

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Meeting held 7.30pm Thursday 18th December 2016

At Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr G Burrows (Chairman)

Mr K McLeod

Miss H Dye

Breckland District Councillor Mr P Wilkinson

Norfolk County Councillor Mr P Smyth

Mrs S Clark

Mr J Barley

Mrs J Howard

Murdo Durrant (Clerk) in attendance

Members of the public 4

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies: Ms H Bartley, PCSO H Tappin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (10th November 2016): The minutes were adopted as a true record. This was proposed by Mr McLeod and seconded by Mrs Clark.

3. Declarations of interest: Nil.

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

Mrs J Sheffield spoke about the dropped kerb that is being put in to allow her access to her property and the problem she has been having with a neighbour who parks across the kerb preventing access. The neighbour has been informed by Highways that he cannot park there. Cllr. McLeod stated that the dropped kerb had been applied for and put in place correctly and he had spoken to both parties. The situation is being monitored.

5. Update from the County Councillor:

UK Power Networks have a priority services register for vulnerable people which gives access to a 24 hour telephone number. To register go to ukpowernetworks.co.uk. the priority support number is 0800 1699 970.

The home page on the NCC website has a disruption site updates.

NCC is supporting on its web site- 'In good company', which aims to ensure that people are not lonely by talking to each other, can also be found at #no lonely day.

There is a full council meeting on Monday at which Cllr Smyth had hoped to have proposed cuts to the Fire service discussed, the total amounts are to be £300K this year and £600K next year. The council have been given additional funds from central government of £7+ Million. He had hoped to have 12% of that money used to clear the proposed cuts.

The meeting in Swaffham with regard to Dementia went ahead yesterday, the early part of the meeting went very well. They have got £40K funding. There are respite beds in care homes in the county not being used. It is hoped to get the wider community and schools involved in the project in the future. It is proposed that a job fair be held next year to try and encourage people to join the care profession. The project is based in Swaffham, but does include the surrounding villages.

Update from District Councillor:

There is no sec 106 money available for use by Sporle PC. However Cllr. Smyth for the County Council will look into this matter to see if the money is in the County Council budget.

There will be a one number service for Breckland District Council from 12/12/2016. The number is **01362 656 870**. All other numbers will be phased out by 1st April 2017.

At the NALC AGM on Saturday Cllr. Wilkinson was elected President. He hopes that Restorative Justice programme will be extended into the villages in the near future.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes:

Pipe on Bunkers Hill, the Council Chairman, Miss Dye and the Clerk had a site meeting with Mr Jacklin from Highways. He had now seen first hand the problem and measured the distance from where the pipe appears to be blocked and where the water runs freely nearer the bottom of the hill. Something is now in the process of being done to identify the blockage and clear it.

Dog mess still an issue.

Swings not done as yet.

A quote is needed for the recovering of the bus shelter roof and re-boardings as soon as possible. Clerk to action obtaining a quote.

The septic tank at the playing field is being monitored, it may need to be replaced if the car park phase of the pavilion project goes ahead.

Mr Boyce now has the strimmer.

Potholes have been reported to Mr Jacklin at site meeting in Bunkers Hill as part of the drainage problem. He was also informed of potholes in South Acre Road, some of which have been filled.

7. Planning:

No new planning applications to date.

No new decisions made by Breckland Council to date.

Amendment to 3PL/2016/1167D.

There had been e-mails and letters from Mrs Boyce, Mrs Sturdivant and two others objecting to the amendments.

The council would object on the grounds that properties in front of the new build are overlooked and the hedging is not substantial enough at this time of year to protect their privacy.

8. To approve payments to be made:

Date	Invoice	Amount	Reason
8.12.16	Sporle Community Centre	12.00	Hall hire Sept
8.12.16	Mr R Tyrrell	15.00	Bus shelter cleaning Sept
8.12.16	B Vogel	24.90	Plants/bulbs for village sign base
8.12.16	Poppy appeal	18.50	Wreath for remembrance
8.12.16	E-on		Sports pavilion electricity (DD)
8.12.16	SSE	200.75	Street lighting electricity (DD)
Total		270.75	

Proposed by Miss Dye seconded by Mr McLeod, passed unanimously.

9. To agree the precept for 2017-18:

The precept had been discussed at the precept meeting held on 1st December 2016. Explained by the chairman, it has been set at £20,095.

Proposed by Mr Barley Seconded by Miss Dye, passed unanimously.

10. To consider requirements for new grass cutting contract:

Mr Burrows stated he needed to speak to representatives of the Football club to assess their needs. Mr McLeod was awaiting details from Mr Campbell with regard to the requirements of the parish church.

Mr Barley had spoken to Jamie, and proposed that the council employ him to clean and dig mud out of the gutters, sweep up leaves on new piece of path coming down from school to Priory Place. This was agreed.

The Highway Rangers would be attending the village after the 9th January 2017, the Clerk had e-mailed them requesting that they clean and clear the road and pavements from Southfields up to Baily Row, including clearing and cutting back the ditch in the same area.

Mr Burrows would visit the occupants of No's 2 & 3 Newfields to remind them that were responsible for the bank on their land that was adjacent to Bunkers Hill.

Mr Barley stated that the roads through the village were often covered with mud at this time of year from tractors. Miss Dye said that she had seen local farmers brushing the road over the past few days.

11. To consider correspondence:

The only new correspondence was the current Signpost magazine which Mr Burrows would take initially and then pass on.

12. To receive further items for discussion:

Mr Barley said the road into the village was abysmal could another be put in where it isn't in existence in the future? Mr Wilkinson (BDC) said that funding may be available through the Parish Partnership scheme. Miss Dye said that it had been a footpath in the past. Mr Smyth (NCC) said that funding may be an issue from the County Council. A general discussion took place and it was resolved that due to safety concerns the Parish Council resolved to re assess this in 2017 with a view to applying for a grant.

Mrs Clark asked if anything could be done about the narrowing of the road at Caulfield House due to the hedging. Mr Burrows replied that they may be able to cut the external hedge back once the internal hedge had matured.

Mr McLeod reported that the SAM 2 unit had been taken to Dereham for a new radar unit to be installed, the council had now had it over a year. He suggested that the Parish Council allow Castle Acre PC buy Sporle out of the SAM unit and that we purchase a new unit with updated technology with the money from Castle Acre.

Mr Burrows wished to place on record the councils thanks to Dawn, Tina and Andrea for the £338 raised for the Pavilion appeal at the pop up shop they had run last week.

He now had the figures and costings for the first phase of the pavilion Project and was hoping to get a group of all stakeholders together in January to start applying for grants for further funding.

Mr Burrows said that he had a letter from the architects and the council may not be charged for the first drawings for the pavilion.

Mr Burrows reported on the School crossing patrol, June Ward. The parish is due to lose its school crossing patrol due to the reported low numbers using it. On the occasion it was monitored only 14 people were reported having used it. To counter this Mr Burrows along with Ms Ward had monitored usage during one week the following numbers were reported;

Tues 19/18

Wed 26/18

Thurs 21/25

Fri 26/29

There were currently between 60-80 pupils at the school. On some occasions up to 30 children had used the crossing. The consultation period ended on 31/12/2016, and details could be found on the NCC website.

13. Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday January 12th 2017, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.