

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 8th January 2015
at Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr D Lambert
Miss H Dye
Mr K McLeod

Mr G Burrows
Mr L Flack
Mrs S Clark

Judith Flack (Clerk) in attendance
Kelley Richardson from Country Grounds Maintenance

1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Mr Martin, County Councillor Paul Smyth and Breckland Councillor Dave Williams.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (11th Dec 2014)** It was proposed by Mr McLeod that the minutes be adopted and signed as a true record, seconded by Mr Flack and agreed by all.
3. **Declarations of interest: - None declared**
4. **Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:** Kelley Richardson attending on behalf of Country Grounds Maintenance to respond to any issues. He advised that, having inspected the dyke, the bottom should be cleared of debris, which causes erosion of the banks, annually and that all weed growth should be cut and removed in order to maintain the flow of water. Any overhanging bushes would also be cut back. No further issues, therefore Mr Richardson left the meeting.

Member of the public Peter Wilkinson introduced himself as a local representative of the Norfolk ALC. He informed the Council that area meetings would replace the older style "café clusters", that there was a new training programme offering quality training for clerks and Councillors. He also advised that the Council had been misinformed about glass disposed of in domestic recycling bins. It does get recycled at the Costessey waste recycling centre. Members of the Parish Council still wish to encourage residents to use the local glass recycling skips in order to generate revenue for the village rather than for the District council. Finally he informed the members of Council that he is an elected representative of the National ALC.

5. **Updates from County / District Councillors:**
Neither Councillor had been able to attend due to other commitments.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes:-**
 - Potentially dangerous trees at the edges of the playing field had been trimmed, however the Clerk was to contact the tree surgeons about one specifically.
 - Mr Burrows had been advised that a wooden grit bin used to be located at the top end of Hills Close, but had been vandalised a few years ago and never been replaced. Clerk to check with Highways department regarding the location of the spare bin.

7. **Planning matters:**
New Applications:- 3PL/2014/1318F , Plot 9 Hill Farm development, Sporle
New house and garage. No comment / objection.

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.

Decisions made by Breckland District Council.

Permission granted in respect of the following applications:

- **3PL/2014/1084/F** Mr J Barley – The Rowans, Sydney Dye Court. Erection of fence in place of hedge.
- **3PL/2014/1124/O** Mr S Tarry, Beech Cottage, Newton Road, Sporle - Outline planning permission for erection of single storey dwelling.

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, Dec | £12.00 |
| • Sporle Community Centre hall hire Dec | £20.00 |
| • CGM – tree surgery, playing field | £598.80 |
| • CGM – playing field maintenance (aeration / spiking) | £29.48 |
| • E-on – Streetlamp electricity, Dec (inv not yet received) | £147.73 estimated |
| • E-on – Pavilion electricity, Dec (inv not yet received) | £9.49 estimated |
| • Clerk wages and expenses (Oct – Dec)* | £782.82 |
| • HMRC (PAYE Oct – Dec 2014) | £160.60 |
| • Norfolk ALC (Norfolk Link subscription) | £35.00 |

*Expenses include postage, stationery, phone

9. Correspondence:

All electronic correspondence had been received and circulated by e-mail and had been discussed at various stages of the meeting.

- The Clerk had submitted a letter to all Council members advising her retirement with effect from April. Advert to be placed on notice boards and in Parish magazine, with closing date of 28th February.
- Letter received from Mr Martin advising that he would not be standing for election in May 2015.
- Correspondence received from Norfolk Constabulary regarding 50/50 funding for local PCSO's however it was difficult to understand how a PCSO, funded by a Parish for 50% of their salary, would be able to spend 50% of their time in that Parish.
- Norfolk ALC had included a survey of their own services – completed by the Chairman.
- Norfolk County Council running a campaign promoting Health Checks – poster placed on notice board.
- CPRE – light pollution questionnaire was completed with input from Council members.
- No objections expressed regarding the emailed query concerning change of name for Corfield House.

10. Further items for discussion:

- Mr McLeod advised that there is now an empty house on Priory Place.
- Children have been scattering cat food in Priory Place attempting to entice cats into their garden, however this will also encourage rats and other vermin. Chairman would look into this during the week following.
- Chairman asked if information was available regarding the May elections. The clerk advised that nothing had been received so far and it would have been circulated if it had been received.
- No response to be made to Breckland's Local Plan consultation.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th February 2015 – 7.30 p.m.

12. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m