

Syleham PC

Annual Parish Meeting 2017/18

Chairman's Notes

- Council has held 4 meetings this past year with over 80% attendance by councillors.
- Our thanks to Elizabeth G-H, our District Councillor, who has been a regular attendee and a great help to this council.
- The main issues addressed have been to do with land. The acquisition by the Village Hall and the proposed Walnut Tree Farm development. Both have been resolved satisfactorily
- In MSDC's Joint Local Plan, published in October, Syleham's status as countryside/hamlet remains unchanged. The village has a defined area for any new housing, basically restricted to infilling within existing homes. However, this is not a guarantee against unwanted development because of Government pressure. We must remain vigilant.
- Council supported B4RN in their interest in bringing superfast broadband to the village. Their presentation in March was attended by over 50 residents
- Council has been represented at the Police Liaison Meetings held in Eye to learn that our local force is severely understaffed, and our safety and security is very much in our own hands. More support for our Neighbourhood Watch team is required.
- Roads in Syleham, like most villages, have been plagued by potholes. We would like to think that our dialogue with SCC Highways Department has meant repairs have been made and the surface of our roads compare favourably with other villages.
- During the year we have received grant funds totalling £2,092. This has allowed us to update our computer systems, ensure compliance with the Transparency Code, refurbish the Noticeboard, and join Wingfield in the acquisition of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign.
- At the end of the financial year Parish Council funds stood at £3,042, a 252% increase on last year