

# Syresham Parish Council

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## MINUTES

Meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021**,  
at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall Main Hall, Main Road, Syresham, NN13 5HE

**Present:** Cllr D Dunkley (Chairman) Cllr I Draper (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Cranwell  
Cllr D Green Cllr S Earl-Davies Cllr J Haycock  
Cllr H MacIver Cllr C Munsey  
Cllr D Bambridge (Silverstone Ward WNC Councillor)  
Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)

3 members of the public present.

- 1) Receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr A Jeskins

**RESOLVED:** That the above Councillor's absence be approved.

Proposed..... Cllr H MacIver

Seconded.....Cllr I Draper

- 2) Receive and approve for signature the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**RESOLVED:** That following the correction of DVSA Brackley to DVSA Banbury, the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded.....Cllr S Earl-Davies

- 3) To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.  
Cllr Dunkley - Items 8i and 8ii Chapel and Gardening Club  
Cllr Green - Item 8i and 8ii Brownies  
Cllr C Munsey – Item 8i and 8ii Gardening Club

- 4) Public Participation session.

No comments or questions from members of the public.

- 5) Report from Cllr Dermot Bambridge, Ward Councillor Silverstone Ward, West Northamptonshire Council.

West Northamptonshire Council is preparing a new Strategic Plan for the area. This will replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and will cover the period up to 2050.

The Options Consultation is the second stage in preparing the new Plan [after the Issues Consultation], no decisions have been made yet and the purpose of the document is to seek views on a Vision, Spatial Objectives and Development Options at this stage.

Online you will find a Spatial Options Consultation document which includes a series of questions on which we would like your views. There is also an additional opportunity to put forward ideas for potential development sites through a further 'call for sites' exercise.

The work on this was started by the former councils and is now being integrated into a plan for the whole WNC area.

**The West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Spatial Options Consultation** document includes sites that are being consulted on for possible development. I will just talk about those that are in South Northamptonshire and this side of the M1. These can be divided into industrial and housing development. Starting adjacent to the M1 junctions 15 and 15a, perhaps not surprisingly, land there is marked for possible commercial sites. To the North-

West of Brackley land is identified for housing potential. For Towcester, it is again land for housing that is identified and this is predominately to the South of the town but also on the racecourse, which I think will be strongly challenged. The final site in South Northants is either side of the A5 where it meets the Old Stratford roundabout – this too is shown as housing potential.

Please do take part in this and you can do it both as the Parish Council and as individuals. The closing date is Monday 6th December. If you know of anyone wishing to take part who does not have internet access, there are downloadable documents so these can be printed off.

**Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** - WNC is preparing a Draft Interim Brackley Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan which outlines the A43 route options considered as well as other possible cycling proposals within Brackley itself and from the outlying villages. This is very much a draft document that DfT has specifically requested that we publish early, to assist with their discussions with HS2 and National Highways. We are in the process of procuring the consultants to complete the document. As part of that process there will be an opportunity for stakeholder engagement and public consultation on the final draft.

Relevant parish/ town clerks and other interested stakeholders (SNATRA etc too) will be contacted by Esme Cushing. As she reported to Cllr Cranwell recently, there hasn't been much to update on as yet, discussions are still ongoing between HS2, DfT and National Highways.

**Funding** - Community and voluntary sector organisations are being invited by WNC to apply for funding from our new Community Funding Grant Scheme which opened today and closes on 7th December. Grants of up to £15,000 are available to community and voluntary organisations in West Northants to enable them to deliver important services and activities to our communities. There will be another round in January and February but for grants up to £5,000.

**Northampton City Bid** - Since Peterborough was taken away from Northamptonshire in 1965, the county has not had a city. However, there is a move to right that wrong – if you can call it that – and consideration is being given to bid for city status for Northampton as part of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours competition. Again, information is available online at [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/citybid](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/citybid)

6) Planning Applications

- a) WNS/2021/1594/MAF Proposal: Wind Tunnel Facility consisting of a wind tunnel with associated machinery and test sections, ancillary office with associated access, reconfiguration of parking, landscaping and associated works. Location: Racing Point UK Ltd Buckingham Road Silverstone NN12 8TJ *Deadline 29 October 2021*

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council do not object to the application but have concerns that the development will be visually intrusive due to the height of the building and because there does not appear to be as much planting of vegetation screening as was shown on the original masterplan. Also, the Parish Council would like to know where the planned heliport will be moved to.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded.....Cllr H MacIver

- b) WNS/2021/1582/ADV Proposal: Replacement of existing signs E03 & E04 wayfinding signs, and removal of signs E01 & E02. (Retrospective). Location: MEPC Silverstone Park Silverstone Motor Racing Circuit Dadford Road Silverstone Circuit Silverstone NN12 8TN *Deadline 2 November 2021*

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council have no objections or comments.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded.....Cllr H MacIver

7) Matters arising.

- a) Pocket Park update - Cllr Dunkley. Pond pontoon completed, MHCLG report completed and sent.  
b) Swingfield fencing update – Clerk. Meeting with Wicksteed this morning, further site meetings for alternative quotes being arranged.

8) Payments

- i) Amendment of S137 grants from £200 to £100 to follow Grant Awarding policy.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council must amend the grant offer to £100 per organisation and the Clerk offers her apologies for the error.

Proposed..... Cllr H MacIver

Seconded.....Cllr J Haycock



e) Consultation on draft Police, Fire and Crime Plan. *Deadline 7 November*

**RESOLVED:** That Councillors will respond to the consultation individually and details will be included on the Parish Council website and Facebook page for residents to view.

10) MHCLG Oxford-Cambridge Arc Consultation report - Cllr MacIver

The Parish Council received Cllr MacIver's report outlining the consultation. The plan is very broad and lacks detail but does not appear to directly affect South Northamptonshire. Cllr Cranwell reported that the arc project potentially includes 1 million new homes, without details for improved infrastructure. This is the first consultation of three.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr MacIver's report is noted.

11) Jubilee flowerbed plan and cost proposal - Cllr C Munsey

Cllr Munsey outlined the planting plan and costs.

**RESOLVED:** That new planting to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the approximate cost of £400-£500 are approved.

Proposed..... Cllr J Haycock

Seconded.....Cllr D Green

12) Discuss options for replacement of Swingfield playhouse climbing holds.

**RESOLVED:** That as the climbing holds are not damaged or unsafe, the purchase of new climbing holds will be put on hold and the condition of the existing ones will continue to be monitored.

Proposed..... Cllr C Munsey

Seconded.....Cllr J Haycock

13) Receive Swingfield inspection report for October - Cllr Cranwell

Cllr Cranwell asked for details of recently applied weedkiller to check suitability for use in the location.

Pedestrian gate does not self-close, an alternative gate design will be considered – Clerk to ask Wicksteed for quote while they are preparing quote for new fencing.

A new park sign is needed – Clerk to obtain quote for new sign.

Pavement outside Swingfield is very muddy. Rather than runoff over pavement and through Swingfield, a drain should be installed. Issue to be raised with Pathfinder.

14) Review Parish Council Facebook page.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will keep using their Facebook page and will review again after 3 months.

Proposed..... Cllr H MacIver

Seconded.....Cllr C Munsey

15) Approve professional printing of updated Syresham Trail guide.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will bring a copy of the trail to the next meeting.

16) Receive report from Pathfinder III meeting with Emergency Planning Committee – Clerk

**RESOLVED:** That the Emergency Planning Committee will meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> November to complete Syresham Parish Flood Plan.

17) Pocket Park trees – Cllr Haycock

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will obtain quotes for removing Crab Apple tree near entrance and reducing height of pollarded Willows. Dead Elm tree sapling will be removed and a replacement tree will be planted. Clerk to obtain information from Woodland Trust.

Proposed..... Cllr D Green

Seconded.....Cllr I Draper

18) Village of the Year applications – Cllr Munsey

**RESOLVED:** As the competition format has changed, Cllr Munsey will speak to ACRE to discuss the new format before the Parish Council decides whether or not to enter this time.

19) Syresham Times articles.

Resident emails.

Whistley Woods dog waste bin in place this week.

Parish Council website and Facebook page.

How to report dog waste issues.

Strategic Plan? (6<sup>th</sup> Dec deadline).

Pocket Park project completion.

20) Date of next meeting of the Parish Council, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Please inform the Clerk of any items for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days before the meeting.

Community Speedwatch registration.

ABILITY bus issues.

Clarification of Parish Council support for ATRs

HS2 diversions complaint.

40mph repeater signs, Main Road.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm



S Hosking

Syresham Parish Clerk

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