



# Syderstone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Amy Robsart Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Niemann (Chair), Cllr D Candy, Cllr D Daly, Cllr A Knight,  
Cllr P Welland, Cllr S Wood (minutes)

Members of the Public – 3

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1. **Welcome from the Chair:** The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chair announced that although the Parish Clerk is making a good recovery, she was not able to attend the meeting but has been carrying out her duties at home. It is very much hoped that she will be well enough to attend the April meeting.
  2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were noted from the Parish Clerk and Borough Cllr Chris Morley.
  3. **Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items:** None.
  4. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were circulated before the meeting. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr D Candy, **SECONDED** by Cllr S Wood and **AGREED** that the minutes were a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair, Cllr D Niemann.
  5. **Parishioner's Questions and Statements (15 minutes):** None.
  6. **To consider the Clerks Report (Matters arising for information only):**  
**Playing Field Inspection:** A preliminary report has been received drawing attention to one item of equipment. (see item 11.3)  
**Councillor vacancy:** applications to fill the vacancy are sought. Applications will be debated at the next meeting.  
**Spring edition Natterjack:** ready for proof-reading  
**Energy Supply:** the Parish Clerk is researching utilities with a view to finding better prices.
  7. **To receive a report from County Councillor Michael Chenery:** Three reports from the County Council have been distributed to Councillors. Cllr Cheney reported that division boundaries have changed for the Local Elections in May. He has concerns over the County Archives following any unification of the local authorities and hopes that they main remain in their current purpose-built premises. He will keep an eye open for any funding available
  8. **To receive a report from Borough Councillor Chris Morley:** a report has been distributed to Councillors
  9. **Planning:** To consider plans at the time of publishing:
    - 9.1 **To consider plans since the publication of the agenda:** None.
    - 9.2 **To consider plans since publication of agenda:**  
25/01536/F Householder-2 storey rear extension to 4 Manor Grange.  
Decision: Parish Council supports the amendment.
    - 9.3 **To consider outcomes of planning – approved/withdrawn by the Borough Council:**  
26/0016 LDP Lawful Development Certificate: use of the land to site a mobile home for ancillary use to the main dwelling house-2 Creake Road. Would be lawful-2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. Delegated decision: noted.
    - 9.4 **Planning Appeal Notification 25/01419/F, Arwyn 13 Ashside.** Refusal of Appeal noted.

- 9.5 **Change of Residential Property Address** from 5 Manor Court, The Street, Syderstone PE31 8SD to Appletree Barn, 5 Manor Court, The Street, Syderstone PE31 8SD-Noted

10. **Finance:**

- 10.1 **To note accounts for payment under the Late Payments Interest Act (1998):** Approved  
10.2 **To approve the accounts for payment in March (list provided):** Approved  
10.3 **The finance received during January and February 2026:** Noted  
10.4 **To approve the January and February 2026 financial statements:** it was AGREED to accept the January and February 2026 statements, which were signed by the Chair, Cllr D Niemann.  
10.5 **To approve a transfer of £1000 from the Instant Access Account to the T1 Current Account to enable the payment of invoices prior to reclaim of VAT for 2025/26:** Approved

11. **Parish Councillor's Reports**

- 11.1 **Village Speedwatch and relocation of SAM2 signs:** Cllr P Welland reported that 2 Speedwatch sessions had been held with a further session scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>. One driver had been clocked at 45MPH. He also reported that Speedwatch volunteers had been subject to some verbal abuse. Cllr D Niemann reported that she has put a piece in the next edition of Natterjack condemning such behaviour.  
11.2 **Attendance at the Priority Setting Meeting (formerly SNAP):** Cllr P Welland advised that he had attended the meeting to be held on 19th January in Dersingham, where matters relating to anti-social behaviour from uncontrolled dogs off leads were raised together with fouling by dogs where the owners make no attempt to clean up after them. Regrettably, this is considered a non-police matter unless a regular pattern can be established or an attack by a dog is made. It also transpired that personnel problems meant that a police officer would not be available to attend a Speedwatch session unless a regular occurrence of transgression by the same individual could be established.  
11.3 **Playground Weekly Inspection Reports:** Cllr D Daly reported that the infestation by moles continues to be a problem. The preliminary safety report has been acted upon and the part to rectify the concern about one piece of equipment has already been acquired and will soon be in place.  
11.4 **Monitoring of Street Lights and Fire Hydrant List:** no issues were noted.  
11.5 **NCF – Jack's Lane Wind Farm Community Fund Panel:** Cllr D Candy advised that the applications for 2026 funding need to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and a maximum of £5,000 per project will be available. Cllr Candy had asked whether the replacement of the Norman Way streetlight would be considered but it was thought unlikely.  
11.6 **Defibrillator on wall of ARVH:** it was noted that there were no issues and that regular reports continued to be sent to WEBNOS.  
11.7 **Amy Robsart Village Hall Committee:** Cllr A Knights' report to the Council was received and noted. The Hall is demonstrating increased usage. The Post Office has resumed and will continue for the foreseeable future, at least until the Wells Post Office secures a buyer. Improvements to the kitchen and garden are to be made. Accounts have been submitted to the Charity Commissioners.
12. **Updates and on-going items**
- 12.1 **Update on Emergency Plan:** Cllr D Niemann reported that the final draft of the plan has been achieved and is currently being reviewed by the Parish Clerk.  
12.2 **Update on the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme bid for 2026/2027:** The Parish Council's bid for the provision of SAM3 speed awareness signs has been successful. Some procedures concerning acceptance are required and installation will follow.

13 **Open Spaces**

- 13.1 **To consider a project to form part of a funding application to the Jack's Lane Community Benefit Fund:** Cllr D Nieman proposed and after discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for funding to replace the two village noticeboards with powder coated aluminum boards. It was suggested that the site of the board currently mounted on the garden wall of the Old Rectory might usefully be moved to the side wall of the Amy Robsart Hall.  
13.2 **Streetlight at Norman Way:** two responses only have been received from Parishioners (neither of them were residents of the homes where streetlight is located). The Council has obtained quotations for replacing the light or having the remains of it removed. The light is sited on land which is owned by Freebridge who would be required to grant permission for a replacement. It was expressed that the Parish Council was being expected to pay for lighting on private land and that therefore Freebridge should be asked to pay the difference in cost between removal and replacement. It was agreed to defer a decision pending investigation by Cllr D Candy over the feasibility of replacing with

some form of “green” lighting and the possibility of grant funding to this end, for discussion at the next meeting. It was noted that the landowner has done nothing to mitigate the trip hazard from tree roots disturbing the surface of the walkways around their housing despite concerns conveyed to them by the Parish Council on several occasions.

- 13.3 **To finalise details of the village litter-pick:** this will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr S Wood will collect and return the kits from BCKLWN’s depot. There will be refreshments for after the litter-pick. BCKLWN will collect the bags of litter from the Amy Robsart Hall on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> and will arrange the collection of the larger items which are to be left at the roadside.

#### 14 **Correspondence**

To note any general correspondence received:

- 14.1 **Email from Parishioner re Village Sign:** the Parish Clerk’s response to the e-mail was noted. The stump of the old sign has been discovered to have been secured with metal and the stone surround erected around it which has made it very difficult to remove. It is anticipated that it will not be too long before the remainder of the stump is burned out and the sign can be replaced.
- 14.2 **BCKLWN Launches call for sites consultation (2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026-31<sup>st</sup> March 2026:** noted
- 14.3 **Houghton Festival 2026:** arrangements for the Festival have been distributed to households
15. **A resolution to adjourn the meeting for Parishioners Questions and Statements:** None.
16. **To receive items for next Agenda:** Cllr P Welland asked that the Parish Clerk report the woeful state of the line painting in Tattersett Road and Docking Road particularly at junctions with the Docking/Four Winds Road and the large pothole on the slip-road at the Rudham side of the junction at the end of Rudham Road.

17. **To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm.

.....Chair, 16th April 2026

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