

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 17th May 2018 in the Amy Robsart Hall at 7.00 pm

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

1. Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting
2. Apologies for Absence
Cllr M Chenery
Cllr G Taylor
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2017, previously approved on 15th June 2017. 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
No report received
 - 4.2 Amy Robsart Hall *See Appendix 1 for the Report*
Norman Riches, Chairman of Amy Robsart Hall read out his report
 - 4.3 St. Mary's Church
No report received
 - 4.4 Art (& Craft) @ Amy Robsart Hall *See Appendix 2 for the Report*
Cllr R Thompson read out the report
 - 4.5 Community Speed Watch
No report received
 - 4.6 Any other reports
No further reports
5. Issues raised by electors
None

Chairman thanked all for attending and there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07 pm.

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www.syderstone.com/parish

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2017-2018 ARVH Chairman's Report to Syderstone Parish Council Annual Meeting Thursday May 17th 2018

Our greatest loss this year was the sad death of Barrie Wells due to illness. He completed forty six years of faithful service to the hall, as well as St Mary's Church. Barrie provided constant support to the hall through his electrical and general building expertise, experience and practical ability. He will be sorely missed. To my knowledge he had never charged the hall anything other than for materials and many of those were donated from his personal collection. We will have to think of a fitting tribute to his memory.

It has been an eventful year for the hall. Following successful grant applications to Jack's Lane and Chiplow Windfarms Community Funds and the Geoffrey Watling Foundation we were able to proceed with phase 2 of the heating project. After a prolonged commissioning stage we believe we have identified the cause of the problem with the system and hope to have it rectified soon. I would like to express thanks to all grant providers for their generosity and hall users for their patience whilst these problems were identified. Thanks again to Roddie MacLeod and Chris Little for their input to this important installation.

Our regular hall user groups continue to provide essential income to the hall. Coffee Morning Group, Art/Craft, Keep Fit, Rainbows, Village Screen Cinema, the satellite Post Office, Old Syderstonians Reunions also play an important part in village social life. Disappointingly the yoga group have become intermittent and the table tennis group has folded, but the good news is Pilates and Pistol Shooting have started up, the latter needing increased advertising to boost attendance to become viable. I am particularly grateful to Mick Wilkins who has become another qualified cinema projectionist as it now means I can go on holiday.

The Lottery Club continues to provide a regular source of both income and entertainment

Using our own assets this year we finally managed to replace the failed tarmac area near the hall entrance.

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This year Dizzie Goff, our local resident and auditor is standing down from some of her commitments. Like Barrie she has never charged for her services and has never refused to act as a referee for our grant applications. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her support.

For the future, we have applied for grants to upgrade the audio visual equipment to a permanent installation, and replace failing brickwork on the external walls.

We will also have to carry out the long threatened hire charge review.

In conclusion, as well as thanks to all committee members ,hall users and supporters I would like express particular thanks to Dizzie Goff and retrospectively to Barrie Wells, to whom the Syderstone WW1 Project will be dedicated in his memory.

Norman Riches (Chairman)

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ART (& Craft) @ AMY ROBSART – Annual Report

Summer 2017 register of 19 and average attendance of 9.

Autumn 2017 register of 19 and average attendance of 10.

Spring 2018 register of 22 and average attendance of 11.

With the coming Summer Term Hire Fees, plus expenses, having been paid we have a credit of £64.70, this before receipt of member's Summer Term Fees. Therefore the financial viability of the Group remains secure, enabling us to remain affordable to all at £10 per person/per Term.

Thanks to several items in the Fakenham Sun, use of the new Village Bus Stop Notice-Board, the Parish Newsletter, the Village Web-site and Group members encouraging friends to 'come along' our numbers are stable.

There continues to be a reduction in Art related activities, whilst Needlecraft numbers increase. Indeed some Artists, who had withdrawn, returned to take up Needlecraft as an additional activity. Therefore, I am happy to report that we will begin our new Summer Term with a register of 22 potential attendees.

Aware that the 'artists' prefer to be quiet, and the 'stitchers' like to chat whilst working a change of table layout was implemented. With tea-break the perfect opportunity for all to enjoy each other's work, whilst also learning from, encouraging and assisting each other, thus continuing to maintain the ethos of the Group.

As a User Group, we appreciate the work of ARVH Committee members to ensure our sessions are warm and comfortable, but we are now looking forward with great anticipation to the time when we shall reap the benefits of a much needed new/improved kitchen facility.

Linda Pearse- Art/Craft@ARVH - April 2018