

SYDERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm
On Thursday 16th May 2019 in the Amy Robsart Hall

Present: Cllr D Niemann
Cllr L Owen
Cllr M Askew
Cllr D Daly
Cllr M Chenery (County Councillor)
Cllr P Welland (Arrived at 7.15pm)
Parish Clerk

1. Welcome
The Chair welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting
2. Apologies for Absence
Cllrs Taylor and Beauchamp and Cllr Chris Morley (newly elected Borough Councillor).
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2018, previously approved on 21st June 2018. Chair proposed that the Minutes be accepted. All in favour.
Resolved to approve the Minutes.
4. Reports from Parish Organisations and businesses (All previously circulated)
 - 4.1 FRISC – Fund Raising in Syderstone Community
See Appendix 1 for the Report
 - 4.2 Amy Robsart Hall
See Appendix 2 for the Report
Norman Riches, Chairman of Amy Robsart Hall read out his report
 - 4.3 St. Mary's Church
No report received
A request, read out at the meeting, had been received asking the parish council to continue displaying publicity material for the Church. All in favour. **Resolved to continue to display publicity material provided space is available.**
 - 4.4 Art (& Craft) @ Amy Robsart Hall
See Appendix 3 for the Report
 - 4.5 Community Speed Watch
See Appendix 4 for the Report
 - 4.6 Any other reports
No further reports
5. Issues raised by electors
None

Chair thanked all for attending and there being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.25pm

FRISC – Fundraising in Syderstone Community was founded in summer of 2018 by six villagers with the aim of raising funds for local charities and village projects. We have applied for charity registration which unfortunately has a bit of a backlog and we are still awaiting the outcome of this.

We are proud to support East Anglian Air Ambulance and East Anglia Children's Hospice. We are also committed to the annual upkeep of one of the dog bins already installed and the provision of another and its maintenance, once a site can be agreed. It has also been suggested that benches around the village and on the common would be welcome and we are planning on trying to achieve this. We will be making a donation towards the installation of outdoor gym equipment in the playing field and have offered a small donation to the team behind the reopening of Green Park Centre. We are, of course, happy to receive suggestions from villagers too.

We held a successful 70's disco in November and a table top sale in January. We also organised a village litter pick in March (huge thanks to Karen Orgill for getting this started) and will do this again at the end of summer – hopefully in conjunction with the Parish Council next time. The past few months have been taken up with organising the fete for Saturday 1st June. We also have a race night in the pipeline and a further disco booked for November. We've been delighted with the positive response to the events held so far. We've also been thrilled with all the offers of help for the fete which are much needed and appreciated. Let's hope the sun shines on 1 June!

Amy Robsart (Syderstone) Village Hall Committee

Winner of the EDP/NRCC Community Building Award 2A09
Chairman: Norman Riches, "Birches" Mill Lane Syderstone King's Lynn PE31 8RX

2018 -2019 Chairman's Report to Syderstone Parish Council Annual Meeting 16th May 2019

Our greatest achievement this year has been the installation of the upgraded Audio-Visual equipment. This was made possible by a successful grant application to the Chiplow Windfarm Community Fund (administered by Norfolk Community Foundation) and a contribution from hall funds.

Our Village Screen cinema in particular has benefited from the larger screen, High Definition projector and a much improved 7.1 surround sound system. Having attended one of our film evenings several members of our audience have made favourable unsolicited comments.

Following a further successful grant application to the Jack's Lane Wind Farm Community Fund (also administered by Norfolk Community Foundation) we are now able to progress the first stage of repairs to the external brickwork. A local builder has been appointed to commence work in the very near future.

The new heating system has been a personal disappointment. Frustratingly it works efficiently on some occasions only to cut out unpredictably on others. As the installers are based some distance away, we are considering calling in Mitsubishi themselves in an attempt to resolve the problems.

This year, after nine years of maintaining our very competitive hire charges we have had to review them to reflect the increased costs of energy, insurance and other overheads. I still believe our revised charges are still excellent value for money compared with other similar venues.

All our regular users continue to provide essential income for the hall whilst providing an important service to the Community.

We have a list of projects and improvements to the hall, which we would like to progress, but we will be reliant on grant funding assistance.

Once again, I would like to thank all those who support the hall, whether they are committee members, group organisers, function volunteers or attendees, without their support we could not continue to maintain and improve an essential community building and an important asset to the village and local catchment area

Norman Riches (Chairman)

Annual Report for the Parish Council - May 2019

ART n Craft @ AMY ROBSART HALL

I am pleased to report that Group numbers have grown over the past 12 months.

Our **Summer Term 2018** began with 22 members increasing during the **Autumn** to 30. This continued during **Spring 2019** to 32 Members with an overall average attendance of 15 per session.

The financial viability of the Group continues to be secure, enabling us to remain open and, most importantly, at just £10 for an 11 week Term, affordable to all. Our Summer Afternoon and Christmas Tea Parties benefitting from any surplus funds remaining after payment of the Hire Fees and Refreshment expenses.

The change of table/seating layout continues to be very popular with both the artist and needlework groups. Tea-break is a time for everyone to mix and chat, providing friendship, inspiration, learning, encouragement and assistance for each other, this being the whole purpose of the Group.

The Group also enjoyed two special events during the year. In December a Ceramic Painting Session was kindly provided by Paint Me Ceramics of Hunstanton and many a Christmas Pot/Plate/Gift was produced. In March an additional morning session, in the form of an Oil Painting Demonstration and Tutorial given by Vanda Richards, proved to be a huge success. Encouraged by the members' enthusiasm; similar special events are planned for the future.

Finally, Art n Craft at Amy Robsart Hall is pleased to be supporting the forthcoming Syderstone Fete with a manned exhibition in the Amy Robsart Hall of our Art and Craft projects, in progress and completed, undertaken by Group members in the recent past.

Linda Pearse- Art n Craft@ARVH - April 2019

Village Speedwatch

The Speedwatch team has continued to monitor traffic through the village over the past year at 6 designated sites. Over 100 motorists have been caught doing at least 35mph through the village. The returns show that a majority of these people do not live in Syderstone, but there are still a substantial number that do and also come from Bleinham Park and Wicken Green.

There are a dedicated band of volunteers who carry out the duty. However, even though we have attracted two new members to the team, we have lost three, for a variety of reasons. Despite many pleas, it is difficult to attract people to the group. More volunteers would mean that we could monitor traffic more regularly without having to call upon the same people time after time.

Speedwatch is the only measure used in the village to combat excessive speed at present. I would urge the new Parish Council to explore other means of doing so, such as narrowing the roads at several points through the village (e.g. Smiths Lane in Fakenham), campaigning for a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph, again as exemplified in Fakenham along Highfield Road between Wells road and Queens Road and finally the painting of speed roundels and 'SLOW' on the roads leading into the village.

The council must be made aware that both the size of vehicle and their speed is detrimental to the village in many ways. That, and the fact that pavements are narrow and even non-existent in some places (even in the heart of the village).

In the meantime, the Speedwatch team will continue to try and curb and educate those who speed.

Gwyn Williams
May 2019