

Syresham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Wednesday 22nd February 2023**,
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room, Main Road, Syresham, NN13 5HE

Present: Cllr D Dunkley (Chairman) Cllr I Draper (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Cranwell
Cllr J Haycock Cllr A Jeskins Cllr H MacIver
Cllr C Munsey Cllr Dermot Bambridge, Ward Councillor Silverstone Ward, WNC
Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)

4 members of the public present

1. Receive and approve apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr Green.
2. Receive and approve for signature the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2023.
RESOLVED: The minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2023 will be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting once an amendment has been made to the Npower payment figure and *mention of No Truck Stop group action relates to plans for action and not what had already been actioned.
3. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.
None to declare.

4. Public Participation session.

Representative of the No Truck Stop group – *Please amend the Minutes of 25th January to correct item 4 from detailing actions the No Truck Stop group were doing, to what they were planning to do.

The group have noted that the Parish Council intend to lobby WNC on climate issues and had held a Climate Change Fair. The Truck Stop would have a significant impact on Climate Change.

The Group have been carrying out the following actions:

- Met Dan Callis, the planning case officer.
- Held a call with Ward Councillors Dermot Bambridge and Alison Eastwood.
- Met with Syresham Primary School
- Have found a volunteer to manage the No Truck Stop Facebook page
- Arranged for No Truck Stop banners
- Interacting with local pressure groups against developments at Towcester and Shacks Barn.

Representative of the No Truck Stop group – There are now 291 objections and 36 comments in support of the application on the WNC planning portal. Dan Callis had not seen so many comments in support of an application like this. The fight is still on, it is by no means over. The Parish Council will be discussing my letter in this meeting, detailing 13 ways the Parish Council can continue to take action. The objection letter from Andrew Gray must be sent in as soon as possible. The No Truck Stop group is a small group of residents who are working hard in their spare time to take action and we expect the Parish Council to play their part. CPRE/NALC guidance particularly suggests that submitting objections is only the beginning and we expect the Parish Council to do everything it can to object to the lorry park.

Resident of the Parish – There is a lack of communication from the Parish Council of outcomes raised at PC meetings by residents. For example, the removal of untidy road signs and sandbags from around the village, raised by an Abbey Road resident. The signs are still laying around in ditches and verges along with sandbags. I don't believe the person received a response.

Answer, Cllr Bambridge – these were reported to Silverstone Circuit and to WNC Highways, who had arranged for their contractors to visit the area to remove old signs. But the problem has been identifying who they belong to.

Answer, Cllr I Draper – As Silverstone representative the issue was raised at liaison meetings as well and can be raised again at the next one.

Another example is the information given by the resident regarding an ecologist for a survey of Syresham and advice available from Natural England which had been offered to the Parish Council. These people were not at the Climate and Environmental Fayre, was it because they were not contacted? The resident was not informed. It is disheartening for people to offer suggestions and be rebuffed by non-communication.

I would also suggest that the Parish Council use the NALC tools available and Action Plans. An individual named Councillor should be appointed to follow each topic through to ensure topics are thoroughly investigated and dealt with, rather than getting lost or kicked into long grass. The above two examples were not followed through. This sort of thing is totally unacceptable. Please raise the use of Action Plans as an agenda item for the next meeting and nominate someone to follow it through.

5. Receive update report from Cllr Dermot Bambridge, Ward Councillor Silverstone Ward, WNC.

Cllr Bambridge's report will be uploaded to the parish website along with the minutes from this meeting.

6. Matters arising.

- a) Update on Sports Field dog waste bin – The SSSC have recently sent confirmation of where the bin is to be sited. The Clerk will confirm with Marcus Young that their quote is still valid.
- b) Malt Lane no lorries signage update – Clerk still has not had time to write.
- c) Update on Village Gate removal and repair – Alan Hawkins will remove old gate and dispose for £20, but cannot undertake painting the other gates at this time.

RESOLVED: Alan Hawkins will be asked to remove the redundant village gates. Cllr MacIver will ask if the Scouts can assist with painting the village gates near the Village Hall.

- d) Update on request for S106 funds for survey for proposed Pimlico to Crowfield Active Travel Route. The S106 team have confirmed that the S106 Open Spaces fund cannot be used for an ATR feasibility study. The team were asked the same question last year by the Parish Council and by SNATRA and their response has not changed.

7. Planning Applications

- a) APP/W2845/D/23/3314730 - Appeal against refusal of a householder application.

Location: Stonestrow Crowfield Road Crowfield NN13 5TW. Description of development: Extension of dwelling to create First Floor and extended side/rear porch, Garage Extension including creation of self-contained ancillary annex accommodation at first floor, relocated gate to access.

Deadline to withdraw any representations 24 February 2023

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council does not wish to withdraw any representations.

- b) WNS/2022/2012/MAO Syresham Truck Stop

- i. Receive for approval letter of objection prepared by Mr Gray (Planning Consultant) on behalf of the parish.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approves the letter for submission to the WNC planning officer

- ii. Consider submission of potential planning considerations in relation to this application.

RESOLVED: The proposed letter outlining potential planning considerations (should the application be approved), is accepted with the inclusion of EV charge points in the village as well as on site.

- iii. Consider request from the No Truck Stop residents' group for the Parish Council to take further action in objecting to this application.

The Chairman read a statement on behalf of the Parish Council:

Whilst the Parish Council appreciates the concerns and matters raised by residents, who will receive our comments tomorrow, we feel the letter being submitted by the planning consultant, Mr Gray, covers details in the application in great depth and after consultation with the planning authority, Northants CALC and CPRE, the letter will be submitted tomorrow morning.

At a previous Parish Council meeting after lengthy discussion and concerns from Councillors it was agreed that the Parish Council appoints Mr Gray to submit objections on our behalf and it was clearly stated by the Parish Council that this is as far as it is prepared to go. We shall await the date of the Strategic Planning

RESOLVED: A full reply to the No Truck Stop group will be sent tomorrow with a copy of Mr Gray's letter.

8. i. Confirm and approve Community Engagement and Civility & Respect training costs.

Cost of Community Engagement was £155.72.

Civility & Respect Training will now be more tailored and will cost less than originally planned (to be discussed in more detail later in this meeting). This training will be £270 instead of £700.

RESOLVED: That these training costs are approved.

- ii. Approval of accounts for payment:

Payee	Amount	VAT	Cheque No	Power
Marcus Young dog waste bin emptying	£1,397.76	£232.96	101763	Environmental Protection Act 1990
Aitchison Raffety Planning objection letter	£2,160.00	£360.00	101764	LGA 1972 s111 (1)
M Dempsey Grasscutting 1 year	£5,880.00	£0	101765	Highways Act 1980 s96
Salaries (Month 11) incl. WFH allowance	£897.94	£0	101766	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
BT quarterly bill	£140.98	£23.50	Direct Debit	LGA 1972 s111 (1)
NEST pension Jan salary contributions	£25.73	£0	Direct Debit	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
HMRC gov PAYE payment month 10	£17.90	£0	Debit Card	LGA 1972 s112 (2)

Total Spend £ 10,520.31

RESOLVED: That the above accounts be paid.

- iii) Bank Balances for approval

Community: £ 14,048.01

Business: £ 26,768.85

Total: £ 40,816.86

RESOLVED: The above bank balances were approved.

9. Receive interim internal audit report.

No issues to report.

RESOLVED: The interim internal audit was received and accepted. The Clerk was thanked for her work in keeping the accounts in order.

10. Review risk assessment.

Loan non-repayment management of risk and amended one to two signatories on any BACs payments was included in the revised risk assessment.

RESOLVED: The revised Risk Assessment document was approved.

11. Review asset register.

Swingfield fencing and update of the Arnold Baker book were included in the register.

RESOLVED: Cllr Munsey will update the Clerk on current litter picking equipment and this will be added to the register. With this amendment the revised asset register was approved.

12. Correspondence.
 - a) NACRE Good Neighbours scheme update.

RESOLVED: The Emergency Planning Committee will review the scheme and details will be included in the Syresham Times to encourage volunteers.
 - b) NACRE invitation to Parish Council Network face-to-face meeting – Community support priorities and need. Tuesday 28 Feb 1.30pm
RESOLVED: Cllrs Dunkley, Draper and Munsey will be registered to attend.
 - c) WNC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Taxi Policy Consultation 2023
Deadline for comments is 26th March.
RESOLVED: Cllr A Jeskins offered to review and respond on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - d) Email from resident regarding Main Road layby littering and request for the provision of a litter bin.
RESOLVED: Cllr Bambridge is having a meeting with the street cleaning officer at Towcester and will ask them to visit the site. If a bin is to be installed, the Parish Council would like the bin to be emptied once a week.
13. Receive Swingfield inspection report for January – Cllr J Haycock and for February Cllr H MacIver
RESOLVED: Inspections to be carried out as soon as possible.
14. Confirm new Swingfield sign details – Cllrs Green and Munsey
RESOLVED: The sign wording as proposed by Cllrs Munsey and Green was approved. The Parish Council are awaiting a quote for the sign.
15. Discuss plans for delivering Swingfield bank verge rewilding trial.
RESOLVED: That Brian Webster, the author of the CA-WN booklet *Claim Back Space*, will be invited to talk to the Parish Council on how to rewild verges. The initial trial area of the Swingfield bank will be used to decide on the best method.
16. Receive prices and equipment options for replacement play tower and new accessible swing – Cllr Munsey
Deferred to next meeting.
17. Consider proposal for a new play area for older children – Cllr Cranwell
The proposal is for facilities not necessarily a play area, for example a mobile skate park. Such facilities would be an appropriate use of S106 Open Space funds.

RESOLVED: The initial stage in providing new facilities for older children should be public consultation. Therefore, Cllr Jeskins will prepare leaflets which will then be delivered by Councillors to every household in the village. An update on this action to be included on the next agenda.
18. Confirm details of Civility & Respect training.
The Clerk has been in further discussion with NCALC about this training. Danny Moody (NCALC CEO) can provide a more tailored training on this subject and the Code of Conduct. He has experience in visiting Councils to carry out this kind of training/discussion. Much more cost effective than the NALC trainer where Councillors would have had to choose from topics that may not have covered everything required.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will circulate suggested dates and ensure a date is chosen when all Councillors can attend.
19. Review Community Engagement training recording and consider how suggestions could be applied.
Deferred to next meeting as some Councillors didn't have the necessary password to view the training. Clerk to send password out.
20. Consider WNC Highways information on applying for weight limit on Main Road.
Deferred to next meeting. Action plan required on how the Parish Council will carry out the work involved in making an application.
21. Review update from WNC Highways on actions from Main Road Speeding meeting.
 - 40mph repeater signs - A few new signs are required and these have now been designed. It is anticipated these will be delivered within 8 weeks.

- The Highways liaison has added a request for 40mph repeater roundels to her lining list for consideration once we move into the warmer dryer months.
- The Police Safer Roads Team have carried out another speed monitoring exercise. The Highways liaison has sent the data from the monitoring in 2021 and the latest from January this year, you will note there has not been much change in terms of recorded speeds.
- VAS signs. Both have been inspected. The sign near the village hall requires new batteries and an order has been raised for these. The sign on the Eastern side of the village is working although reaching the end of its life.
- Road surface. The Clerk reported noisy road surface to Highways, they replied to say “Regarding the condition of this section of Main Road, we can confirm that there are no immediate safety concerns relating to this issue that warrant repair.” As the Highways liaison mentioned in the residents meeting, it is highly unlikely Highways would have the funding to simply replace the current road surface with a low noise surface.

RESOLVED: The action report was received.

22. Receive Silverstone Traffic Management meeting report – Cllr Draper

The F1GP and MotoGP event traffic management was reviewed in full. Silverstone are aware there were significant issues. Some traffic was coming through Syresham to access private car parks. It was found that car park owners were giving incorrect information to customers.

RESOLVED: The Traffic Management will be added to the next agenda.

23. Consider new dog waste bin emptying contract for 2023-2025.

Marcus Young now have sent their quote for 2023-2024, the new cost per annum would be £1, 372.80. Another contractor, Shield have quoted £1,040 per annum for the same level of service.

Cllr Bambridge will forward Silverstone’s contractor details (DNH), the Clerk will obtain a third quote from them.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agree that it should appoint Shield to carry out dog waste bin emptying, unless the quote from DNH indicates that Shield are not comparable.

Suspend standing order 3x.

24. Discuss parish Coronation plans – Cllr Munsey

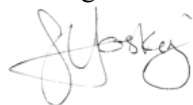
Cllrs Munsey and Jeskins met briefly to discuss possible options after informal discussions with individual residents, it is suggested that there should be a whole village event at the Sports Club Field, with picnics and music, where a trailer platform can be provided for anyone to perform. The Bank Holiday Monday should be a volunteers’ day, Cllr Munsey suggested that this could be an opportunity to thank parish volunteers. Any ideas and suggestions, please let Cllrs Munsey or Jeskins know.

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

- Action plans
- Website – review Community section
- Review formation of committees and working groups as set out in Parish Council Minutes
- Communications – including the display of contact details for each Parish Councillor and the Clerk

26. Confirm date of next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 29th March 2023

Meeting closed at 9.10pm



S Hosking,
Syresham Parish Clerk