

## SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
at Sporle Community Centre

### Present:

Mr D Lambert  
Mrs S Clark  
Miss H Dye

Mr G Burrows  
Mr K McLeod  
Mr L Flack

Judith Flack (Clerk) in attendance

4 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted at the meeting from County Councillor Paul Smyth
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (12<sup>th</sup> March 2015)** It was proposed by Mr McLeod that the minutes be adopted and signed as a true record, seconded by Mr Burrows and agreed by all.
3. **Declarations of interest: - None declared**
4. **Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:** Mr Rodie had written to the Parish Council regarding the playing field and the pile of hedge trimmings and the amount of litter that is being added to it. Mr McLeod suggested that as it was now the end of the football season it should be possible to burn it in controlled sections. Once the rubbish has been burned the scrap metal can be collected. Mr Lambert advised that there is 1 fixture still to come on 9<sup>th</sup> May. A resident complained about a very large lorry, apparently carrying some electronic equipment for the substation, that travelled at excessive speed through the village one morning. He believes that there will be an increasing amount of substation traffic coming through the village at various times. He was asked if he had reported it to the police, but had not. Mr Rodie also pointed out that more vehicles are being parked on the pavement in Priory Place / Priory Close and in some cases are blocking the footpath. Mr Lambert advised that the Police do occasionally drive past and check. The Police state that providing the footpath is still accessible to wheelchairs / pushchairs etc it is acceptable to park half on the pavement. Mr McLeod advised that some tenants of Housing Association properties have had problems because they have been advised by the Association that they will not allow land to be changed to car parking space.
5. **Updates from County / District Councillors:**
  - No Councillors were in attendance
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes:-**
  - Still no response had yet been received from the tree surgeon
  - The grit bin has been moved to the Community Centre.
  - Dog fouling still a persistent problem. Mr Burrows attended the SNAP meeting in Swaffham and reported that the Police can do nothing and it is a big problem. He had also mentioned at the SNAP the problem of teenagers hanging about. Mr McLeod had obtained 3 metal notices to be placed at the playing field entrances and also suggested that perhaps cctv cameras might be obtained on loan for monitoring the worst areas.
  - Pot-holes – follow up on those not yet repaired
7. **Planning matters:**  
**New Applications:-**  
**3PL/2015/0397 Bailey Street, Sporle**  
Replacement of Monopole and ancillaries. No objections as this is likely to improve telecom signals.  
**3PL/2015/0412F The Coach House, Petygards, Pickenham Road, Sporle**

Single storey extension. No objections or comments.

**3PL/2015/0378 The Airfield, Hilborough Road, North Pickenham (Bernard Matthews farm)**

Anaerobic digestion plant. Concern expressed regarding the likely increase in heavy traffic coming through the village from local chicken / turkey farms bringing loads of manure to the plant. Heavy traffic has to negotiate parked vehicles, travels at speed in excess of limits and breaks up the road surface. No objections expressed about the actual digester plant.

**Breckland decisions made:**

**3PL/2014 /1318F Plot 9 Hill Farm development, The Street, Sporle**

This application had been approved.

**8. Payments for approval:**

The Clerk recommended that as there were now only 2 signatories remaining on the bank account, it would be necessary to confirm new signatories for the bank mandate particularly as the Chairman would not be standing for re-election. It was agreed that Mr Burrows, Miss Dye and Mr McLeod would be signatories for the bank account and forms to be completed accordingly.

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

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| • Mr R Tyrrell – bus shelter cleaning, March                       | £12.00  |
| • Sporle Community Centre - hall hire March                        | £12.00  |
| • E-on – Streetlamp electricity, March                             | £152.66 |
| • E-on – Pavilion electricity,                                     | £43.33  |
| • Mr McLeod – reimbursement for signage x 3                        | £30.00  |
| • Information Commissioner (Data Protection fee 2015-16)           | £35.00  |
| • T T Jones (streetlamp maintenance April – June 2015)             | £240.14 |
| • Norfolk ALC (Annual subscription 2015-16)                        | £184.62 |
| • Norfolk Playing Fields association (Annual subscription 2015-16) | £20.00  |

- 9. SAM2 traffic speed signs:** Agreement made jointly with Castle Acre had been approved and the funding was now available on a 50/50 basis. The agreement document was to be signed – this was passed to Mr Burrows for signature.

**10. Correspondence:**

All electronic correspondence had been received and circulated by e-mail.

- Mr Allen had written in respect of the footpath on the lower part of Bunkers Hill which had been dangerous during the winter as covered with slippery leaves and ice. He also asked if a footpath might be made on the wider verge going towards Swaffham as many people seem to walk this route. Clerk to forward this request to Highways department and request that the Rangers sweep the footpath on their visits to the village.
- The Fundraising group had raised £670 during 2 events – money towards the playing field and pavilion.
- Mr Lambert had formally written to advise that he would not be standing for election.

**11. Further items for discussion:**

- Mrs Clark advised that the lid of the dog waste bin on Bunkers Hill had been broken off. Also reported that teenage anti social activities had recommenced during the school holidays. This had been reported to the Police.
- Mr Burrows reported that the light outside the Community Centre was not working, however this had already been reported to the Clerk and was dealt with. Also checked about the size of leylandii hedges as a resident in Sydney Dye Court had asked for advice. Mr Burrows will follow this up. Mr Burrows also reported that someone had been stealing the daffodils that had been placed for sale at Wolferton Barn
- Mr McLeod had been asked again whether the dyke would be filled in to alleviate the parking congestion. This is an extremely expensive exercise to even consider undertaking – Consultant fees run into the £x0,000's before any work actually gets done. Mr McLeod had received more complaints about parking around the school and suggested corresponding with the Head to see what might be

done. He also suggested that any future damaged or broken streetlamps might be better replaced with LED lamps – clerk to make enquiries about costs. Mr Wilkinson commented that great savings can be made by these replacements.

- Miss Dye had received complaints and comments about the damage caused to trees and hedges along The Street by high winds, particularly near Railway Farm. She had spoken to Mr T Palmer who would see to the removal of any debris and dead trees.

**12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – 7.30 p.m.**

13. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.35 p.m