

# Syresham Parish Council

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## MINUTES

Extraordinary meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**,  
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 J Haycock      Cllr E Krupa  
Cllr C Munsey

25 members of the public present

1. Receive and approve apologies for absence.  
Apologies received from Cllr H MacIver, Cllr D Bambridge (WNC Ward Councillor Silverstone Ward) and Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)  
**RESOLVED:** That the above absences be approved.
2. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.  
None to declare.
3. Public Participation session.

A resident objected to planning application WNS/2022/2010/FUL (Proposed new dwelling, Land West of The Hill, Syresham) on the grounds that the proposed building made the turning too tight for agricultural vehicles to access the farm track to his land. The guttering from the present building already juts out too far.

Another resident questioned the provision for extra parking regarding the above application.

A resident read comments from SNATRA regarding planning application WNS/2022/2012/MAO (Outline Application for Truck Stop) in support of the application.

A resident read notes objecting to the proposal.

A resident objected to the proposal on the grounds that it is in the wrong location. The right location would be Towcester. They suggested the police are against the plans, as there are already gangs coming down from the North targeting this area. This problem will only increase.

A resident expressed concern that lorries may use Main Road, Syresham to access the slip road on to the A43 instead of using the roundabout near the proposed site.

A resident expressed concern about what would happen if the lorry park is full, causing drivers to park nearby in the layby on Main Road and the Kingshill layby.

A resident expressed concern that more services would be built in the locality to service the trucks.

A resident expressed concern that there was no infrastructure for electric vehicles.

4. Planning Applications
  - a) WNS/2022/2034/FUL Proposal: Agricultural building and construction of a new section of internal track to connect proposed building with existing track. Location: Land to the South of Old Farmhouse, Crowfield.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council has no objections.  
All in favour.

b) WNS/2022/2010/FUL Proposal: Proposed new dwelling. Location: Land West of The Hill, Syresham.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council object on the following grounds:

- Access to the site – the access into it is too narrow and the turning too tight causing difficulties for vehicles moving in and out of the site.
- The size of the site is small, causing it to be overcrowded.
- There is a risk of flooding on this site.
- There is no turning point on the site for vehicles.
- Development in gardens is not in accordance with Syresham’s Village Design Statement.

All in favour.

c) WNS/2022/2012/MAO Proposal: Outline application for Truck Stop Facility with Associated Fuelling Station, Amenity Building including ancillary sale of goods, and other Associated Works, all matters reserved except for access. Location: Land Parcel 2, West of Welsh Lane, Syresham.

**RESOLVED:** After considering points for and against the application, the Parish Council acknowledged the need for a facility such as this and appreciated the service the truck drivers provide to society, but objects to this application for the following reasons:

- The site proposed is not suitable. Access and exit from the site mean that the trucks may have to cross the already busy B4525 which is a potential danger to other road users. The entry to the site is also too close to the slip road from the A43 and from the roundabout giving access back onto the A43 - the distance being just 62 m. This is not only dangerous but may well in turn may cause traffic congestion which again adversely affects local drivers heading towards Brackley and other drivers using the B4525 to head towards Brackley and Towcester.
- As a result of congestion, lorry drivers (and indeed other drivers) may be tempted to use Main Road, Syresham as a means of access to northbound A43. This road was detrunked when the bypass was built and since then residential dwellings have been built adjacent to the road and the residents of these dwellings would be seriously affected by the increased traffic and heavy vehicles. Furthermore, shortly before the road was detrunked, there was a fatal accident involving a lorry and a young female from the village as she attempted to exit the village at the top of the High Street. If Main Road becomes a means of access onto the northbound A43 from the B4525, such an accident could well happen again.
- In the event that the lorry park is full, drivers may well be tempted to park up on Main Road and Kingshill laybys, which would serve to compound the issues described above.
- Syresham Parish Council is very pro-active with regard to Climate Change in the village. This project with all its inherent pollution and ecology issues is completely counter-productive to what the Parish Council is trying to achieve.
- The location of the site is far too close to pre-existing residential dwellings.
- The construction of a lorry park on the proposed site could well promote more industrial development in an area that is already affected by the construction work associated with HS2.
- Such a proposal is contrary to West Northamptonshire Council’s Planning Policy and to Syresham’s Village Design Statement, both of which aim to preserve the rural quality of the landscape.

5. Items for inclusion in next meeting’s Agenda.

None.

6. Date of next Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm



Cllr C Munsey

Councillor elected to take minutes in absence of the Clerk.

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