

Syresham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Wednesday 30th January 2019**, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr D Dunkley (Chairman of the Council)	Cllr I Draper (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Green	Cllr J Haycock
Cllr C Munsey	Cllr H MacIver
Cllr M Williams	Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)

7 Members of the public present.

1. Receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr D Cranwell and Cllr A Jeskins.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Cranwell's and Cllr Jeskins' absences be approved.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey Seconded..... Cllr D Green

2. Receive and approve for signature the minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on 16th January 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock Seconded..... Cllr C Munsey

3. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

Cllr I Draper Item 26.

4. Public Participation session.

Comments were received from residents regarding the planning application for a new meeting hall at High Cross, Syresham:

- Why is the development set so far back from the road, when other house re-developments in Pimlico and High Cross cannot get planning approval to move the footprint back from the roadside?
- Objection to the waste of a good building and concern about the 120 cars in a small hamlet.

Two members of the trust promoting the application attended the meeting to engage with the community and address concerns already posted to the SNC planning register. The members also answered questions from the Parish Council about the development.

The trust respects the concerns being raised and understands that the three main concerns are: location, size of the facility and number of vehicles.

Location - the Trust has spent years engaging with SNC to find a suitable location for the meeting hall.

Members of the congregation would come from Brackley, Buckingham, Crowfield, Helmdon, Banbury.

The building is set back to minimise environmental and visual impact, the new footprint is very similar to the current one.

accompanied by an Environmental Statement)]. Location: Silverstone Circuits Ltd Silverstone Airfield Dadford Road Silverstone NN12 8TN *Comments by 7th February 2019*

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council have no comment.

Unanimous decision

6. Matters arising.

a) Progress on chain link and posts around memorial - Cllr Green

The work will be carried out once weather improves.

b) Progress on no camping notice for Pocket Park - Cllr Green. Work Completed.

c) Streetlighting update - Clerk. WPD have confirmed they agree in principal to request for moving two lights from one WPD pole to adjacent ones. They are also providing a connection quote. Clerk is investigating another contractor before requesting quotes from three contractors for revised requirements.

7. i) Approval of accounts for payment:

Payee	Amount	VAT	Cheque no.	Power
Clerks Salary (Dec) inc. office costs	£764.70	£0	101462	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
M Dempsey Grasscutting December	£380.00	£0	101463	Highways Act 1980 s96
Cllr D Green Reimbursement 'No Camping Sign'	£6.95	£0	101464	Open spaces act 1906 s 9
CPRE Annual Subscription	£36.00	£0	101465	LGA 1972 s111(1)
Clerk Reimbursement Eurooffice inks/stationery *	£30.77	£5.13	101469	LGA 1972 s111 (1)
Petty Cash	£8.00	£0	101467	LGA 1972 s111(1)
Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd: dog & litter bin emptying	£1,010.88	£168.48	101468	Environmental Protection Act 1990

* Amendment to amount shown on agenda for Eurooffice inks/stationary to include VAT, cheque no. changed to 101469.

Direct Debit Eon Electricity: £421.97

Total Payments: £2,659.27

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be paid.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

ii) Bank Balances for approval.

Community Account: £ 6,308.71

Business Account: £ 14,785.30

Total: £ 21,094.01

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are accepted as a true record.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

iii) ICC report - Cllr D Green

Cllr Green carried out the quarterly financial check and had no issues to report. All councillors were given the year to date spend information at the meeting. All areas are on track except for streetlight maintenance.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Green's findings are accepted.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

8. Correspondence

a) Consultation on NCC 2019-2020 budget. **RESOLVED:** That the consultation be noted.

b) Consultation on the proposed change to the provision of Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Services. **RESOLVED:** That the consultation be noted.

c) Swan Practice Planning Approval. **RESOLVED:** That the decision be noted.

d) Resident's complaint concerning trees along footpath behind houses in The Pound.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will report to Northants Highways Rights of Way Officer.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr M Williams

e) Resident's email regarding noise complaint in Magdalene Close.

RESOLVED: That the clerk will advise residents to report the incidents using SNC's online reporting tool: <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/287/pollution/215/noise-pollution>, or use the SNC out of office number: 0800 160 1022, if the nuisance occurs again late at night.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr H MacIver

f) Resident's email concerning footpath in Syresham. Relating to footpath AZ3,4 and 5 - Broad St to Church Lane adjacent to Sewage Treatment Plant. Issues with this footpath were reported to Northamptonshire Highways Senior Rights of Way Officer, who carried out a site visit and has contacted landowner to ensure stile is mended, electric fence removed and vegetation cleared across the field.

RESOLVED: That the Rights of Way Officer's report be noted.

g) CPRE litter picking Campaign.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will arrange a litter picking day and enter the CPRE competition. Date for litter pick will be 29th and 30th March. Clerk will ask school to participate by creating posters. Cllr Williams has volunteered to collect rubbish bags on his trailer ready for SNC collection, which will be arranged by Cllr Munsey.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr M Williams

h) SNC Local Plan Consultation progress. **RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

9. Costs for village snow/ice clearance. Quotes received for gritting roads are too high for individual Parishes.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will write to Northants County Highways to remind them of their statutory duty to protect drivers and to ask that the strategy for gritting this area is reviewed, particularly exit slip roads off A43.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded..... Cllr D Green

10. FOI request for NCC Syresham Tree Survey report.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council accept the findings of the report.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

11. Landowner footpath report - Clerk.

The Northants Highways Rights of Way Officer, has advised that all footpath issues be reported to her via NCC Street Doctor. The Officer will then carry out site visits and contact any landowners if necessary. However, Northants CC budget pressures have meant they do not currently have the funding to carry out vegetation clearance works on footpaths.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask the Footpath Wardens to report issues using Street Doctor on behalf of the Parish Council.

Unanimous decision.

12. Syresham and Crowfield sewerage system capabilities.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council accept Anglia Water's report stating that Syresham Parish's sewerage system capacity is sufficient and that blockages are caused by things such as fat, oil and grease entering the system. The report will be forwarded to residents of Crowfield who have contacted the Parish Council regarding capacities in Crowfield.

Proposed..... Cllr H MacIver

Seconded..... Cllr C Munsey

13. Helmdon Buses Meeting Report - Cllr D Dunkley.

Helmdon are keen to work in partnership with Syresham in providing a community bus service. Helmdon and Syresham would raise the matter at the next Parishes Together meeting and ask Brackley if they would consider helping Parish residents travel into Brackley.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Dunkley's report be noted.

14. Parishes Together Meeting Report - Cllr C Munsey.

The issue of community buses was central to this meeting and parishes attending were receptive to the possibility of parishes and Brackley town working closely together. Brackley Councillors would take the suggestion of Brackley helping to provide parish community transport to their next meeting. It was suggested that the Councillors who have attended the last meeting, continue to represent Syresham at these meetings for the sake of continuity.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Munsey's report be noted.

15. Review of High Street development parking. No action as contractor parking no longer an issue.

16. Office telephone - alternative options to BT landline.

BT have now offered to resolve contract issues.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will terminate existing BT contract and sign a new BT contract.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded..... Cllr C Munsey

Standing orders suspended 8.55pm.

17. Date for Emergency Planning Team meeting - Proposed date is 4th March 2019.

18. Replacement Swingfield play equipment - update, Cllr C Munsey

Site visit appointments have been made with four suppliers.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would like to accept Mrs Green's offer to take ideas for proposed new equipment into Syresham School, so children can have an input into the type of equipment they would like to use. Parish Council will ask Friends of Syresham School if they would like to make a contribution towards the new play equipment.

Unanimous decision.

19. Swingfield report for January - Cllr A Jeskins.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Jeskins' report be noted.

20. Replacement street light in Abbey Road.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council purchase and install a new light immediately and continue to pursue insurance claim.

Proposed..... Cllr H MacIver

Seconded..... Cllr C Munsey

21. Vehicle activated speed signs costs - Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will ask neighbouring parishes if they would consider sharing a speed sign with Syresham. The matter will be raised at the next Parishes Together meeting.

Unanimous decision.

22. High Street grit bin position.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council request that developers move it nearer to the bend.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

23. Tree branches blocking light from streetlights on Main Road and Wappenham Road.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will ask landowners to cut back branches.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded..... Cllr D Green

24. Interim Internal Audit report - The report was presented to the council. The auditor highlighted that dates within the Financial Statement will need to be revised.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's interim report be noted.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr C Munsey

25. Dates for defibrillator refresher training - Deferred to next meeting.

26. Syresham Times Articles.

Swingfield and Street Lights projects, Litterpick.

27. Date of meetings for rest of the year - to be the last Wednesday in the month except in May and December. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 15th May, the annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the 22nd May. December meeting to be agreed in November.

28. Items for inclusion in next meeting's Agenda.

Clerk and Chair SNC Forum report.

Broad Street wide vehicles.

29. Date of next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 27th February.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm



S Hosking, Syresham Parish Clerk

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