

# SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Amy Robsart Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Thompson (Chairman)  
Cllr M Askew  
Cllr D Niemann  
Cllr M Beauchamp  
Cllr G Taylor  
Cllr M Bateman  
Cllr. Chenery of Horsburgh  
The Clerk

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1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllr D Daly
2. Parishioner's Time
  - 2.1 In preparation for the WW1 Centenary Commemorations, a Parishioner suggested the Parish Council view the website 'Therebutnotthere.org.uk' which sells silhouettes of the fallen and also asked all Parishioners to join in the commemorations. Cllr Taylor informed the meeting that one Perspex silhouette of the fallen had already been installed in St. Mary's Church and the Chairman highlighted the WW1 Centenary Exhibition taking place in Amy Robsart Village Hall between 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.
  - 2.2 The same Parishioner highlighted their concerns over the amount of moss and debris on pavements and Cllr Taylor acknowledged their concern and this will be included in the proposal to the Highway and Community Ranger Visit under Minute item 14.
  - 2.3 Another Parishioner raised concerns over the proposed Adult Exercise Equipment and explained that in their experience if frequently used they were a benefit but if infrequently used they could fall into disrepair resulting in a waste of money and suggested the money be invested towards further Children's Play Equipment. The Chairman advised that this will be discussed later in the meeting and did stress that the Parish Council is not funding the equipment and the cost will be 100% through grant applications.
  - 2.4 Another Parishioner requested an explanation of Parishioners Time. The Chairman explained Parishioners may raise items in Parishioner's Time but cannot join in the debate of Agenda Items. The Chairman can asked by a Parishioner to clarify an Agenda Item.
3. Declarations of Interest  
None
4. Minutes of the July Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018.  
Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated. **Resolved to approve the Minutes**
5. Adult Exercise Equipment (brought forward on Agenda due to time restrictions - Cllr Askew left the meeting at 8.05pm).  
Cllr Askew addressed the Parish Council and asked that it be noted that 'at the outset he had been opposed to the inclusion of Adult Exercise Equipment within the Children's' Playground stressing that it should remain a Children's Playground'. A vote took place whether to continue with scoping out requirements and the clear majority was in favour in continuing. **Resolved to install Adult Exercise Equipment on the Norman Way playing field, subject to the details of the equipment being agreed and a successful 100% grant being achieved.**
6. Cllr Chenery of Horsburgh Report (brought forward on Agenda due to time restrictions – Cllr Chenery left the meeting at 8.24pm).
  - 6.1 Proposed merger of the Fire and Police Services. Cllr Chenery informed the Parish meeting that Syderstone Parish Council and the Parish Councils of Heacham, East Rudham, West Rudham and Sedgford were all against the proposed merger.

6.2 Cllr Chenery asked for nominations for funding for signs or roadworks via the Cllr's Parish Partnership. Cllr Taylor highlighted that a Parishioner had requested a roadside mirror but Highways now do not support roadside mirrors as they believe they can be a hazard. Cllr Bateman highlighted the need for better lighting at the Four Winds Junction (B1454/A148) but unfortunately this area is not under Cllr. Chenery's remit.

7. Planning Matters:-

5.1 18/00484/F Change of use from agricultural land into gravelled parking area boarded by wooden sleepers at 3 Rudham Road, Syderstone.

**Resolved to support the application but with reservations.**

8. Financial Matters:-

6.1 Chairman and Cllr Askew signed the bank statements.

6.2 Chairman took the meeting through the last three months (July to September) of the Accounts shown on the Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet.

6.3-6 "Financial Matters" attached. **Resolved to agree all balances and approve payments.**

9. Playground Inspection Report

7.1 Swings Maintenance. Completed and payment made to Fenland Leisure Products.

7.2 Security to Gate. Waiting for further details.

10. White Lines – Manor Grange, The Oak House and High House

Following the resolution to instruct NCC to paint white lines outside the properties of The Oak House and High House, NCC advised that the cost would be approximately £340 and the Parishioners chose not to go ahead. NCC will refresh and extend the white lines outside The Manor Grange, at no charge, but this will take place in the new financial year

11. Pavement Parking Ban Petition

The meeting was informed that the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) are campaigning to make pavement parking banned countrywide. Cllr Taylor supported the ban but commented that the village does have narrow streets and emphasised that parking on the road must not cause a hazard to other road users.

12. Village Hall Hire Costs

Amy Robsart Village Hall Committee have informed the Parish Council that they will be increasing the hire of the Village Hall stating this is due to increased costs of insurance, water and electrical usage and maintenance costs. At present the Parish Council pay £14 per meeting and this will be increased to £20, an increase of £66 per annum. **Resolved to accept the increase and payment will be processed in October.**

13. Fly Tipping at Jacks Lane

Unfortunately there has been another instance of fly tipping at Jacks Lane, this has now been cleared away. The Chairman advised the meeting that this is a Restricted Byway and it is illegal to drive vehicles along the lane. **Resolved that the Parish Council would support entry treatment at the foot of Burnham Green Lane (known as Jacks Lane) to prevent access by unauthorised motor vehicles for the purpose of fly tipping.**

14. Highway and Community Ranger Visit – w/c 15<sup>th</sup> October

Discussion took place over clearing moss and debris from the pavement between Manor Court to Manor Gardens and between Beechwood Court to Rudham Road and to clear weeds on pavement and kerbside on Norman Way. **Resolved that the Clerk will instruct the Highway and Community Ranger to include these requests.**

15. Late Correspondence - None

16. To receive items for next Agenda

117. Date of next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.57pm.

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## Financial Matters Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

6.	Financial Matters		
6.1	Receive (and two Councillors to sign) the Bank Statements		
6.2	Receipts and Payments Spreadsheet April to September		
6.3	Bank balance from July's minutes		<b>15,616.99</b>
	Less E.On Street Lighting (Direct Debit payment August)		<b>(43.79)</b>
			<b>TOTAL 15,573.20</b>
6.4	Balance as at 30 August 2018		
	Community Account		<b>6,650.60</b>
	Tracker Account		<b>10,000.00</b>
	Less unrepresented cheques:-		
	101462 Syderstone Parish Church Council (Flower Show)		<b>(50.00)</b>
	101466 G.R. Hunt (3 Concrete Pads)		<b>(984.00)</b>
	101475 Paperclip (Newsletter printing)		<b>(43.40)</b>
	Bank balances as at 30 August		<b>15,573.20</b>
6.5	Payments		
	101476 Fenland Leisure Products (Swings Maintenance)		270.48
	101477 T.T.S.R. Ltd (Grass Cutting July)		253.44
	101478 R. Thompson (Remembrance Wreath)		20.00
	DD E-On Street Lighting (Direct Debt payment September)		43.79
	101479 T.T.S.R. Ltd (Grass Cutting August)		253.44
	101480/1 Clerks Salary and Tax (September)		200.00
			<b>SUB TOTAL (1041.15)</b>
6.6	Bank balances carried forward		<b>TOTAL 14,532.05</b>

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