

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 12th February 2015
at Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr D Lambert
Miss H Dye
Mr K McLeod
County Councillor Paul Smyth

Mr G Burrows
Mr L Flack

Judith Flack (Clerk) in attendance

1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted at the meeting from Mr Martin and Mrs Clark and later from Breckland Councillor Dave Williams.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (8th Jan 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:** See after item 5 of Agenda.
5. **Updates from County / District Councillors:**
 - County Councillor Smyth provided an update on County matters. The Library Service is offering specifically sourced books for the carers of dementia sufferers together with reminiscence packs or larger kits.
 - Recent spates of cold callers have resulted in the arrest of individuals involved in the sale of tarmac and gravel surfacing. 101 calls are ideal for reporting anything like this.
 - The Police service is proposing to close the Swaffham contact Centre, however Councillor Smyth intends to write and meet the Commissioner to object to this.
 - County Economic development officers will run workshops in April – June to assist in submission of bids for funding from DEFRA and European funding, from the Social fund (specifically cultural) and the Rural development fund which will be available in the autumn.
 - Education and Children's Services – if additional housing is built there are concerns over the progression of such building without other infrastructure. There must be links between County & District. There is a proposal for around 600 new homes in Swaffham, and Breckland anticipates around 1,000 new homes so it is necessary for these links to ensure across the board infrastructure (medical, educational, social).
 - Councillor Smyth requested further information about the moving of the 30mph signs near to the Hill Farm development. It had been agreed that the "SLOW" signs would be placed near the old bridge on the Sporle / Swaffham Road, however Mr Burrows asked if the signs would be on both sides, as it appeared they would only be on one carriageway. Mr Burrows also asked whether additional surgeries (medical and dental) would be in the scope of the new housing development. Councillor Smyth advised that this was not in the remit of the County Council, but the Clinical Commissioning Group. By 2020/22 there was likely to be a 16% increase in population in Breckland and a huge increase in the elderly population by this date.
4. **Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:**

Mrs Soame attended on behalf of the Playing field and Pavilion development group which has been set up as a fundraising group to improve both these areas. She reported that numbers have dwindled but they are still keen to proceed and have submitted an application for funding from the Iceni Partnership and will intend to submit applications to Norfolk Playing Fields Association and Sport England once costings are available. School Council members are

meeting with representatives from Wicksteed to discuss “wish lists” and availability of equipment. Whatever applications are submitted it is essential that the Parish Council supports the group. Mr Lambert confirmed that the Parish Council members would fully support these activities. Councillor Smyth stated that in these applications it would be necessary to use current buzzwords, such as wellbeing and health improvement and prevention of obesity in young people. He also suggested other possible sources of funding and advised that the Sporle school numbers are likely to increase as Swaffham schools are oversubscribed.

Mr Burrows advised that the Football club members are currently using the Community Centre for pool and table tennis evenings.

Councillor Smyth then left the meeting due to a further commitment.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes:-

- No response had yet been received from the tree surgeon, so clerk to pursue. Mr McLeod had approached a resident about the use of a shredder and was awaiting further information.
- The grit bin was still spare as various locations had been checked out along with Highways engineer Paul Groom but were deemed unsuitable or too close to another bin. It was suggested that the bin be moved to the Community Centre where it might be stored and be useful – clerk was asked to find out how much it would cost for Highways to fill it annually.

7. Planning matters:

New Applications:- 3PL/2014/ Grange Farm, Sporle

New house and garage. No comment / objection.

Conditional approval granted by Breckland Council:

3PL/2014/1326F Plot 12 Hill Farm development, The Street, Sporle

Addition of orangery, front porch and flint detailing to part front elevation. No comment / objection.

3PL/2014/1275F Anakainoo, The Street, Sporle

Erection of new two storey dwelling. No objections or comments.

8. Payments for approval:

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

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| • Mr R Tyrrell – bus shelter cleaning, Jan | £12.00 |
| • Sporle Community Centre hall hire Jan | £12.00 |
| • CGM – playing field maintenance (aeration / spiking) | £29.48 |
| • E-on – Streetlamp electricity, | £147.73 estimated |
| • E-on – Pavilion electricity, | £9.49 estimated |

9. Policies

It was proposed by Mr Burrows, seconded by Miss Dye and agreed by all that the Policies that had been circulated should be accepted and signed off by the Chairman.

10. Correspondence:

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

- Citizens Advice Bureau survey – Chairman to complete and submit – all were in support.
- Information received from the Pensions Regulator with new statutory requirements for employers.
- One application for the position of Clerk had been received to date. As the Chairman would be absent from the March meeting he would contact the applicant informally.

11. Further items for discussion:

- Mr Flack advised that he would not be standing for election in May.
- Mr McLeod advised that several people had reported an increase in the amount of dog mess not being cleared up, in several locations. Definitely a need for signage. There is no longer a problem with cat food being scattered.
- Mr Burrows reported that more pot-holes were appearing in Newton Road.

- The Clerk requested that the April meeting be delayed for a week – this was agreed to be held 16th April.
- The clerk asked if the PC filing cabinet might be stored in the Community Centre for safekeeping. This was agreed.

12. **Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th March 2015 – 7.30 p.m.**

13. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m