## SYRESHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Welcome and introduction by Mrs Dorothy Dunkley Chairman of Syresham Parish Council. Mrs Dunkley thanked the 15 members of the public and 5 parish councillors to the meeting and introduced the guest speakers.
- 2. Apologies: J Haycock, I Draper
- 3. Presentation from Mr Steve Burd (Stagecoach) and Mr John Ellerby (NCC Highways) The Northampton-Silverstone bus route is commercially viable, whilst the Silverstone-Bicester section is supported by funding from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). From Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016, OCC will withdraw all funding to the bus service (this covers Brackley-Bicester), whilst NCC will withdraw funding to the Silverstone-Brackley section on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. In an effort to retain a partial bus service through the village, Stagecoach will continue to operate 2 early buses from Brackley-Northampton, one off peak bus on the same route at 09.30 from Brackley and a return bus later in the day, this service will continue to run through school holidays. (Full details of the bus timetable will be available in July and the Clerk will request copies to be distributed around the village)

As there has been £200,000 cut from the NCC budget, savings had to be made, but County Connect is available and should be used for journeys to Brackley and/or Towcester etc after the 23<sup>rd</sup> July as the bus service is reduced. County Connect runs 6 days a week, can be pre-booked up to 1 week in advance and accepts bus passes. Concerns were raised regarding children getting to and from Northampton and Towcester schools, Mr Burd offered to look at the need for this if the demand for a regular service can be identified.

- 4. Parish Council Report from Mrs Dunkley (see attached)
- 5. Report from the Police was displayed on the boards
- 6. Working Committees Reports on the boards

Flooding – P Town Swingfield – D Green Roads & Footpaths – L Sambrook Smith Environmental Enhancement – C Munsey Tree Warden – B Lynch Footpath Warden – J Braybrook, J Cox Streetlights – L Sambrook Smith Emergency Plan – A Jeskins Syresham Times – C Munsey Pocket Park – D Green Speeding & Parking – R Dixon Finance report – L Sambrook Smith Internal Control – D Green Silverstone liaison – I Draper 7. Village Organisations reports on display boards

Bowls Club Brownies Syresham School Chapel

St. James Church Parish Council

Friendship Club Neighbourhood Watch

History Society Gardening Club

Preschool Village Hall Management Committee
Mothers and Toddlers Syresham Times (Editors comments)

Sports and Social Club Take Your Seats

CHARITIES: George Timms Charity Accounts - Aubrey Green

Village Hall Accounts – C Munsey

Church Charity Accounts – Church Warden

8. Any other business – none

Meeting closed at 8.30pm