

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 14th January 2016
At Sporle Community Centre

Present:	Mr G Burrows	Mrs S Clark
	Mr K McLeod	Ms H Bartley
	Miss H Dye	Mr J Barley
	County Councillor Paul Smyth	Ms J Howard
	Breckland District Councillor Peter Wilkinson	
	Sally Moy (Clerk) in attendance	

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. Apologies: None.

- 2. Minutes of the last meeting (10th December 2015).** Mr. Wilkinson pointed out an error in item 5 concerning a date. This was amended. It was proposed by Mrs Clark that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Mr. McLeod and agreed by all.

- 4. Declarations of interest:** Mr McLeod wished his membership to the Royal British Legion be noted and abstained from commenting on Dr. Dorling's letter.

4. Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak: None.

5. Update from District Councillor:

Mr Wilkinson mentioned the grant available of up to £200 for a clean-up event for the Queen's 90th birthday. The Clerk is to notify him if a grant is applied for so he can support the application. The Breckland Plan documents have been circulated. The consultation will run from 11 January to 22 February 2016. For more information about the consultation, and to take part, visit www.breckland.gov.uk/local-plan-consultation. Breckland are joining Norfolk County Council in forming Early Help Hubs which will save money by bringing agencies together. Mr Wilkinson passed an application form to the Clerk for community funding as the Parish Council may be able to apply for a grant for replacing the obsolete street lights.

Update from the County Councillor:

The consultation regarding budget cuts has come to an end. Up to last Friday there was only 2,000 respondents. The main concerns from the public were regarding charities and Heacham fire station. There will now be a period of review of the proposals. The cut off for applications for children aged 4-5 for schools is 15th January. Details of a grant for the war memorial is to be emailed to the Clerk. Miss Dye raised an issue regarding the social services contract for the village and the changes that have recently been made which are causing problems. Mr Smyth to check if details have been emailed.

6. Matters from previous minutes:

Path clearance: still on-going problems but these will be raised with Mr Jacklin when he visits the village on 15th January. Other issues to be raised with him are: The amount of time the rangers spent sitting in their cab, culvert near Essex Farm blocked, flooding of the road, signage & road markings and various other minor repairs required.

Norfolk County Council cleared the flooding in the village but not before the bus company dropped passengers the A47 side of the flooding expecting them to walk through it. The bus then reversed back on to the A47. The Council requested that the Clerk write to the bus company about this inappropriate action.

The textile bank is full however BCR Global have gone in to liquidation. The Clerk is trying to find an alternative company.

The banks of Bunkers Hill are being eroded by tractors, lorries and busses pulling in to allow for the large tractors to get by going the other way. The Council requested that the Clerk draft a letter to Pickenham Estate Office requesting that they use the Grange Farm Road.

The SAM2 unit is back in the village. A speed of 48mph has already been recorded. The police will review the data after a 3 month period and decide what action should be taken.

The amount of rubbish created by customers of McDonalds is increasing. The Council requested that the Clerk draft a letter to the company to complain that the rubbish is not being collected by staff as per the agreement when planning permission was granted.

7. New Planning: No new applications.

Decision made by Breckland Council: none.

Other applications: none.

8. Payments for approval:

Invoice Date	Supplier	Amount	Detail
15.12.15	Westcotec	300.00	5 additional clamps for the SAM2 unit
21.12.15	E-on	18.01	Pavillion electricity (DD)
22.12.15	TT Jones Electrical	785.42	Electrical testing and maintenance of streetlights
14.1.16	Mrs B Vogel	20.00	Flowers for village sign
14.1.16	S Moy	537.42	Clerk salary paid quarterly
14.1.16	Mr R Tyrrell	15.00	Bus shelter cleaning (December)
14.1.16	Sporle Community Centre	12.00	Hall hire (December)
14.1.16	Clerks expenses	259.85	Purchase of laptop etc covered by funding received
14.1.16	TT Jone Electrical	302.52	Quarterly maintenance charge
25.1.16	E-on	17.77	Direct debit estimated bill for pavillion
		2267.99	

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

9. Option to opt out of external audit:

A unanimous decision was made by the Council not to opt out.

10. Parking:

Mr McLeod stated that he had received 8 telephone calls to complain about cars parked in The Street. This issue has been raised many times previously and all options have been reviewed from filling in the ditch, looking at a dedicated car park and only allowing parking on one side to name a few. The Parish Council does not have the budget available to make any structural changes. Unless the police say there is an obstruction nothing can be done. The Council will ask Mr Jacklin if he has any suggestions.

12. Correspondence received:

- Magazine Clerks & Council Direct available for reading.
- Queens Birthday – Beacon lighting ceremony. It was agreed that no action be taken.
- Copies of the Breckland Local Plan had been received and were available if anyone wanted to read them. The plan covers the next 20 years. The posters for the drop-in centres would be displayed.
- The letter from Dr. Dorling was read out. A long discussion ensued with the following points being agreed:
 1. No complaints about the surface were received by the Council prior to the works being undertaken.
 2. The original suggestion of shingle would have been much more cost effective and a lot easier to maintain and would have also been in keeping with the surrounding area.
 3. Breckland Council asked for 3 quotes and this criteria was not met.
 4. Mr Wilkinson had secured funding from Breckland Council for this work but the application had not been submitted correctly by the applicants.

Mr Barley proposed that the original sum of £320 be offered as that is all that is available from the precept. Ms Bartley seconded the proposal. The Clerk is to write to Dr. Dorling to explain that the funds would not be available until next year's precept had been received. The British Legion are welcome to fundraise and there would be a reduced rate for the hire of the hall. Also the British Legion should refrain from any further work on the Memorial and contact the Parish Council should the need arise.

13. Other items for discussion:

- Miss Dye asked, that following the sad loss of Reverend Inman, that Mrs Catherine Colman be appointed as a Trustee on the Sporle School Land Trust. This was approved and the decision was unanimous.
- A query was raised regarding gritting and grit bins. It was confirmed that the roads are only gritted from the Elephant and Castle to the main road. The Council will not do any other roads. The grit bins are available but the grit is for use on the road and pavements only. It is not for use on private land.
- The state of the main road through the village from the A47 was highlighted again. This will be on the list for discussion with Mr Jacklin.

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

15. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.