

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Meeting held 7.30pm Thursday 11th May 2017

At Sporle Community Centre

Present:

Mr G Burrows (Chairman)
Mr J Barley
Miss H Dye

Mr K McLeod (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Howard
Mrs S Clark

Murdo Durrant (Clerk) in attendance

Members of the public 1

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies:** Ms Bartley attending meeting in Swaffham on behalf of PC, Mr P Wilkinson Breckland District Council (BDC) at same meeting.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017 had been circulated. They were proposed as a true record by Mr McLeod and seconded by Mrs Clark and adopted unanimously.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Nil.
4. **Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:** Nil.
5. **Update from the County Councillor, District Councillor & Norfolk Police:** Mr Ed Colman the new Norfolk County Councillor (NCC) for the area, introduced himself and the Chairman welcomed him to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of what he hoped to do and stayed for the remainder of the meeting. An update from Mr Wilkinson was read by the Clerk. There was no Norfolk Police input.
6. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**
7. **Planning:** 3PL/2017/0547-8 planning variation to the building plots at Dunham Road. This was discussed at length. It was resolved to ask the planning department at BDC be asked to place a stop on all building work at this site, as in all the plans it was stated that no work had commenced, however it was clear to all the councillors that work was in fact some way forward. It was also decided to object to the proposals for sewage on the grounds of public health. As the proposals referred to a ditch at the rear of the plot as a ditch, when in fact it was a running stream that passed through the entire village. Any problems with the sewage at the site would mean the stream would be contaminated with untreated waste for the entire length it ran through Sporle. The Parish Council also requested an onsite meeting with the planning authorities, NCC and BDC, so that the situation could be explained fully before work recommenced.

3PL/2015/0521/F Mr Bartley then gave an explanation of the variation applied for at plot 4 The Hill. This was around the style and make-up of the tiles on the roof which now be plastic rather than slate. The plastic would be eco-friendly, look like slate and much lighter. He informed the Council that the owners of the property were experiencing problems, had had locks super glued and another stolen. The Council resolved that it would not be objecting to the change of tiles.

- 8. To approve payments as shown at Annex A:** Proposed by Miss Dye seconded by Mr McLeod and passed unanimously. The Clerk asked who the internal auditor was and the Chairman informed it was Mr Tim Vogel. The accounts were presented and proposed as correct by Mr McLeod seconded by Mrs Howard and passed unanimously. To consider any quotes for the grass cutting contract and the tree felling/ lopping work.
- 9. To consider any quotes for the grass cutting contract and the tree felling/ lopping work:** The Clerk gave the quote from the current providers of grass cutting in the village CGM. A discussion took place and it was resolved that the Council would not go forward with that quote. The Clerk was asked to contact Ground and County Maintenance and request they forward their quote to him, as the Council were prepared to pay more if required. If figures are available before the next meeting the Clerk is to mail them to all councillors. Mr McLeod informed the Council that he had another quote for the tree work of over £7K, it was decided that the Council would not pursue this quote further. The Clerk was asked to find out who cuts the grass for the school.
- 10. To discuss the Pavilion and Playing field projects:** The Chairman informed the Council that he had a meeting with the group and the new notice board for the project had now gone up on the green. All figures for fundraising send to the Chairman. The Chairman will be making an approach to the Norfolk Playing Fields association (NPFA) to see if there is any funding, or ideas on fund raising to be had from them. He stated that the architect will need to be paid from now on as building regulations were applied for this week. £1750 had been set aside from precept for this. He also has a meeting with a representative of a company supplying play equipment. Several youngsters in the 12-16 age group had approached him about the chances of having a zip wire installed as part of the playground, this will be looked into as a possibility. Also a ½ pipe for skateboarding, which would have to be wooden to prevent noise pollution, and he is awaiting more figures. He gave an overview of the costs of the new playground at Shropham which had cost in excess of £40K, and he was going to meet the fund raiser to get ideas. A dog walking area had been suggested in the overgrown area, but many users of the playing field were against this. The clerk gave information on the Football Foundation and pointed out that the facilities would have to be able to be used by a greater proportion of the local community than at present to gain any funding from them. The Chairman pointed out that the football club wanted to have teams at junior level and also encourage girls teams but could not with the pavilion in the state it currently was.
- 11. Council Insurance.** The Clerk gave an overview of the current Council insurance and after discussion it was proposed by Mr McLeod and seconded by Miss Dye that the Council remain with its current provider on a three year deal costing £845.14 pa, carried unanimously.
- 12. To consider correspondence:** Circulated.

13. To receive further items for discussion: Mrs Clark asked if we could inform dog walkers where they could walk their dogs in the village instead of constantly telling where they couldn't. A discussion took place then on an outbreak of parvovirus in the village that had caused the destruction of a number of dogs at one address. No resolution was made on this matter.

Mrs Howard informed the Council that the pavement on Bunkers Hill from the bus stop to where the pavement stopped on that side was broken and very uneven, and could be dangerous. BDC to be informed. She further asked for the War Memorial to be an agenda item at the next meeting as it is in need of cleaning before the centenary commemorations in 2018.

Mr Barley stated that No 46 the Street now has vehicles parked on the front of the property but has no dropped kerb for access. It was pointed out that permission may have been requested already. It was resolved to revisit this matter in six months to see if a dropped kerb is in place. He further noted that page 28 of the current Parish magazine has a piece that he described as a manifesto for one of the political parties involved in the general election. No other political party had anything in the magazine. It was decided by the Parish Council that all four main parties must have access to the magazine or none at all. The Clerk was to write to the editor informing them of the Council's position, and tell them it was not to happen again, and acknowledgement was requested from the editor.

Mr McLeod had spoken to the men who empty the dog waste bins and been informed that several of them need replacing. **Clerk** to find out cost of replacing bins for next meeting.

14. Next meeting

Thursday 15th June 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

(Due to General Election being held on 8th June 2017)

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

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