

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Parish Council meeting at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 9th of November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Minutes

Present

Mr G Burrows (GB) Chairman	Mr Calvin McLeod (KM) Vice-Chairman
Miss H Dye (HD)	Ms H Bartley (HB)
Mr J Barley (JB)	Mrs J Howard
Mrs S Clark (SC)	Mr P Wilkinson(PW) BDC
PCSO H Tampin (HT) Norfolk Police	Mr M Durrant (MD) Clerk to Council
No members of the public present	

- 1. To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence:** The Clerk informed the PC that Councillor Ed Colman of NCC was unable to be present due to attending a Remembrance commemoration. Apologies accepted.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 12th October 2017:** It was proposed by HD and seconded by KM that the minutes of the 12th October be approved. Passed unanimously.
- 3. To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed:** None.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public, and councillors with a prejudicial interest, to speak on agenda items:** PCSO Tampin gave an in depth and comprehensive report to the PC on what was happening with PCSO's within Norfolk Constabulary. The main points of the Constabularies future were outlined in the 2020 Briefing document available on the police website. PCSO's will be informed on the 5th of December on whether they have a role or not. There has been no public consultation. Some PCSO's will remain employed in other roles in the control room or as warranted officers in the future. 150 PCSO's will go and 80 police officers will replace them. It is an effort by the Chief Constable to reduce expenditure. PW explained that a PCSO cost in the region of £28k a year while a PC started on £22K. PCSO's did not work a 24 hour shift pattern and did not have any police powers. HT explained that PCSO's provided large amounts of intelligence especially in rural areas and were the first point of contact for many vulnerable persons who might otherwise slip out of the system. BDC area would lose 15 PCSO's to be replaced by fewer PC's and a Sergeant. Their core roles would still be covered but in a different way. It was stated that this was a decision of the Chief Constable not the Police and Crime Commissioner, but he would have had to agree to the plan for it to be put into practice.
GB thanked HT for attending and briefing the PC and thanked her for her work on behalf of the residents of Sporle Parish. HT then left the meeting.
- 5. To receive updates from County and District Councillors:** NCC Councillor Ed Colman was unable to be present but sent the following report to the PC:
Mobile voice & data study

This is the first step to enable the improvement of mobile voice and data coverage across Norfolk. The existing coverage maps published by the mobile telecommunications providers appear optimistic and do not provide sufficient detail to provide a detailed understanding of how coverage needs to improve.

From personal experiences and anecdotally we know that mobile voice and data coverage across all the major networks is patchy with multiple locations across the county lacking 4G and many without voice and / or data coverage at all. Sometimes coverage exists outdoors, but not indoors and coverage may exist for a small number of users, but it can quickly become contended to the point of failure.

The Council are commencing an independent review of mobile telecommunications coverage across the county and will then use our data to tackle those areas of concern. Swaffham stands the benefit from this as the survey will focus on Market Towns as they are tourism areas of significant interest.

HGV traffic on Whitsands Road

After complaints from the residents on Whitsands Road about HGV traffic using the road as a rat-run to avoid congestion in the Town Centre, I have drafted a letter to Roger Warnes – a company who were specified by the residents who raised the issues - I will also copy to the Town Mayor.

Closure of Independence Matters Community Hub in Swaffham

I have had meetings with Cllr Bill Borrett, chair of the Adult Social Services Committee, and James Bullion, Executive Director of Adult Social Care at NCC, who have both assured me that no one will be left without a service to the same quality which meets their needs and consultations are ongoing and I encourage anyone who is affected by these changes to contact me.

NDR Norwich Western Link scheme

The findings of a report into finishing the missing Western Link of the NDR indicate that a scheme would help to reduce queueing traffic and delays, support possible future housing and economic growth and could provide high value for money; I will support this as it will ensure the West of Norfolk benefit from the NDR project. A preferred option to resolve transport issues in the west of the city announced by March 2019.

Lorne Green in Swaffham

Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green will be in Swaffham at the Town Hall on Thursday November 16th at 7pm to give a talk and answer questions from local Town and Parish Counillors all members are invited to attend.

Highways

Any Highways tasks which need chasing please let me know, I have circulated an email to Murdo and the Chairman regarding the section 106 monies for the development. David Jacklin is asking for suggestions on how the PC would like to see this money spent.

Peter Wilkinson, Nar Valley BDC councilor reported that Public engagement meetings would be held in the near future in the area on the future of GP's services. There is a briefing document available from PW.

AGM of NALC has taken place where Angela Rippon was the main speaker on dementia and what can be done to help and support people in villages.

The Norfolk ALC AGM will take place on the 20th November at County Hall.

There had been tow day time burglaries in Narborough of cash and jewelry entry was gained via the rear doors, one arrest was made in Essex, the person was charged with an offence in Watton. The people committing these offences are using high powered range rovers and subaru's, and often have a women with them. Any sighting of suspicious vehicles please inform the police.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2017: Nil.

7. Planning: Nil

a) Any other planning applications received after the date of this agenda.

PW informed the PC that the inspection meeting at 4 Hillview had taken place the previous week and we now await the outcome.

8. To approve payments to be made as at Annex A: Proposed by KM seconded by JH passed unanimously.

9. Highways:

a) Pot holes: Nothing had been done so far and white markings are now fading.

b) Cleaning/clearing mud and debris: This is getting considerably worse in some parts of the village due to the weather at this time of year, no decision made on how the PC could combat this. Some hedges have been cut back by landowners but not always to a height that is acceptable. NCC Highways were to send out letters to land/home owners informing them of the requirement to keep hedges onto the public highway trimmed, but this appears not to have been done.

c) Highway Rangers: Due to the state of the paths in the village due to mud from the roadways, wet leaves and other vegetation lying on the pavements, they are becoming dangerous and a safety issue, especially for children walking on them

in the dark. **Clerk** to contact the Highway Rangers and ask them to visit and clear all pavements through village.

10. The Pavilion and Playing field projects:

- a) **Pavilion update:** No work has been started within the pavilion as yet. A meeting of the fundraising committee is to be held later this month. The football club have arranged a bingo night in the school and Horse racing in the Pedders Inn for the new year to help fund raise.
- b) **Playground update:** Most of the work has been completed on the playground equipment to a cost of in excess of £5,000, awaiting an invoice for payment.
- c) **Playground inspection report:** Not completed yet.
- d) **GCM:** CGM insist that they have written confirmation of the contract being terminated, despite having been emailed on a number of occasions. MD confirmed that this has now been done, and outstanding invoice for £315 is on the Annex A for payment.

11. To discuss the Parish Councils response to the removal of PCSO's from the streets of Norfolk:

After much discussion it was resolved that the PC objected to the removal of PCSO's from the streets of Norfolk, especially as there had been no public consultation. It was resolved that the GB would write to Mr Lorne Green (The Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk) making the PC's concerns clear to him. The PC would also write to Karen Reeve the Unison union rep at Norfolk Constabulary. PW explained the past history of PCSO's and the new roles that were coming into place to replace them. KM gave an update on Swaffham Police Station, and again the PC were surprised that there had been no public consultation about the changes being made. A discussion took place around the speeding problems within the village, and it was agreed that at the next SNAP meeting this would be brought to the attention of the police, with them aim of getting mobile speed vans attending the village at appropriate times to try and counter this type of behaviour.

12. To discuss applying for a Public Access Defibrillators, with a British Heart Foundation grant:

JB gave information on the use of public access defibrillators and the British Heart Foundation funding available. A lengthy discussion took place and it was resolved that the **Clerk** should write a short piece for inclusion in the Parish Magazine requesting volunteers to assist in the upkeep of the equipment to gauge if there is sufficient interest in the village to warrant spending money on this.

13. To discuss the Parish Councils response to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and its implications:

MD gave an update to the PC on the implications of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which will come into force in May 2018 as a new Data Protection Act (DPA). There are considerable time and work issues around what the PC will have to do to comply with the new GDPR as all information on individuals will need to be looked at as to why and how the PC keeps the information. This includes all email communications, letters and any other information on individuals. This work will fall to the clerk to perform and will involve additional costs in pay and possibly some infrastructure with additional soft wear protection and physical security to protect all stored information.

14. Insurance for Drones flying:

MD informed the meeting that he was now in receipt of the insurance details of the two persons wishing to fly drones from the playing field. The PC agreed that letters should be sent individually to them both giving them permission to fly from the playing field. **Clerk** to deal.

15. To consider correspondence. (All circulated prior to meeting).

16. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday the 14th December 2017, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle



Clerk to Parish Council
Murdo Durrant

15th November 2017

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND