

SYDLING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Meeting of Sydling St Nicholas Parish Council held on 5th September 2022 at Sydling St Nicholas Village Hall****Members Present:**

Councillors C Legg (Chairman), P Davies (Vice Chairman), G Durack, S Durack, A Newman, S Shears and D Tucker, the Clerk David Green.

Members of the Public: None**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Haynes.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

None.

3. Minutes of previous meetings of 9th July and 23rd August 2022

These were agreed as true and accurate records of these meetings and signed by the Chairman.

4. Issues arising from the last meetings

The Chairman noted:

- **Phone Box** – Malcolm Bath has made a really excellent job of repainting the phone box and has been thanked by the Parish Council.
- **Waterpipe across the Spinney** – a request had been received to dig a trench for a waterpipe across the Spinney; this has been agreed and the work is scheduled to proceed at the end of September.

5. Update from the Chairman:

The Chairman commented on several topics:

- **Marathon weekend** – has raised £ 10,500 for the village and the Parish Council has benefitted for donations towards use of the village green.
- **Play Park** - Peter Radbourne has commenced the work of altering the multi-play.
- **Planning Committee Meeting**– Cllr Shears and the Clerk and were thanked for attending the meeting in Sturminster Newton in connection with the Cutlers Close planning application.

6. Democratic discussion period

There were no members of the public present.

Signed

Chairman

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7. To receive a report from the Unitary Councilor

A written report had been received prior to the meeting and was taken as read.

9. To receive a finance report and to agree action in response to proposals and payment approvals

The Clerk advised that the financial position was good, with the bank account standing at 6,944.09, following contributions of £ 983 and £ 376 from the marathon for use of the Village Green

The Parish Council has also received £ 270 from the Jubilee event in the Village Hall in July and thanked all who contribute to the fund-raising effort.

These amounts will be added to the play park reserve which is currently approximately £ 2,500. The Parish Council will allocate additional funds on receipt of the next precept receipt to the play park capital reserve.

i) The following retrospective expenses were approved:

Date	Name	Method	Amount	Reason
05/07/2022	David Green	BACS	£ 16.20	Expenses July 2022
08/07/2022	Stationary Engine Parts Ltd	DEBIT	£ 61.34	Paint for Tel box
12/07/2022	HMRC (PAYE)	BACS	£ 135.20	PAYE
28/07/2022	Elite Playground Inst Ltd	BACS	£ 180.00	Seesaw repair
01/08/2022	David Green	BACS	£ 192.48	July 2022 pay
08/08/2022	Sydling Village Hall	BACS	£ 9.00	Village Hall hire
16/08/2022	Peter Radbourne	BACS	£ 203.24	Materials for pp
30/08/2022	David Green	SO	£ 192.48	August 2022 pay

ii) Clerks' expenses of £ 65.40 were approved

10. To receive a report on the following matters in the Parish and to agree action in response to any proposals:

Planning

Cllr Shears noted:

Appeal Reference: APP/F1230/W/21/3289639 - 15 High St, Sydling St Nicholas

No decision had been received.

P/FUL/2022/04109 – 15 High Street, Sydling St Nicholas

The Parish Council has submitted its objection to the proposal and reminded all that they have until 10th September to submit any comments.

P/FUL/2022/02326 - Cutlers Close, Sydling St Nicholas

The proposal was refused by the Planning Committee at its meeting in Sturminster Newton. The Planning Officer had recommended refusal of the application for several reasons; these focussed on

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sustainability issue, the impact on the Conservation and AONB and the fact that Dorset now has a 5-year housing supply. It was evident that the committee had not examined all the documentary evidence made available, being unaware of basic facts, such as whether Back Lane was the responsibility of Dorset Highways, which it is not.

It was apparent that several members of the committee knew Sydling St Nicholas well and they unanimously concluded that this was a wholly inappropriate planning application for reasons explained above.

The Tithe Barn

It was been reported that roof work appears to be on-going in relation to the Tithe Barn, which is a Grade II* Listed Building; there is no evidence of a Listed Building consent having been granted.

The Clerk will make enquiries with a Conservation Officer.

Earlier Application:

LBC/2022/04535 – 37 High Street Sydling St Nicholas Dorchester DT2 9PD - Part re-roofing of single-storey slate tiled extension.

No objection comments submitted 30/08/2022

New Applications to consider:

P/HOU/2022/04922 - Rock Farmhouse East Street Sydling St Nicholas Dorset DT2 9NX - Re-build & raise height of two chimney stacks.

P/LBC/2022/04923 - Rock Farmhouse East Street Sydling St Nicholas Dorset DT2 9NX - Re-build & raise height of two chimney stacks, application of lime parging to internal face of flues & installation of two flexible steel liners & thatch protection sleeves.

There were no objections to these applications for necessary work to a thatched cottage.

Comments in relation to planning applications

Following a question from Cllr Newman, the Clerk agreed to re-send the information he had received in relation to the basis on which Councillors are advised to comment on planning applications.

Play Park

Cllr G Durack confirmed that the seesaw had now been repaired following vandalism. The Clerk advised that the annual inspection would be conducted in October.

It was agreed that any decisions regarding replacement equipment should be deferred until next year.

Footpaths

Cllr Tucker reported that the tops of gates on a bridle path near Upper Sydling have been cut off and the estate manager has been advised.

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A blocked footpath near East House has been partially cleared.

Highways

Cllr S Durack reported that:

- potholes along Sunnyside Lane were awaiting repairs
- drain covers raised by the re-surfacing work had been marked for repair
- a loose drain cover in Dorchester Road had been reported to Highways
- the missing sign for Dorchester Road was still under investigation
- a loose kerb stone in Cutlers Close had been repaired

Cllr Tucker raised the question of the legality of stones being placed on the verge by householders to dissuade parking; the Clerk agreed to refer this to the Community Highways Officer for advice.

Trees

Cllr S Durack reported that it had been difficult obtaining quotes for the work on the diseased ash at the Play Park, it being too small a job. It was agreed that the request for a quote for this work would be combined with a request from a hedging quote to make this more viable for a contractor.

The planned purchase of cider apple trees for the Spinney had been delayed until issues with the new water pipe are resolved and a final decision can be taken as to where the trees should be planted.

It is understood that planning permission will not be required to prune these trees.

Flooding

Cllr G Durack reported no issues in the dry weather.

11. Items for Next meeting

Budget proposal

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:40 hours.

Signed

Chairman

Date