (and two Councillors to sign) the Bank Statements		
6.2	Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet Apr to September 2016		
6.3	Bank balance from July minutes	23776.24	
	Add Tracker account interest received on 5 Sept 2016	2.39	
	Less E-On Street Lighting (DD payment 12 Aug)	(30.33)	
		TOTAL	23748.30
6.4	Balance as at 1 Sept 2016		
	Community Account	3602.32	
	Tracker Account	20189.38	
	Less unpresented cheque (101348 PaperKlip Ltd)	(43.40)	
	Bank balances as at 5 Sept 2016		23748.30
6.5	Payments		
	E-On Street Lighting (DD payment Sept 2016)	30.33	
	101350 B.Lloyd (Aug salary)	189.20	
	101351 B.Lloyd (Aug Paye to be reimbursed)	32.80	
	101352 B.Lloyd (Sept salary)	189.00	
	101353 HMRC (Sept Paye)	33.00	
	101354 Playsafety Limited (annual playground inspection)	92.40	
	101355 T.T.S.R. Limited grass cutting (July & Aug)	487.20	
		SUB TOTAL	(1053.93)
6.6	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	22694.37

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