

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 9th June 2016
At Sporle Community Centre

Present: Mr G Burrows
Mr K McLeod
Miss H Dye

Mrs S Clark
Ms H Bartley
Mr J Barley

Sally Moy (Clerk) in attendance

Members of the public: 7

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

- 1. Apologies:** Mrs J Howard
Mr P Smyth
Mr P Wilkinson
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting (12th May 2016).** The minutes were adopted as a true record. This was proposed by Mr McLeod and seconded by Mrs Clark.
- 3. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 4. Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:**

Mr J Campbell advised that he had received complaints about the grass cutting in the churchyard. The grass had grown extremely long prior to the first cut of the year and the cuttings had caused a lot of complaints. The second cut had been immaculate. The Church nor the Parish Council were responsible for the upkeep of the graveyard and the Church is grateful to the Parish Council for contributing to the cost of grass cutting.

Mr P Rudd representing the football club highlighted the fact that the pitch had been cut by themselves 7 times in the last season. The Clerk is to check the contract details agreed with CGM. The Clerk had not been contacted by anyone from the football club to make the Council aware there was a problem.

Mr J Howley representing the football club advised that the state of the pavilion was 'not fit for purpose' and questioned why nothing was being done. The Chairman advised that fundraising was taking place and grant application were pending. He requested that Mr Howley email the clerk with dates when he was available to meet at the pavilion to discuss what was required. The invoice of £190 remains unpaid.

Mr M James reported that the south wall of the Church had moved and it was strongly suspected that it was due to the trees along the edge of the playing field and they should be cut.

Mrs J Palmer clarified that in the police report provided when the lead was stolen from the Church roof that the trees should be pollarded.

Mr J Ashton approached the Parish Council with a request to access his property from the playing field rather than the existing access of the pub car park. He said he would be willing to support the funding for the pavilion, cover legal fees etc and it

would also add to the security of the area. The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council would make some initial enquiries about this.

5. Update from the County Councillor:

Mr Smyth had sent an email with various points:

- Parish Partnership Scheme – Clerk had received the briefing
- Highways England has meeting with NCC. Any points about the A47 to him.
- Devolution update
- Touring bus with info on Adult Learning should visit Swaffham on 17.6.16
- Event about Fostering 15.6.16 at the Forum

Update from District Councillor:

Mr Wilkinson had sent an email advising that he had sent a letter of support in respect of the PC's grant application for LED replacement street lighting.

6. Matters from previous minutes:

Paper bank has been emptied but full again. The Clerk has already reported this.
The pipe on Bunkers Hill: matter is on-going.

Potholes in the village have been repaired.

The Clerk was requested to email Mr Jacklin regarding the pavement/railings as no response has been received. Also to advise him that the crossing outside 4 The street is in totally the wrong place as you cannot see if traffic is coming unless you stand in the road.

Dog mess in the village is still a problem.

The swing chains are still to be altered.

The roof of the bus shelter is still requiring attention.

The Rangers would not change the date of their visit or cut grass to help with the Open Gardens event.

Anglian Water have removed the lamp post and now repaired the water main. The Clerk will find out if she needs to advise UK Power.

7. New Planning: None

Decision made by Breckland Council: 3PL/2016/0220/F

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Other applications: None.

8. Payments for approval:

Date	Supplier	Amount	Detail
9.6.16	Sporle Community Cent	12.00	Hall hire (May)
9.6.16	Breckland Council	10.00	Rates on pavillion
9.6.16	Mr R Tyrrell	15.00	Bus shelter cleaning
9.6.16	Grow Your Business	48.00	Internal auditors charge
19.6.16	SSE	193.89	Electricity for street lighting
20.6.16	E-on	6.70	Electricity for pavilion
		285.59	

The above invoices were presented; proposed by Mr McLeod, seconded by Miss Dye and approved for payment.

9. Correspondence received:

A Copy of CAN magazine was available if anybody wished to read it. Also their AGM is on 20.7.16.

The Clerk had received an email from Mrs Soame advising that she was no longer assisting with the Pavilion & Playing Field Project. Her request that all funds raised to date be given to the football club was not agreed. The main reasons were that the people who had contributed to this project may not agreed with this action and this may affect the grants we have pending. It was agreed that the fund raising must continue and a meeting would be held in the Community Centre to agree a way forward.

A letter from NCC regarding delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town & Parish Councils had been received. At the current time no application will be submitted.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr. Whitehair advising he decided to move his bootcamp to Necton. This was mainly due to litter, broken glass, vandalism of his equipment and signage and grass cutting.

The Clerk had received an email from Highways Department stating why they were unable to cut any hedgerows or verges in the village to assist with the Open Gardens event.

10. Other items for discussion:

BT Open Reach had cut hedging around a box on the corner of Hills Close and the shop which was dangerous. The Clerk to see if they will come back to rectify.

It was reported that 4 houses along Newton Road had put stones/flints on the verges. This is dangerous as a vehicle could catch one and sending it flying through a window etc. Also they could cause a bike to throw its owner.

Mr McLeod advised that he attended the Swaffham Town Council meeting the evening before. The Registrar no longer visits Swaffham but their website does list the towns they do. Also if someone is housebound the Registrar will go to them. Planning permission has been passed for new housing in Swaffham to the A47. Connect bus has a new timetable to start in July. There will be no direct bus to Kings Lynn.

Possible funding from Icen Partnership or Town Farm Trust.

It has been confirmed that the Parish Council insurance policy covers Calvin to trim the grass in the village and repair the bus shelter.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th July 2016.

12. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.