

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr G Burrows Mrs S Clark
Mr K McLeod Ms H Bartley
Miss H Dye Mr J Barley
Breckland District Councilor Mr P Wilkinson Mrs J Howard

Sally Moy (Clerk) in attendance

Members of the public: 10

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

- 1. Apologies:** Mr P Smyth (Norfolk County Council)
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting (9th June 2016).** The minutes were adopted as a true record. This was proposed by Mr McLeod and seconded by Miss Dye.
- 3. Declarations of interest:** None.

4. Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:

Mrs A Soame wished to complain that following a planning application for alterations to Primrose Lodge, Sporle being submitted to Breckland planning department and subsequent permission being granted, she was under the impression that 2 Parish Councilors visited a resident in Sporle. Following this visit the resident had written to Breckland planning department which had been posted on the planning portal. Mrs Soame said that the contents of the letter were untrue and she would take legal action if this continued.

Mrs Soame then represented the football club and asked when a meeting would be held to continue the fundraising. The Chairman said the Clerk had requested the information from her so members of the committee could be contacted but this information had not been forthcoming. A heated discussion ensued.

Mr J Powley raised the issue of the pavilion. The Chairman said that this item would be covered under item 9 on the agenda.

Mr C Pye asked when the children's play area was going to be refreshed as the equipment had been in place for many years. The Chairman advised him of the pavilion and playing field project and the grant application that the Parish Council had been invited to submit pending receipt of paperwork to be handed over by Mrs Soame.

A further discussion took place led by Mrs Soame. Mr Wilkinson reminded everyone that there was a common goal of providing new play equipment and pavilion for the village and that everyone needs to work together to achieve this.

The Chairman reminded everyone that people do need to attend the meetings on a regular basis to tell the Parish Council what they require so the budget can be allocated each year for what residents want. Currently the Parish is focusing on street

lighting as 34 units have been declared obsolete after inspection and require replacement when repair is needed.

5. Update from the County Councillor:

Mr Smyth had sent an email with various points:

1. Highways grass-cutting programme started this week and runs to 8 Aug. The EDT committee has recently agreed to expand the planned cutting to include straights, not just bends and junctions.
2. From 18 July NCC is holding numerous free language courses. Details on the NCC website.
3. NCC Public Health and Active Norfolk are promoting summer activities through a family focused 'Get Into Summer' magazine which is available through Libraries and on-line (NCC site <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/get-into-summer>) which contains information on exercise, activities scheduled across Norfolk this Summer and also some vouchers etc. There are also a couple of competitions, one for a £500 log cabin holiday near Thetford and another for £1000 of bicycles.
4. Public Health England has produced new advice for organisations/employers that wish to have an e-cigarette policy. Please let me know if anyone would like to see it, alternatively it is available on the UK Govt web site.
5. A £25K fund has been set up with the Cabinet Office to facilitate activities that include both young and old. Bids up to £5K I think. Info is on the NCC web site or the Norfolk Community Foundation site. Deadline for bids is 17.00 on 5 Aug.
6. The public consultation on Norfolk/Suffolk Devolution has begun, it ends on 23 Aug. People can participate via www.eastangliadevo.co.uk (also includes downloadable hard copy and a freepost address to send paper responses to. E-mails can be sent to haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk and there is a telephone number (0345 6031842) for alternative formats. People may be aware that all Suffolk districts voted to endorse the proposal, but in Norfolk Breckland, Nth Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Norwich did not. It is not for me to influence anyone, however, I would say I voted against the proposal that NCC passed. I am happy to offer criticisms if anyone wants them.

Update from District Councillor:

Mr Wilkinson said he has a contact at Tesco's and they are looking for a community project.

Breckland have no immediate plans to change any policies after the Referendum Crime & Police Commissioner – go online to have your say. There are meetings across the County and he is chairing one.

Breckland Plan is still ongoing with consultation period to September.

Devolution – Breckland did not vote for it. No one could answer questions about Mayor and costings but they still have to go with public consultation.

Iceni Youth Club has a list of activities funded through Breckland.

Safeguarding Adults campaign with posters and events 16 September and 2 November.

6. Matters from previous minutes:

The pipe on Bunkers Hill: matter is on-going.

Mr Jacklin from Highways had responded to the Clerk's email and said that the new stretch of pavement was completed to design and specification. He suggested if the owners of 4 The Street were to cut back their hedge then this should aid visibility

and improve the situation. He did agree to have a small section of the verge reinstated.

Dog mess in the village is still a problem.

The swing chains are still to be altered. It is hoped that this will be done in the next week.

The roof of the bus shelter is still requiring attention.

7. New Planning: None

Decision made by Breckland Council: 3PL/2016/0541/VAR

Other applications: None.

8. Payments for approval:

CGM	161.92	Grass cutting
TT Jones Electrical	243.98	Street light maintenance
Sporle Comm Centre	12.00	Hall hire (June)
HMRC	137.40	PAYE
Mr R Tyrrell	15.00	Bus shelter cleaning
S Moy	589.22	Salary & expenses
E-on	2.40	Electricity re pavilion
SSE	200.35	Electricity re street lights
	1362.27	

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

9. Correspondence received:

Mr Ashton's request for access to his property either by purchase or lease of land will be progressed. Following a site visit it was noted that a fence line is encroaching on the playing field and this will need to be investigated.

The Clerk advised her proposed course had been cancelled.

A Copy of Clerk & Councils Direct was available.

A smart meter has been installed in the pavilion.

The Council's insurer's Came & Co are changing their name to Stackhouse Poland Ltd.

Breckland Council advised that the Parish Council is invited to submit a full application for £11,610 funding for the pavilion and playing field project. It is vital that the Clerk receives all information about this as the application must be submitted by 8 August.

A letter received from Mr Rudd, Manager of Sporle Football Club was read out. The letter made various accusations against the Council in respect of budget figures. A further discussion between the member's of public in attendance and the Councilors took place. A full written response to the letter would be send within 5 working days. The Clerk requested it was emphasized that following a full internal audit and external audit had taken place and all figures are correct.

10. The Chairman closed the meeting due to the tensions in the room.

11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th September 2016.

12. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.13pm.