

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 17th May 2018 in the Amy Robsart Hall

Present: Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr M Beauchamp
Cllr D Niemann
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr D Daly
Cllr M Askew
Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Chenery
Cllr G Taylor
2. Election of Chairman. Cllr Thompson invited nominations for Chairman. Cllr Askew 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 Thompson proposed Cllr Taylor. There were no other nominations. **Resolved to appoint Cllr Taylor as Vice Chairman.**
5. Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer
Chairman proposed Mrs Orgill – all agreed. Mrs Orgill accepted. **Resolved to appoint Mrs Orgill as Responsible Financial Officer.**
6. Appointment of Internal Auditor
Chairman thanked Mrs Goff for carrying out the Internal Audit for 2017/18 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 and Cllr Daly) continue – all agreed.
 - 7.2 Jack's Lane Windfarm Fund Panel
Confirmed as Cllr Taylor.
 - 7.3 SNAP
Confirmed as Cllr Thompson.
 - 7.4 ARVH
Confirmed as Cllr Taylor.
8. Chairman's report
Chairman's report previously circulated. Report agreed. *See Appendix 1 for the Report.*

9. To consider for approval the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2017, previously approved 15th June 2017. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**
10. To consider for approval accounts for 2017/2018, previously approved on 19th April 2018. **Resolved to approve the accounts for Financial Year 2017/18.**

There being no further Annual Parish Council Meeting business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.30 pm.

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Chairman's Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2018

With the aid of generous donations four red dog waste bins were installed, three on the common and one on Creake Road opposite Womack Wood. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of dog waste littering our footpaths and open spaces. One problem area remains on the footpath from the village hall along the side of the church yard, where someone persists in leaving white plastic bags of dog poo. Any information regarding the culprit will be gratefully received.

In addition to knocking down many of our garden fences Storm Doris demolished our village sign on the village green at Docking Road. This has been replaced with a galvanised steel post, which should last considerably longer.

With the aid of grants, football goals and nets were installed in the Norman Way playground, together with additional seating and a picnic table. A request has been received to install adult fitness equipment in the playground so that adults and children may share the facilities. This is under consideration and the views of parishioners would be welcome.

In line with the Parish Council policy of providing safe off-road access to our footpaths and countryside, footpaths were installed along Creake Road linking the footpath from the church to the entrance gate to Womack Wood and along Docking Road linking the Village Green to Jacks Lane, sometimes referred to as Sandy Lane.

A community Notice Board has been installed in the bus shelter opposite Creake Road, where local groups may advertise forthcoming events for 30 days. This has proved very popular and offers up to date information on what is happening in the village.

There have been many complaints about heavy lorries and tractors with huge trailers running through the village centre. There is a prescribed and sign posted HGV route avoiding the village centre, which basically follows Tattersett Road through to South Creake and beyond. Much of this was related to the maize harvest when the maize chippings were transported to the power generation plants at Egmeer and Holkham. Both companies were contacted and asked to avoid the village centre and use the HGV route instead.

Another nuisance has been the parking of cars on the pavement. This is very inconvenient, if not dangerous, for mums with push chairs, disabled persons in wheel chairs and pedestrians in general. Perhaps residents and holiday lets would ask their visitors to park in the road and not on the pavement.

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. Brian is leaving us after seven years excellent service and we welcome our new clerk, Karen Orgill who lives in the village at 1 Rudham Road.

Cllr Reg Thompson
Chairman, Syderstone Parish Council
17 May 2018