

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2017 IN AMY ROBSART HALL

PRESENT: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr M Beauchamp
Cllr D Daly
Cllr D Niemann
Cllr G Taylor
The Clerk
One Parishioner

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Chenery.
2. Election of Chairman Cllr Thompson invited nominations for Chairman. Cllr Bateman proposed Cllr Thompson, Cllr Beauchamp seconded. There were no other nominations. Cllr Thompson accepted. **Resolved to appoint Cllr Thompson as Chairman.**
3. Declaration of Acceptance of office as the Chairman
Declaration signed and received at the Meeting for Chairman.
4. Election of Vice Chairman
Chairman invited nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Beauchamp proposed Cllr Taylor, Chairman seconded. There were no other nominations, Cllr Taylor accepted.
Resolved to appoint Cllr Taylor as Vice Chairman.
5. Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer
Chairman proposed Mr Lloyd – all agreed. Mr Lloyd accepted. **Resolved to appoint Mr Lloyd as Responsible Financial Officer.**
6. Appointment of Internal Auditor
Chairman thanked Mrs Goff for carrying out the Internal Audit for 2016/17 and proposed that Mrs Goff to be reappointed – all agreed. **Resolved to appoint Mrs Goff as Internal Auditor.**
7. Appointment of Representatives and Spokespersons
 - 7.1 Cheque Signatories
Chairman proposed that authorised cheque signatories (Chairman, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Daly) continue - all agreed.
 - 7.2 Jack's Lane Windfarm Fund Panel
Confirmed as Cllr Taylor.
 - 7.3 SNAP
Confirmed as Cllr Niemann.
 - 7.4 ARVH
Confirmed as Cllr Taylor.

8. Chairman's report
Chairman's report previously circulated. Report agreed. *See Appendix 1 for Report.*
9. To consider for approval the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2016, previously approved on 16 June 2016. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
10. To consider for approval accounts for 2016/17, previously approved on 20 April 2017
Resolved to approve the accounts for financial year 2016/17

There being no further Annual Parish Council Meeting business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.31p.m.

Appendix 1 - Chairman's Report

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Chairman's Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2017

With a grant from Tesco Bags for Help, we installed a zip wire in the village playground and with a grant from the Jacks Lane windfarm fund we installed a rocker and a buddy board. We are now running out of space to install much more play equipment.

With the aid of a 50% grant from Norfolk County Council partnership program, a footpath was installed along Rudham Road, providing off-road access to the nearby entrance to Syderstone Common.

The Speedwatch organised by Cllr Bateman on behalf of the Parish Council continues to address the problem of speeding vehicles through the village, thanks to the support of our local volunteers.

Although working red public phone boxes are disappearing across Norfolk, our phone box will continue to operate following representations from the Parish Council, as mobile phone reception is still poor within the village.

The provision of dog waste bins has dominated recent agendas, but no decision has been taken because the landowners permissions are still required.

Jacks Lane windfarm has been sold to Aviva, but continues to be operated by RES. Chiplow windfarm has been sold to Cubico and is operated by the Dutch company DNV.GL. Grants are available to local organisations, both administered by Norfolk Community Foundation (NCF). RES continues to pay the Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS), which is about £100 p.a. towards the electricity bill of residents living within 2400m of the turbines. Cubico are not operating such a scheme in respect of the Chiplow windfarm.

For the coming year the Parish Council has secured funding to maintain its services. Additionally, a footpath is planned along Creake Road to complete the circular walk which starts at the footpath alongside the church.

I conclude by thanking my fellow Councillors for their excellent teamwork this past year, together with a special thanks to our Parish Clerk, Brian Lloyd, and our Internal Auditor, Denise Goff

Cllr Reg Thompson
Chairman, Syderstone Parish Council
18 May 2017