

SYRESHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Syresham Village Hall, Main Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th May 2024

MINUTES

Present: Chair, Cllr Dorothy Dunkley
Vice Chair, Cllr Ian Draper
Parish Clerk & RFO, Mrs N Ali
Cllrs Christina Munsey, David Green, Russ Woolley and David Cranwell
HS2 Representatives; Dave Butcher and Brenna Slade
2 Members of the Public.

1. Cllr Dorothy Dunkley Chair of Syresham Parish Council gave a welcome and introduction.
2. Minutes from Friday 30th May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.
3. Apologies received from Cllr G Lowther and WNC Silverstone Ward Cllr Dermot Bambridge and South Northants Community Police Team.

4. Presentation from HS2 Representatives Brenna Slade & Dave Butcher

A background and overview were given on the HS2 project. Local engagement opportunities were shared, including mobile visitor centre and regular coffee morning attendance at Syresham Village Hall Coffee mornings on Thursdays where members of the local community can attend and raise questions or concerns directly with the HS2 representatives. Additionally, there is also a 24hr help desk available at 08081 434 434 you can also sign up for regular updates at www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

Details of recent community activities and projects were shared including school engagement where details were given on school projects and donations, including site safaris and forest schools. During de vegetation, surplus wood is reused as wood chip and donated along with surplus planting, recycled wood pallets and logs which are also all donated to local community organisations.

The following donations were also noted:

- Syresham Gardening Club in February
- Defibrillator in March and currently organising training for residents
- Supporting Syresham VE Day celebrations in May
- Sponsoring Syresham Open Gardens and donating to the tombola in June

An update was provided on the local construction including A43, A422 Overbridge, Radstone and Greatworth works and progress. Aerial footage was shared showing current activity and stages.

5. Chair's Parish Council report from Cllr Dunkley

Cllr Dunkley delivered the annual Parish Council Chair's report. The Chair's report will be made available to view on the parish website www.syreshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

6. Q&A session from public

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions to HS2;

Q - Who has the responsibility for the plants/trees once works have finished?

A - HS2 are responsible for these until handed over to the contractor or land owner, there will be around 3 – 5 years of growth to establish and these will be maintained before being handed over.

Q - What happens to the A43 compound once works complete?

A - This will be demobilised, maintenance via an access road. The area will be planted and made good.

Q - Who owns the land around the roads?

A - HS2 owns some of the land, other areas have been temporarily acquired. Final ownership of these areas to be agreed further down the line.

Q - Will there be a footpath on the 3 lane overbridge?

A - No

General comments and questions from the public were received:

- Concerns regarding the state of the cemetery maintenance – grass needs cutting.
- Climbing wall on the treehouse could do with some wood along the bottom to strengthen the existing base. Eco options for extending the life of the treehouse preferred over complete replacement.
- Resident asked if there are plans to bring electricity supply up to date as there are 100+ year old electricity poles in the village which resident felt were unnecessary and outdated. Suggested to tie this in with replacing the pathways as the cables could be put underground moving forward. It was agreed by the Chair to add this to our next agenda for further discussion.

Parish Council reports were displayed at the meeting and will also be published on the parish website:

Pocket Park – D Green
Parish Council Finances – N Ali
Silverstone Circuit – I Draper
Chair Report – D Dunkley

Swingfield – D Green
CCEC – C Munsey
HS2 – G Lowther
Staffing Report – D Dunkley

Village organisations, charities and club reports were displayed at the meeting and will also be published on the parish website.

South Northants Police
Church
Village Hall
Gardening Club

WNC Ward Silverstone – D Bambridge
Syresham Times
History Society
Friendship Club

Meeting closed at 8:54pm