

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 14th May 2015
at Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr G Burrows
Mr K McLeod
Miss H Dye
Norfolk County Councillor Paul Smyth
Breckland District Councillor Peter Wilkinson
Judith Flack (Clerk) in attendance

Mrs S Clark
Ms J Howard

1 member of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

1. **Apologies:** No absences
2. **Election of Chairman:** Miss Dye proposed Mr Burrows as Chairman, seconded by Mr McLeod and agreed by all.
Election of Vice Chairman: Miss Dye proposed Mr McLeod as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mrs Clark and agreed by all. Mr Burrows took the Chair and welcomed Ms Howard as a new Councillor.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting (16th April 2015)** It was proposed by Mr McLeod that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Miss Dye and agreed by all. Signed by the Chairman.
4. **Declarations of interest:** - None declared
5. **Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:** No issues raised.
6. **Updates from County / District Councillors:**
 - Paul Smyth introduced himself – one of 84 County Councillors, with responsibility for Swaffham, Sporle and Narborough. Consultation at present on Flood risk management until 25th May (information available online, in libraries and at the District Council offices.) Push at the moment for Norfolk County Community safety as there is a change in programme for domestic abuse, promoting reporting of it to the Police. An anonymous survey is available online for anyone wishing to take part. Tel for reporting – 08082000247.
 - Partnership working with Alzheimers Society – libraries are promoting this.
 - Trusted Trader scheme provides details of businesses accredited for reliability and quality. Introduction of Care Act 2014 has resulted in an expansion of this scheme to include financial services and arrangements for transport may also change under this act.
 - National scheme April – Sept involving tracking of bats. Bat detectors (ask at Swaffham library) available on loan to record locations.
 - Currently some problems with availability of the fire service at Swaffham. Was below target at 67% and recruitment and retention of officers a problem, but now 91% so some improvement.
 - Peter Wilkinson introduced himself. Breckland holds a 42 seat Conservative majority, 4 UKIP, 2 Labour, 1 independent. Cabinet not yet formed, nor portfolio holders named. Training currently being undertaken. Will follow up and obtain information regarding area around the War memorial.
7. **Matters arising from the Minutes:-**
 - Dog fouling - suggested contacting dog-warden. Clerk to follow up. Also research prices of new dog waste bins.
 - Pot-holes – many areas becoming worse.
 - Chairman tried to contact the Baileys regarding the clearance of Playing Field but had no luck. Clerk to contact.

8. Planning matters:

New Applications:-

3PL/2015/0353 – 1 Priory Close, Sporle. – Side extension to property. No objections.

3PL/2015/0500 – Plot 7 Hill View , Sporle. New 3 bed dwelling with detached garage and annexe over. No objections.

Decisions made by Breckland Council:-

3PL/2015/0193/F - Chapel Cottage, 54 The Street, Sporle. Removal of conditions 4 & 5. **Refused** mainly due to sub-standard access.

9. Payments for approval:

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

• Mr R Tyrrell – bus shelter cleaning, April	£15.00
• Sporle Community Centre - hall hire April	£12.00
• Sporle Community Centre – 50% of glass recycling	£168.84
• E-on – Streetlamp electricity, April	£147.94
• E-on – Pavilion electricity,	£11.59
• Mrs B Vogel – village sign planting	£8.50
• Anglian Water – Pavilion	£28.90

10. Correspondence:

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

Main local query had been about rats, to which clerk had responded.

11. Further items for discussion:

- Miss Dye reported worsening pot-holes along Newton Road. Will be reported.
- Mr McLeod asked if householders might be contacted about overhanging trees as he regularly receives complaints from parents walking their children to school. Flagship housing has a new local representative who is willing to attend PC| meetings.
- Mr Burrows had met with Paul Groom regarding the location of the SAM2 signals, trying to find suitable sites. Cannot be fixed to wooden poles. Some have been found but others need to be determined. However, there is some doubt now about Castle Acre's future commitment to them.
- Ms Howard advised that the Neighbourhood Watch might be getting underway. Registration date is June 8th.
- Mr McLeod or Miss Dye may be contacted regarding the foodbank in Swaffham.
- Need to advertise again for new Clerk, next magazine issue.
- Co-option of new Councillors – personal approaches had been made to residents who showed an interest and they will be invited to attend the June meeting.

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

13. With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m