

SYRESHAM PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Syresham Village Hall, Main Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th May 2021

MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Cllr Dorothy Dunkley
Clerk, Mrs S Hosking
8 Members of the Public.

1. Welcome and introduction by
Cllr Dorothy Dunkley Chairman of Syresham Parish Council
2. Approve minutes of previous annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 8th May 2019.
Approved by J Haycock, Seconded by H MacIver
3. Apologies received from Adam Jeskins, Sally Earl-Davies, David Green and Mrs Clough.

4. Presentation from Dr Stevens and Caryl Billingham, Brackley Community Hospital

Dr Stevens gave a virtual tour of the new Hospital.

It was a slow opening due to Covid. The building was designed as 4 blocks connected by a glass atrium over the reception area, to make it feel welcoming.

Urgent Care unit not yet developed. In a year's time patients will be able to come to the unit for emergency assessment.

Wellington Suite contains the outpatients clinics managed from Oxford. Ear Nose and Throat are in place and more will be available in the future.

Assessment Unit for the assessment of ill people who could then be admitted to the Community Hospital, coming soon.

Pharmacy & Café – Pharmacy open, café has not yet opened due to Covid. When open it will be run by volunteers and profits will go towards charitable fund raising.

Physiotherapy Department - includes Gym for groups to use, speech therapists, district nurses and occupational health are all based on top floor.

Reprovision of Cottage Hospital. All beds are in single rooms with ensuite facilities. There are also rooms with wider beds for Bariatric patients.

There are kitchens for patients and café.

Xray and Ultrasound will be coming online soon too.

Mental Health Facilities – for MIND groups, youth groups and groups for older patients. Planned opening 2nd week of June.

The owners of the Lowick Pharmacy, Chris and Mike Taylor put up the capital for the build, without them the project would not have been possible – thank you to them.

The Community Hospital 2020 Charity – Caryl Billingham:

Fundraising has been about enhancing what the NHS would provide. £169,000 was the target for Xray and Ultrasound. These will be in place to install after completion of construction work in that area, delayed partly by Covid vaccination centre impacting on construction workers being able to access the area.

Originally also wanted to provide TV sets and recliner chairs for patients, but it is a reactive charity waiting to find out what is wanted and will be used, that way money will not be wasted. The NHT also need to budget for the provision of staff to use the new equipment. The Ultrasound specs have been finalised, but it will need an operator to use it.

Physiotherapy is provided to Northants from Oxfordshire, so the charity is asking for funds for equipment for physiotherapy gym, including treadmills, recumbent bikes, dumb bells etc. Physiotherapists would like to show patients how to use gym equipment, so they have confidence in attending public gyms.

It is a case of moving softly, softly – going at the pace of NHS to make sure what we fund is a) needed and b) used.

Members of the public attending recounted having very good experiences when using the new Community Hospital and were very pleased with the amazing facilities.

The Parish Council are pleased to have supported the charity recently and will continue to feature Hospital updates in the Syresham Times.

Q -If I have an accident at home, do I go to a full A&E or do I go to the Brackley Health Centre?

A - We would like to be able to invite patients to come along to be assessed if possible so urgent problems can be seen locally. But not available yet, earliest time would be April 2022. You should continue to go to your usual A&E hospital.

Q – Is the care home part of the hospital?

A – No, it is a separate entity, managed privately.

Q – What is the fundraising target now, will that change?

A – The Charity was set up to manage the money raised. £213,000 was set for an Xray, ultrasound, TVs and recliner chairs. Up to £201,000 at the moment, but it can continue to grow in the future as requirements develop. Other organisations are also donating equipment, diabetic screening have been using the new centre and are using equipment donated by Spec Savers. The visiting consultants' equipment will be future fundraising, so there will be a continuing need. There will be written documentation to confirm that equipment bought for the Brackley Hospital will not be moved from the building.

Q – As it was not possible to hold a public tour of the building on opening, have the Hospital considered a Google Streetview tour inside the building?

A – There are video tours available to view on the Brackley Health Centre site and there is a NHT video.

[Brackley Medical Centre and Community Hospital - YouTube](#)

www.brackleymedicalcentre.co.uk

If you scroll down their homepage you will come to a video; this does admittedly concentrate on the GP practice's area and services, but it does cover other parts of the building.

Members of the public expressed their gratitude to Dr Stevens and Caryl Billingham and the rest of the team involved for all their efforts and hard work in making the provision of a new Community Hospital in Brackley a reality.

5. Presentation from Lucy Colls and David Griffiths Allen, EKFB – HS2 works update.

EKFB are currently in a transition period. Fusion managed the early works – fencing, ecology, archaeology, while EKFB manage the main works. The upcoming activity will revolve around the creation of an internal haul road and access roads. This will involve vegetation removal, fencing, creation of stockpile areas and preparation activities – including setting up main works compounds. We would recommend that residents sign up to the Commonplace website for direct notifications of works in their area: <https://hs2innorthants.commonplace.is>

For local road works and planned closures related to the HS2 project, also visit www.roadworks.org

HS2 WORKS IN 2021

A422 - Establishing a compound on north and south side of the road

Cutting to the south will involve excavations and a temporary road diversion to ensure traffic can keep flowing between Buckingham and Brackley.

Q: What will happen to the footpaths crossing the A422?

A: We are hoping to phase works, but it is not going to be safe to keep footpaths open. There will be unavoidable disruption to footpaths. There will be advance notice of changes and signage on the footpaths.

A43 - Some works have been carried out on the compound off the A43/Radstone Road. There will be further overnight closures (8pm-6am) on 3rd, 4th and 8th, 9th, 10th of June.

Strategic diversion will use the A421-A422, but local alternative routes will be open for local residents. The compound will be set up in the next week or two.

When it is time for the temporary diversion of the A43 in the future, EKFB will come back to Syresham to update residents.

B4525 - Greatworth Compound on Sulgrave road – the tunnel will go underground there. Fusion have completed archaeology there, anything found is excavated, recorded and taken to museums or stored.

Q – What happens if during the archaeology something really significant is found eg Roman Villa, what is given priority the villa or HS2?

A – The archaeology aspect of the HS2 project it has been named The Biggest Dig, details on how the archaeology is being carried out is available on the website. Fusion take advice from eg Battlefield Trust. It is the biggest Archaeological dig in Europe, with history previously missing, being catalogued and displayed.

Grant Funding - HS2 construction is going to be for 5 years. We want to be good neighbours and leave a positive legacy. Significant funds are available through the CEF and BLEF with grants of between £10,000 and £250,000. Syresham is in the catchment area. Projects that would be considered would benefit the whole community with special consideration for projects that would help minority groups e.g. people with disabilities, faith groups. The grants are managed by the Groundworks Trust. Look at previously funded projects and encourage local charities to apply for funding. Business start ups and community interest companies can apply for the BLEF.

Volunteering - EKFB have volunteers who can help with community projects. Not just physical help clearing/tidying open spaces. Consider the fact that the workforce has numerous skills including grant applications, communications, website design etc. Lots of hours available. We will also be running a schools engagement programme with practical activities, e.g. construction site safety. There is also the Road Safety fund managed by Northamptonshire Council [now West Northants Council].

6. Parish Council Report from Cllr Dunkley was received and will be displayed on the village website.
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7. Parish Council reports were displayed at the meeting and will also be published on the village website www.syreshamvillage.com:

Flooding – S Hosking	Emergency Planning – A Jeskins/C Munsey
Swingfield – S Hosking	Streetlights – S Hosking
Roads & Pavements – S Hosking	Pocket Park – D Dunkley
Environmental Enhancement – C Munsey	Speeding & Parking – J Haycock
Silverstone Liaison – I Draper	Finance report – S Hosking
Footpaths – G and S Brackpool	Trees – S Hosking
GDPR Compliance – A Jeskins	

8. Village organisations, charities and clubs reports were displayed at the meeting and will also be published on the village website.

Syresham Primary School	Gardening Club
Chapel	Syresham Times
Village Hall	Friendship Club
History Society	Sports & Social Club
Mums & Tots	Neighbourhood Watch
Church	

CHARITIES: George Timms Charity Accounts - Reverend W Adams
 Village Hall Accounts – C Munsey
 Church Charity Accounts – Church Warden

Malcolm Orr-Ewing, St James' Churchwarden, presented the annual report for the Church, his report will also be published on the village website.

9. Community Police Team report was displayed at the meeting and will also be published on the village website.

10. Any other business.
None.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm