

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Meeting held on 7.30pm Thursday 13th April 2017

At Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr G Burrows (Chairman)
Mrs S Clark
Miss H Dye

Mr K McLeod (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Howard
Ms H Bartley

Murdo Durrant (Clerk) in attendance

1 Members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

- 1. Apologies:** Mr J. Barley had sent his apologies and a report to be read out
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The draft minutes of the meeting on Thursday the 9th of March 2017 had been circulated. They were proposed by Mr McLeod seconded by Miss Dye and adopted as a true record unanimously.
- 3. To record any declarations of interest:** Nil.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest to speak on agenda items:** Nil
- 5. To receive updates from County and District Councillors:** Councillor Smyth (NCC) was unable to attend and had sent in a report.

I have asked for an Active Norfolk representative to attend the SW TC Neighbourhood Plan Open Spaces meeting at 4pm on 20 April. That is the Norfolk element of Sport England, so there may be merit in someone from Sporle being present to speak with him (Ian Grange) about the village too.

The NCC road surfacing programme begins 18 Apr, it runs to Sept. £10.4M on 320 miles of road. That's a small % of the 6000+miles NCC is responsible for and I do not know whether any work will be in your area. If it is David J (on leave) should know in due course, but notice is short I think.

Postal Voters must register by 5pm on 18 April, either at BDC or via www.aboutmyvote.co.uk
Easter hours: Libs shut Fri, Sun, Mon. Recycling centres should be open 9-5 every day. Worth double checking!

Norfolk Youth Fund is open for bids, total fund £20K, max bid £2K. Issues focused on are Mental Health in young people (e.g. addressing stigma) and giving young people skills for life. Preference given to bidders able to show match funding or fundraising plan/activities. Bid closes 5pm 12 May, via www.norfolkfoundation.com.

NCC is promoting a road safety (cycling v motoring) campaign, 'Mind out for each other'. In 2010 22 cyclists were killed or VSI in Norfolk, in 2015 it was 48. NCC can provide work place seminars, and possibly some roadside training. There's a leaflet on NCC website too.

Trading Standards has flagged up it has taken 183K illicit cigs and 49Kg of illicit tobacco off street (in last year?), set up 160 No Cold Calling Zones (covering 7500+ homes), supported 180+ victims of scams and done a lot to ensure food safety regulations are being followed (e.g. the correct amount of meat and additives in food, no prohibitive colourings etc). I would highlight that TS does a lot of unseen work in more disciplines than you would think. So unseen it made keeping it from critical cuts a year or two ago less easy!

When DJ is back from leave I will try to chase up where we are at with the S106 £ for a traffic calming measure in Sporle. I think that is the only outstanding issue to tidy up before the election. I am standing, but will offer whoever wins a 'handover brief' to help them start off in the role.

Well done for the (often thankless) efforts you put in for your community. I wish you well for the future.

Peter Wilkinson (BDC) gave the following report:

Confirmation that phase 2 money had been agreed. BDC would in future start clamping down on eyesore and derelict building and land, if you wish to report any the best way would be to go through him.

Reminder that on 11th May the Town & Parish Forum would take place at the Dereham Offices of BDC, starting at 6.30pm. Sec 106 money would be discussed.

He then mentioned a number of achievements the District Council had made, the council website was much better and updated now regularly, the one stop phone number was working well as was the garden waste service the council was providing to householders. There was a one stop shop at BDC main offices at Elizabeth House, Dereham. The Thetford riverside development was ongoing. The upgrading of the A47 with Highways England. He also gave apologies from the planning department for them getting the name and location of plans wrong.

Ms Bartley asked about the local plan dates, he replied that the Clerk would be informed of updates for passing on to the Parish Council.

- 6. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:** The car parking at Sidney Dye Court was still causing a problem, several councillors reported seeing the cars parked dangerously. The Chairman, Mr Burrows said that unfortunately when the police had come by no cars were present. Councillor Wilkinson (BDC) asked through the chair if the council had requested assistance from the police engagement officer at the SNAP meetings? The Chairman confirmed that this was an avenue the council was exploring. It was also reported to the meeting that a car and a moped had been involved in a collision at the junction of Sidney Dye Court and The Street due to the inconsiderate parking on the grass, which meant they could not see each other.

The gardening group would be placing the new tubs at the corner of Sidney Dye Court and The Street on the 13th May. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to the occupiers of 1, The Street and inform them that maintenance work was to be carried out on that date and that cars should be removed from that area. The police would also be informed.

The dog signs for the playing field were discussed and the Chairman was to speak to the Football Club to see how to progress this issue.
- 7. Planning:** a) 3PL/2017/0238/HOU 65, The Street Sporle new vehicle access retrospective approval notice and conditions. For information only.

b) Any planning applications published subsequently to this agenda: Nil.
- 8. To approve payments as at Annex A:** Proposed by Miss Dye seconded by Mrs Howard passed unanimously.
- 9. To receive end of year budget report:** The Clerk reported to the Council on the budget to 31st March 2107. The Council were within the budget set and after claiming back VAT would have a small surplus on the year.
- 10. To consider quotes on grass cutting & tree felling lopping work:** Mr McLeod gave a full and detailed explanation of the quotes and reports he had received regarding the trees in the playing field. Quotes would be sent to councillors via email from the Clerk.
- 11. To discuss the Pavilion & Playing field Project:** The Chairman reported on progress and where the project was at this time. There was to be a meeting next week with all stakeholders who had shown interest. The £4090 in the bank for the play equipment must be used, some items should be purchased in the near future, using matched funding. More money may be available in the future.

He explained that applying for money from the National Lottery was extremely complicated and that he had been given advice that the best way of securing monies from them was to use a firm who specialised in completing the application for you. This would need to be looked into further before a decision was made.

The Clerk would be looking into making an application to the Football Foundation. He explained how they operated and that grants were for up to £500,000. However, evidence would be needed to show that the project would benefit a wider part of the community than the Football Club alone. The facilities would need to be widened to allow for junior football and for females using the facilities for a real chance of success.

Councillor Wilkinson (BDC) reinforced this by saying that the facilities needed to open to all, at present they were not sustainable for those parts of the community.

- 12. To consider correspondence:** Correspondence had been circulated via email. The Clerk read out correspondence received by post. The textiles bin was discussed and Councillor Wilkinson was asked if BDC could do this, he thought it may be done by SERCO and would look into it on our behalf.

- 13. To receive further items for discussion:** Miss Dye asked for an update on the building work in Dunham Road, there was none available but the matter would be looked into. Councillor Wilkinson said he would make enquiries on behalf of the Parish council. Mrs Howard asked if litter picks were being done on the A47. It was confirmed by Councillor Wilkinson and Mr McLeod that they were being done. There was a general discussion about the ongoing concerns about the drainage problems on Bunkers Hill. Mr McLeod informed the meeting that at least four local people had been 'scammed' by credit card fraudster over the internet, could something be put in the local magazine warning people. The Chairman said he would put details of Harrys funeral on the Parish notice board.

Next meeting

Thursday 11th May 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman.....Date.....

Annex A

Payments to be made by Parish Council April 2017

Payee	Amount	Reason	Cheque no
Community Centre	£12	Hire for March	101758
R Tyrrell	£15	Bus shelter cleaning March 2017	101759
E-On Electricity	£11.18	Pavilion Electric March	DD
CGM Group	£30.24	Playing field scartrac	101760
TT Jones	£314.05	Apr-June street light maintenance	101761
TT Jones	£13116.96	Replacement street lighting	101762
Norfolk ALC	£205.91	Membership 2017-18	101763
WBS	£681.60	Refurbish of bus shelter	101764
E-On Electricity	£9.42	Pavilion electric April	DD