

SYRESHAM PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th MAY 2017

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introduction by
Mrs Dorothy Dunkley Chairman of Syresham Parish Council
4 Members of the Public were present
2. Apologies: S Marinker, S Palmer, J Braybrook, D Green
3. Presentation from Nick King (SNVB) – see attached report.
A questionnaire was circulated round the meeting asking what type of support would be beneficial to Syresham in order to complete a grant application. More copies of the questionnaire will be completed at a coffee shop.
4. Potholes – what can be done? Cllr Ian Morris and Mr Pothole (Cllr Morrell)
(Cllr Morris sent a report to the Parish Assembly and this was available on display during the meeting.)
Cllr Morris thanked all those who recently voted for him in the County Council elections, there are now 47 Conservative seats on the County Council. The total budget for road repairs is £15 million, however £100 million is needed. A new Roadmaster machine should improve costs and productivity, however pothole repairs are not done in poor weather unless they are dangerous. Potholes are repaired according to strict categorisation criteria (see attached). It is hoped that a fund to allow each County Councillor to recommend one street for repair will be available this year again. Last year Crowfield benefitted from this fund.
Cllr Morrell has campaigned throughout the country for pothole repairs and works with councils and the Highways Agency to report and follow up pothole issues. He reported that there is no legal criteria for a pothole to require repairs, all county councils set their own criteria. Cllr Morrell agreed that Streetdoctor was the best way to report potholes on NCC Highways roads, however found that reporting potholes on major routes is not so straightforward. He offered to help residents get potholes repaired by using his extensive contacts network. He can be found on Twitter (@mrpotholeuk) and can be contacted through Brackley Town Council. Cllr Morrell also recommended to tweet updates of potholes repairs once they have been given a reference number on Streetdoctor (@NNHighways), this can help speed the process up. If potholes are really bad in a village/town, locals can raise a petition to try to get the work completed, but should always include your county councillor for support.
5. Parish Council Report from Mrs Dunkley – see attached report
6. Working Committees Reports on the boards
Flooding – P Town
Swingfield – D Green
Roads & Footpaths – L Sambrook Smith
Emergency Plan – A Jeskins
Streetlights – L Sambrook Smith
Pocket Park – D Green

Environmental Enhancement – C Munsey Speeding & Parking – R Dixon
Silverstone liaison – I Draper Finance report – L Sambrook Smith
Footpath Warden – J Braybrook Internal Control – D Green

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
Take Your Seats	Village Hall Management Committee
Mothers and Toddlers	Syresham Times (Editors comments)
Sports and Social Club	Gems

CHARITIES: George Timms Charity Accounts - Aubrey Green
 Village Hall Accounts – C Munsey
 Church Charity Accounts – Church Warden

8. Any other business

Mrs Town thanked the contractors for the work completed on The Hill and Wappenham Road, but was frustrated that Cllr Town wasn't included in more of the project discussions as he has more than 40 years experience in ground water control. Mrs Town is concerned that the water flow on The Hill has not been observed and the new works will not be sufficient in times of heavy rain.

The Clerk explained to Mrs Town that Cllr Town, Cllr Dixon and several residents affected by flooding had attended a meeting at the very start of the project to assess how water flows and how they are affected by flooding. The Clerk also explained that the report Cllr Town had written had been passed onto the engineers so they had all the available information. The scheme had been discussed at a Parish Council meeting and the council supported the scheme.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm