

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Annual General Meeting held 7.30pm Thursday 13th July 2017

At Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr G Burrows (Chairman) GB
Mr J Barley JB
Miss H Dye HD

Mr K McLeod (Vice-Chairman) KM
Ms H Bartley HB
Mrs S Clark SC

Murdo Durrant (Clerk) in attendance MD

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The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

- 1. Election of Chair & Vice Chair:** Cllr Gordon Burrows was nominated by JB seconded by HB and elected unopposed as Chairman. Cllr Calvin McLeod was nominated by HD seconded by JB and elected unopposed as Vice-Chairman. Both indicated their willingness to serve for a further year.
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs J Howards was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health, her absence was accepted by the council.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th June 2017 were proposed as being a true record by HD seconded by HB and agreed unanimously.
- 4. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest by any Councillors.
- 5. Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:** A parishioner asked if he would be allowed to fly a model helicopter on the playing field, he provided a copy of his insurance for the PC. After discussion it was agreed that he should be allowed to fly the model on the playing field.
- 6. Update from the County Councillor, District Councillor & Norfolk Police:**
Mr Ed Colman, County Councillor, gave an up-date from Norfolk County Council (NCC). he asked if there had been any flooding in the village on Monday last. It appeared to be only in the usual areas around the bottom of Bunkers Hill at the junction with The Street. The new road signs warning motorists of horse riders and pedestrians on the Pedders way at the Junction with the A1065 had been ordered and were currently being made.
There may be funds available in the future to assist with the problems of water flow on Bunkers Hill. There would be a new head of Fire Services and Children Services at County Hall in the very near future. There were continuing checks on Norfolk Children's Services as they had been shown to be inadequate, there had been an improvement over the 3rd quarter of last year. Adult social care in the county had been increased with a grant of £35m from central government. There would be an increase in social workers as a result of this, the aim being to assist people to stay independent in their own homes. 575 new domestic abuse champions were being recruited to help with people dealing with domestic abuse, with funding for the next three years. Fire services and road safety crews would be giving free checks on child car seats in Swaffham Tesco car park on the 11th August from 10am to 2pm.

Mr Peter Wilkinson, District Councillor updated the meeting on Breckland District Council (BDC). BDC would have its own lottery from September 2017 with a £25K top prize, all monies raised going to local good causes. There was £250K being made available to market towns and Swaffham would receive a share to help regenerate the town centre. £138K had been made available by the Arts Council to assist with people with dementia and who were isolated. The Local Plan had passed through cabinet and would now go to the full council in two weeks. There was more consultation to come and it should be in place by 2018. The document would be published on 27th July the further public consultation would take place. A councillor asked if a site was declared a 'preferred site' would this be looked upon as planning permission in principle. PW answered yes, but it would still need a planning application to be made. He informed the meeting that the issue over the rubber tiles on Hill view was now moving forward, and he mentioned the news of the £7,520 funding for the Pavilion Project.

From NALC he stated that new data protection laws were coming in and PC's may well need a Data Protection Officer in the future. This would have an impact on budgets.

PW informed the meeting he had had requests from residents about the paths being cleared. This was discussed at length, with both EC and PW contributing.

- 7. Matters arising from previous minutes:** Nil.
- 8. Planning:** a) Dunham Road The meeting to be held on the 21st at 11.45am was still to go ahead.
b) No Objections to the planned stair way at the Coach House.
- 9. To approve payments as shown at Annex A:** All approved, proposed by KM seconded by SC passed unanimously.
- 10. To consider any quotes for the grass cutting contract and the tree felling/lopping work:** MD informed the PC of the meeting he had with representatives of NORSE, but to date had not received the expected quote.
- 11. To discuss the Pavilion and Playing field projects:** GB updated the meeting on progress, a new notice board had gone up, work was expected to start shortly and planning permission had gone in. He explained that obtaining lottery grants was proving harder than imagined. The costs of some items for the play area were gone through with the zip wire costing over £8K and the wooden ½ pipe for skateboarding costing over £11K, both these needed VAT added to them. The football fun day went well and Mit from the shop had raised a further £994 with his zip wire challenge.
- 12. To discuss the purchase of a new strimmer for use within the public areas of the village:** The matter was discussed and it was decided that Mr Boyce should look into the matter and find a suitable replacement for the old one and inform the PC of his choice.
- 13. To consider correspondence:** All circulated prior to meeting.
- 14. To receive further items for discussion:** It was commented on that the bus shelter near the school was full of rubbish, this was felt to be left by parents waiting to pick

up children. A councillor said they would clear the rubbish up and put up a notice. It was also felt that the wood work needed treating, it was decided that the Chairman would arrange to have this dealt with. A councillor mentioned the overhanging trees in Newfields. The matter of dogs being walked on the playing field was brought up. Several people in the village believed that the playing field was a public park and that they were entitled to walk their dogs there. Signs put up on behalf of the PC had been removed. A formal notice was agreed to be sent to the Village Magazine informing villagers that the playing field was privately owned by the PC and dogs were not to be walked on the playing field at any time, due to the mess and hygiene issues to children using the play park and people using the playing field for sport. There were further discussions around grit bins being filled and the lack of pot holes being filled. These should be reported to the council highways dept. at the time. The issue of speeding through the village was discussed and EC stated that it would be possible to have the mobile speed cameras work within the village on side roads.

15. To receive further items for discussion:

Next meeting
Thursday 21st Septmeber 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

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

Annex A

Payments to be made by the Parish Council July 2017

Payee	Amount	Reason	Cheque no
Came & Company	£952.78	Council Insurance	101778
Murdo Durrant	£217.35	Clerks pay & expenses May 2017	101779
Murdo Durrant	£195.08	Clerks pay July 2017	101780
TT Jones	£252.54	Street light maintenance	101781
Anglian Water	£26.43	Pavilion water	101782
Mr R Tyrrell	£15	Bus shelter cleaning	101783
Sporle Community Centre	£12	Community Centre hire	101784
HMRC	£48.80	PAYE on Clerks pay June 2017	101785
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