

Syresham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Wednesday 27th November 2019**, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr D Dunkley (Chairman of the Council)

Cllr D Green

Cllr M Williams

Cllr I Draper (Vice Chairman)

Cllr J Haycock

Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)

District Councillor Paul Wiltshire

2 members of the public present.

1. Receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr C Munsey, Cllr A Jeskins, Cllr H MacIver and Cllr D Cranwell

RESOLVED: That the above Councillors' absences be approved.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

2. Receive and approve for signature the minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings held on 30th October 2019.

RESOLVED: That the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 30th October 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed..... Cllr M Williams

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

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

Cllr Williams Payment and George Timms Trust.

Cllr Dunkley Chapel Payment

4. Public Participation session

Representatives from the Brackley Fox Lane Gospel Hall Trust explained some of the changes to plans for the Red House site. Many of the changes have been made after discussions with the case officer and after the Trust's public consultation held in the summer. The materials have changed to incorporate red brick. The hall has been rotated and an area of land has been planted for screening to reduce visual impact on neighbours. The canopy and venting duct have been removed. There is a lot of vegetation around car parking areas, parking bays will be a cream colour, so it doesn't have an urban tarmac feel.

Congregations are not held during peak times, traffic survey has been carried out. The car park would rarely be filled. On busy occasions egress can be restricted/staggered. Many congregation members car share and a high proportion of members use hybrid car technology. There will be electric car charging points in the car park.

5. Planning Applications:

S/2019/2284/MAF Proposal: Meeting Hall (Use Class D1) with car parking and landscaping. Location: The Red House High Cross Syresham NN13 5TJ. *Comments by 16th December.*

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council have no objections.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded..... Cllr M Williams

6. Matters arising.

a) Community Payback work update - Clerk.

The pavement nr Pimlico junction is complete. Work suspended on pavements as require safety Highways signs. County Cllr Ian Morris has been asked to speak to Highways about this. Otherwise the team can help in the Pocket Park Spring 2020.

b) Swingfield upgrade update - Clerk Installers have visited site. Some concern over service pipes through Swingfield, maps obtained. Installation date early Jan/complete Feb. Swingfield must be closed.

c) Pocket Park steps handrail - Cllr Green. Ongoing

d) ABILITY Northants community transport service update - Clerk.

Ten people have signed up for Banbury service, one person for Brackley. Positive comment received re passenger who was taken ill. Clerk will put up notice to encourage use of services for Christmas shopping. Parish Council will decide in January if Brackley service will continue.

e) Gigaclear road closure update - Clerk

New contact, reviewing schedule. Broad St delayed, start date now Weds 4th Dec, requested advance notice signs before entering Syresham and no HGVs signs round Bell Lane. Gigaclear have promised to check they are all in place and diversions appropriate.

f) Diseased Horse Chestnut Trees - Clerk

Trees have been checked. One Horse Chestnut on private property diseased. Others near new development are not diseased. Ash Tree opposite village hall, needs attention by landowner, main growth now coming over road. Clerk to contact Highways and tree surgeon to ask for further advice.

7. i) Approval of accounts for payment:

Payee	Amount	VAT	Cheque no.	Power
Salaries (Oct-month 8) incl. office costs	£753.32	£0	101533	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
Reimb Clerk PAYE employer NICs (month 7)	£29.86	£0	101534	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
Eon Maintenance Repairs Bell Lane	£28.16	£4.69	101535	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
Eon Maintenance Repairs Abbey Road	£37.52	£6.25	101536	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
*Defibrillator electricity payment to Chapel	£20.00	£0	101537	Public Health Act 1936, S234

**Payment to Chapel for defibrillator electricity, agreed last month. Due to late receipt of written request from Chapel, payment moved to this month. Planned cheque no. 101533, now cheque no. 101537. Reduces total spend for 30th October 2019 to £2,046.18*

Total spend: £868.86

Receipt: Grand Union Housing Group grant for Swingfield: £380.00

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be paid.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded.....Cllr J Haycock

ii) Bank Balances for approval. Figures unavailable for meeting. As soon as figures are available, Clerk to inform Cllr Green. November balances will be brought for approval at December meeting.

8. Correspondence

- a) Armed Forces Covenant.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will sign the Covenant.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

- b) Northamptonshire County Council's consultation on its draft Budget for 2020/21. *Consultation closes at midnight on Tuesday 24th December.*

RESOLVED: That the draft budget has been noted. The Parish Council has no comments.

- c) Northamptonshire County Council's consultation on the admissions arrangements for mainstream schools within the county for the September 2021 intake. *Consultation closes 27 December 2019.*

RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no comments.

- d) Complaint regarding planes from Turweston Airfield.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council cannot deal with anonymous complaints. Any complaints should be directed to Turweston airfield. Clerk to inform complainant.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

- e) Thank you from the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

- f) Changes to business savings account interest.

RESOLVED: That the changes be noted.

9. Permission to reimburse Cllr Williams for materials for Swingfield fence post repair.

RESOLVED: That reimbursement of £33.26 be paid from petty cash against receipt.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded..... Cllr J Haycock

10. Pocket Park rejuvenation recommendations - Cllr Dunkley.

A Central Government grant for the renovation of Pocket Parks has just been made available via SNC. Short deadline, 31st December. Grant will need to be used in this financial year. Match funding required. Renovations to consider: replacement picnic tables, benches, signs, new security camera and water safety equipment, renovations to steps and handrails. Letters required from groups using the park. Clerk to draw up proposal and arrange meeting with SNC representative. Cllrs Dunkley and Munsey will assist clerk with grant application.

11. Village Design Statement recommendations for update.

RESOLVED: That the Councillors who worked on the original Village Design Statement will meet in January to discuss update and make update proposals.

12. Approval of Parish Council's Debit Card terms and conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's Debit Card terms and conditions are approved.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded..... Cllr M Williams

13. Approval of Abbey Road trees epicormic growth pruning and costs.

RESOLVED: That the quote supplied by Seb's Arboricultural Services is accepted. Work will be carried out at the same time as pruning of the Abbey Road trees, pending TPO permissions.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

14. Approve proposals for a phase II upgrade to Swingfield toddler play equipment provision.
For the purpose of S106 grant applications, after receiving quotes from suppliers, Cllrs Dunkley, Munsey & the Clerk have selected a piece of toddler equipment with high play value to enhance Swingfield play provision for younger children.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council should keep this project moving forward with this proposal.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

15. Swingfield report for November - Cllr Draper.
Check if fungus harmful. Sharp edges to metal fence.

16. Swingfield fence post and bracket repairs.
RESOLVED: Cllr Williams will repair bolts.

17. Approval of new fixed contract with Eon for streetlight electricity supply.
RESOLVED: That proposed 5 year contract with Eon for supply of streetlight electricity is approved.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock
All in favour.

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

Standing orders suspended 8.55pm

18. Approval to purchase replacement Aqua-Sacs (self-inflating sandbags) and flood warning signs.
RESOLVED: Clerk to ensure residents either keep unused bags supplied to them or return them to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will purchase 10 Aqua Sacs at cost of £54 and 2 Flood Warning signs at cost of £58.68. Additional funding will come from reserves to cover budget overspend.

Proposed..... Cllr I Draper

Seconded..... Cllr D Green

19. No HGVs signs for Bell Lane.
RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Highways to ask for temporary No HGVs signs.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded..... Cllr I Draper

20. War memorial stone cleaning and bench maintenance.
RESOLVED: Stone and bench will be cleaned in the spring.

21. Proposal for village flagpole.
No action.

22. Report from SNC Parish Chair's & Clerk's Forum - Clerk
RESOLVED: The Clerk's report is noted. Parish Council to ask SNC to visit Syresham to talk about opportunities to encourage health and wellbeing activities, e.g. walking football.

23. Report from Parishes Together Meeting - Cllr Dunkley/Clerk
RESOLVED: The report be noted.

24. Proposed date for January budget meeting - 15th January 2020 plus usual end of month meeting.

25. Items for inclusion in next Parish Council meeting's Agenda.

None.

26. Date of next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 11th December, followed immediately afterwards by private & confidential F&GP budget meeting.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.



S Hosking
Syresham Parish Clerk

N.B. November Bank Balances as of 27/11/19, available after this meeting for approval at December meeting:

<i>Community:</i>	<i>£ 6,017.32</i>
<i>Business:</i>	<i>£ 33,277.61</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>£ 39,294.93</i>

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