

Syresham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Extraordinary meeting of Syresham Parish Council held on **Wednesday 11th January 2023**,
at **7pm** in the Village Hall Meeting Room, Main Road, Syresham, NN13 5HE

Present: Cllr D Dunkley (Chairman) Cllr I Draper (Vice Chairman) Cllr D Green
Cllr H MacIver Cllr C Munsey
Mrs S Hosking (Clerk to the Council)

2 members of the public present

1. Receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Haycock, Cllr Jeskins and Cllr Cranwell

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.

Two residents from Bradbery Close have formed a residents' action group to object to the planned lorry park and wished to address the Parish Council. They have attended a similar residents' action group meeting with residents of Silverstone and Whittlebury who are engaged in fighting a planning application in those parishes. The Syresham group have so far submitted Freedom of Information requests, had discussions with Ward Councillors and are due to meet MP Andrea Leadsom soon. They also feel that there is a huge lack of awareness of the planning application in the village and have put a flyer up in the Post Office. They are also planning on posting flyers through doors around the parish this weekend to raise awareness and rally more residents to lodge objections before the deadline.

Whittlebury residents have appointed a Planning Consultant to send a letter of objection on their behalf regarding a planning application in their parish. The consultant is Andrew Gray of Aitchison Rafferty. Cllr Charles Manners recommended Mr Gray and another possible consultant Sally Chapman who has provided similar services for another parish. The Syresham action group representatives have had initial conversations with Mr Gray and feel that he would be able to raise significant concerns and objections. He has also indicated that the objective would be to show that potential harms caused by the development would outweigh the benefits. He was able to quote relevant case laws that add weight to the objections. The residents feel that we are all in agreement that truck stops are needed, but not in this location. They feel that the WNC Planning department are out of control and should have already thrown out this application, as the development isn't included in the Local Plan.

The residents request that Parish Council funds are made available to pay Mr Gray's fees and would like a decision to be made this evening as he would need 10 days to prepare the letter and time is short.

The Parish Council would not be able to make a decision this evening, without further information. The residents will email any relevant information regarding the planning consultant to the Clerk.

The matter will be discussed later in this meeting under item 5b and later in the F&GP Committee meeting.

4. Planning Applications

- a) **WNS/2022/1468/MAF** Proposal: Construction of new ancillary building to house support services and facilities to Aston Martin's F1 Headquarters, the provision of a link between this and the recently approved wind tunnel and associated works. Amendment details: Building moved to the North, reconfigured floor layout and pedestrian link, additional windows to South elevation. Revised car park layout. Location: Aston Martin F1 Buckingham Road, Silverstone, Northamptonshire, NN12 8TJ

RESOLVED: The Parish Council support this application and have no comments to submit.

- b) **WNS/2022/2328/FUL** Proposal: Proposed single storey front extension with associated internal and external works. Location: 17 Burnham Place Syresham NN13 5HT

RESOLVED: The Parish Council support this application and have no comments to submit.

- c) **WNS/2022/2357/FUL** Proposal: Extension over existing garage rear single storey extension and front porch. Location: 38 High Street Syresham NN13 5HL

RESOLVED: The Parish Council support this application and have no comments to submit.

- d) **WNS/2022/2376/FUL** Proposal: Proposed single story rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer. Location: 19 Bell Lane Syresham NN13 5HP

RESOLVED: The Parish Council support this application and have no comments to submit.

5. Correspondence

- a) Email to the Parish Council from Councillor Bambridge offering advice regarding the current Lorry Park outline planning application.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bambridge's email was received.

- b) Request from a resident for the Parish Council to appoint a planning consultant to write an objection letter to WNC concerning the current Lorry Park outline planning application

Two Syresham residents have requested that the Parish Council appoint a planning consultant to send an objection letter to WNC in relation to the Lorry Park planning application. The residents have been in touch with their preferred consultant - Mr Gray, Aitchison Rafferty - who has quoted to them £1,800 +VAT to prepare a letter.

The Clerk has sought advice from Northants County Association of Local Councils. Their opinion is that while it is not normal practice for Parish Councils to fight development, it is permitted. It could however be a very costly process and a decision must take into consideration the amount of funds the community would want to risk on the venture.

The Clerk also confirmed with the case officer that while the current expiry date for comments is 24th January, this deadline is likely to be extended and comments accepted up until the day before the Planning Committee meeting. The Committee date is unknown but is likely to be 2-3 months away.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact Cllr Manners to confirm deadline for comments and clarify when the Committee is expected to meet. The Clerk will also contact NCALCs planning consultant for advice and will circulate all information to Parish Councillors immediately. Once additional information is received a decision will then be made. If necessary an extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be called at the earliest possible date to confirm the decision.

6. Items for inclusion in next meeting's Agenda.

- Civility and Respect Training - The Clerk will ask for possible dates and then confirm a date when ALL Councillors can attend, (preferably a Wednesday or Thursday evening).
- It is accepted that 4 Councillors and the Clerk would like to attend the NALC Public Engagement Training – Cllrs Cranwell, Krupa, Dunkley and Munsey.
- Set date for Village Litterpick (particularly up Main Road and the layby)
- Pocket Park sign damage
- Syresham Times articles
- Progress with additional Sports Field Dog Waste bin
- Swingfield new gate lock.

7. Confirm date of next Parish Council meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January.

8. Proposal to close the Finance and General Purposes meeting to the public and press to allow discussion of commercially sensitive quotations and tenders, which are to be treated as private and confidential.

RESOLVED: That the meeting will be closed to public and press.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hosking', written in a cursive style.

S Hosking
Syresham Parish Clerk

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