

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 16 February 2017 in Amy Robsart Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr M Beauchamp.
2. Parishioner's Time
Cllr Ms Thompson, on behalf of a Parishioner, raised whether an annual electricity payment will be paid per eligible household from the Chiplow Windfarm. Chairman advised that he is waiting response from DNV-GL regarding any benefits to be paid as governed by the Planning Conditions.
Cllr Ms Thompson, on behalf of the same Parishioner, raised the issue of the poor mobile phone network signal in the middle and lower end of Syderstone. The Parishioner referred to a feasibility survey which he understood suggested the siting of a repeater mast on the Church Tower to enhance the signal and to potentially provide an income for the church. Cllr Taylor advised that the Church Commissioners, rather than Syderstone Parish Council, would have to consider this suggestion and reported that one of the reasons for the BT telephone box to be retained is in recognition of the poor mobile signal. **Resolved Cllr Ms Thompson to respond accordingly to the Parishioner.**
3. Declarations of Interest
None.
4. Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2017
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
5. Dog Bins
Considerable debate took place during the meeting regarding dog bins. Chairman reported that permissions have not as yet been granted by the Landowners for the installation of the bins. Chairman referred to his report which had been previously circulated outlining the costs and implications. Councillors considered that educating the dog owners to clear up and enforcement could be a better option. **Resolved reservations expressed regarding dog bins and decision to be deferred until the next meeting.**
6. Financial Matters
6.1-4 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**

- 6.5 Tax Base & Precept Changes
Chairman reported that the BCKLWN have recently decided that the discounts relating to empty, unfurnished and uninhabitable properties be reduced, to encourage owners of empty properties to bring them back into use. As a result our tax base has changed from 204.3 to 205.5 resulting in a Parish Precept increase of £53 for next Financial Year.
- 6.6 Special Expenses
Chairman advised that the Special Expenses for Syderstone for 2017/18 are £126 equating to a Band 'D' charge of 61 pence which allows for 12 grass cuts per annum by the BCKLWN.

7. March Newsletter
Chairman previously circulated the draft Newsletter and referred to the article regarding dog bins which gives the Parishioners the opportunity to consult with the Parish Council. Councillors considered that an article educating dog owners to clear up would be beneficial.
Resolved to approve the Newsletter.
8. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Adoption
Chairman reported that the Community Infrastructure Levy has been formally adopted by the BCKLWN and came into effect from Wednesday 15 February 2017. From now on any new build Planning Permissions will have to pay the levy.
9. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh report
No report presented.
10. Late Correspondence
- 10.1 Chairman advised that the speed limit signs battery charger has been replaced by Westcotec Limited.
- 10.2 Cllr Bateman reported that a speed watch survey carried out for a period of one hour last Monday morning caught six vehicles travelling in excess of 40 mph in the 30 mph speed zone.
- 10.3 Cllr Askew requested that NCC Highways Rangers collect the temporary roadwork sign from the footpath near to the northern 30 mph sign in Mill Lane and trim the hedge which is overgrowing the highway opposite the Business Park on Mill Lane.
11. To receive items for next Agenda
- 11.1 Dog Bins
12. Date of next meeting 16 March 2017 starting at 7.30 p.m. – Agreed

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

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Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 16 February 2017

6. Financial Matters

6.1	Bank balance from January minutes		7271.13
	Add Newsletter adverts income (received on 12 & 26 Jan 2017)		100.00

TOTAL **7371.13**

6.2	Balance as at 1 Feb 2017		
	Community Account	2180.24	
	Tracker Account	5190.89	

Bank balances as at 1 Feb 2017 **7371.13**

6.3	Payments		
	E-On Street Lighting (DD payment Feb 2017)	35.23	
	101374 B.Lloyd (Feb salary)	210.60	
	101375 HMRC (Feb Paye)	11.40	
	101376 B.Lloyd (expenses paper & newsletter distribution)	13.00	
	101377 PaperKlip Ltd (March Newsletter printing)	43.40	

SUB TOTAL **(313.63)**

6.4	Bank balances carried forward	TOTAL	7057.50
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