

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.30 p.m. Thursday 12th November 2015

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
	Sally Moy (Clerk) in attendance	

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

- 1. Apologies:** Peter Wilkinson and Hazel Tampin
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting (8th October 2015).** It was proposed by Mr McLeod that the minutes be adopted as a true record, seconded by Ms Howard and agreed by all.
- 3. Declarations of interest:-** None.
- 4. Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:**
No comments.

5. Update from County Councillor:

Budget cuts to produce savings over the next 3 years are the main focus. £149 million needs to be saved. A total saving of £33 million has been identified and hopefully new housing will raise £5 million in new council tax. Suggestions for cuts have been put forward from all departments although some are untenable. 86 proposals have gone out to public consultation. To make comment on any of these proposals go to the County Council website and click on the £1 coin icon to follow the links. Comments can be left until 14 January 2016. There is also consideration for a council tax rise. Full council will vote on these issues in February. There is a new directory on the Norfolk County Council website which has a lot of useful information.

From 1 October this year there was a change in the law that landlords must provide carbon monoxide and smoke detectors on each floor of a building. There are some that are available free from the Council or Fire Service.

6. Matters from previous minutes:

The paperbank needs emptying and the Clerk will arrange this.

Neighbourhood Watch - hopefully at the next SNAP meeting the information will be available.

Signage on A1065 - apparently the signs are available but need to be put up.

Further signage needed on A47 as current signs are not good enough.

Mr. Smyth to check with Highways regarding work being carried out at Grange Farm road as no planning application has been received.

The swings have been tied up.

7. New Planning: No new applications.

Decision made by Breckland Council:
3PL/2015/0788/F
3PL/2015/0537/O
3PL/2015/0971/CU

Other applications: None.

8. Payments for approval:

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

Invoice Date	Supplier	Amount	Detail
30 September 2015	CGM	264.87	Mow recreation ground/churchyard & frontage x 2
4 October 2015	E-on	10.23	Electricity supplied to Sports Pavilion
14 October 2015	Anglian Water	16.79	Water charges for Pavilion Playing Field
20 October 2015	Sporle Magazine	14.00	Placement of Key Select Advert
31 October 2015	G Burrows	12.00	Padlocks to secure SAM2 unit
31 October 2015	CGM	132.43	Mowing recreation ground/churchyard & frontage
11 November 2015	E-on	222.11	Electricity supplied to street lights
12 November 2015	Sporle Community Centre	12.00	Hire of hall (October)
12 November 2015	Mr Tyrrell	15.00	Cleaning of bus shelter (October)
12 November 2015	Sporle with Palgrave History Group	100.00	Donation awarded at last precept meeting
12 November 2015	Mazars LLP	150.00	External audit of accounts
16 November 2015	E-on	13.59	Electricity supplied to Sports Pavilion
		963.02	

9. Replacement of playing field swings:

On closer inspection of the swings some of them are beyond repair. Costings had been obtained. There was a unanimous vote of agreement that all 4 swings and chains should be replaced at a cost of £400.

10. Streetlighting:

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with TT Jones to discuss the replacement of the 21 street lights which are no longer made. The cost to supply and install a new LED lantern is £355.97 + VAT. They come with a 10 year guarantee and should save over 80% in electricity supply running costs. These lights can also be dimmed from midnight to 5.30am to reap additional savings. TT Jones have made the Council aware that electrical testing on all lights is overdue and tree trimming around 4 lights is also required. This will be discussed at the Precept meeting next month to determine what budget is available to meet this cost.

11. Correspondence received:

- Barclays Bank have advised that one of the bank accounts will go dormant in January because there have been no transactions on it for over 3 years. It was agreed that the account be closed and the funds transferred to the Community Account.
- Flagship Housing had contacted the Clerk to advise they could look at helping with overgrown gardens on a one off basis if we could provide the addresses. One garden has already been cut back by the tenant. The address of the other garden is to be provided.
- Mr McLeod had received an email from the Tree Warden raising concerns about a dead tree outside the school boundary. Mr Smyth said he would try and find out who was responsible for this.
- An email had been received from Breckland Council regarding the Community Car Scheme. Mr McLeod offered to pass this on to Dr. Dorling who runs the scheme.
- CGM had finally provided some quotes for strimming the dyke but nothing about weed control. The Clerk is to ask for a revised quote.

15. Further items for discussion:

- Tree around 30mph sign to be cut back. This will be added to the list for the next rangers visit.
- Rail needs replacing on fencing near Railway Farm.
- Potholes on Wolverton Hill need reporting.
- Sunken drain on corner from A47 needs reporting.
- Bunkers Hill Bridge. There was concern that 44 ton lorries were using the bridge. Mr. Smyth to check.
- There have been 2 'knocks' with parked cars at Priory Place. Cars are parking on the corner. This will be raised at next SNAP meeting to see what can be done.
- Complaint received about cats fouling. Unfortunately the Council can take no action about this.
- SAM2 unit. Mr McLeod said that he thinks it would be a good idea to purchase some more brackets and a further battery. Clerk to liase with Castle Acre about this. The software was given to the Clerk together with padlock keys. Over a 10 day period 6719 vehicles had gone past the unit with an average speed of 25.3mph.
- The Parish Council website is now up and running. Any suggestions for content to be put forward.

16. Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th December.

17. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.