

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Parish Council meeting Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.30pm
Sporle Community Centre

Gordon Burrows Chairman (GB)
Helen Dye (HD)
John Barley (JB)

Kalvin McLeod Vice Chairman (KM)
Helen Bartley (HB)
Sue Clark (SC)

Murdo Durrant (Clerk)

Peter Wilkinson BDC (PW)

No members of the public present.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed those present and requested that the minutes reflect the Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Durrant for assisting as Acting Clerk at the September meeting.

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence:

No apology had at the time of the meeting been received from Mrs Jacqui Howard, Mr Ed Colman (EC) Norfolk County Councillor (NCC) sent his apologies which were accepted.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the 21st of September 2017:

JB requested that in the last paragraph the wording be changed to "but he made it clear", PW clarified that in new housing developments the developers only had to put in broadband if requested. The minutes were proposed as being correct by KM seconded by JB and passed unanimously.

4. To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed:

None.

5. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public, and councillors with a prejudicial interest, to speak on agenda items:

None.

6. To receive updates from County and District Councillors:

As Councillor Ed Colman was absent the Clerk read an update from him.

Highways

Awaiting response from Highways on a couple of things, so will circulate an email next week. Fire Hydrant which was tarmacked over should be resolved by November 7th.

Have your say at council roadshows

You can hear about the county council's ideas for the future and have your say on them, at a series of roadshows this autumn. We're running the events to give residents the chance to hear about the authority's suggestions for the future, ask questions and outline their ideas and aspirations for the county. The first event will be hosted by county council leader Cliff Jordan and chaired by BBC Radio Norfolk presenter Nick Conrad. They will be joined by senior council officers, to explain ideas for the future and take questions from local residents. We face challenges in Norfolk and we want to have an open discussion and ask our residents what matters to them most, whether it is caring for the most vulnerable, building better roads or developing housing solutions.

The first event takes place on Tuesday, 7 November and will run from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Enterprise Suite, South Green Business Park Enterprise Centre, Mattishall, Dereham, NR20 3JY. To register, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk.

Proposals to join-up children's centres and other services considered. Children's centre services across Norfolk will work more closely with other community services, as part of proposals to improve support for vulnerable families. Norfolk County Council is developing a Local Services Strategy, aimed at bringing a range of public services together in urban centres and market towns and developing more targeted outreach services to where people live.

By joining-up services and tailoring support to families most in need of extra help and support, the council could save £5m from the children's centre budget over the next two years, with newly-commissioned children's centre services in 2019/20.

During 2018/19, the council will be working with providers to develop services and models that can be rolled out in the future. The council will also be looking at how it can increase the support and information available online, for those accessing children's centre services.

Council's plans for the future

We have started to outline our ideas for how the Council it will reshape itself to meet its challenges.

The council will stage a series of service reviews over the next two years, to meet its savings targets. Ideas include:

- Targeting services where people need them most, in fewer buildings
- Early help for families in crisis, to reduce the number of children going into care
- Support for adults to live independent lives, through reablement and assistive technology
- Smarter information and advice, to signpost people to support in their local community
- Using county council land to develop housing that is needed by communities
- Greater use of technology within the council and in frontline services
- More commercial ventures, to make profits that can be invested in services

Reports on the budget proposals will be considered by the council's committees throughout October.

Councillor Peter Wilkinson (PW) the Nar Valley councillor on Breckland District Council(BDC) gave the following update.

BDC was working with other District councils looking into the car of people leaving hospital.

There was an Air quality panel concerning the development of the air quality around Swaffham which will look into transport and development that impacts on air quality. The NALC AGM was at County Hall on 20/11/17.

7. Matters arising from previous meetings minutes:

None.

8. Planning:

None.

9. To approve payments as per Annex A:

Proposed by HB, seconded by KM passed unanimously.

The budget review to date was passed to all councillors and will be published on the website for the public to view.

10. Precept 2018-19:

MD informed the PC that the precept meeting was due to be held shortly to set a budget for the next financial year. The date of the meeting was set as Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the community Centre Sporle.

11. Transport grant:

MD informed the meeting that a grant of £190 had been given to the PC at the start of the financial year and NCC were now requesting information on how it had been spent. It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Highways:

- i) Potholes: KM informed the meeting that numerous potholes had been marked through the village but no work had commenced to date.
- ii) Cleaning/clearing mud and debris: Discussion around the current traffic in the village which was heavily involved in the harvest of beets.
- iii) Highway Rangers: None seen for some time, PC requested that the Clerk contact and get dates/times they were due to attend Sporle.
- iv) Fire hydrant: Already mentioned in EC's report, it was due to be repaired on the 7/11/17, GB had emailed Highways at NCC on the 19/9/17 and 11/10/17 to try and move this forward. PC felt the time delay was unacceptable. GB was visiting Swaffham fire station on the 13th October to see if they could influence moving the repair forward.

13. Pavilion and playing fields project:

- i) Pavilion update: GB had a meeting set up for the 19/10/17 with the fund raising group to see what had been done to date, as it appeared little work had been done inside the building.
- ii) Playground: GB updated the PC on the work to be done on the playground in the next few weeks. Two new sets of swings will be put in place, with the baby swings separate from the older children's swings. Two new springers will also be set in place with the appropriate surface beneath them. The climbing frame and old swings would be removed at a later date, but the swings removed. KM agreed to remove the seat's so they could be used as spares for the future. The spider swing and children's log stack would remain. The cost to date was over £5,000 of which £1,000 could be reclaimed as VAT. The cost included all ground work and resurfacing of areas where equipment was removed.
- iii) Playground Inspection Report: this will be conducted after all new works have been completed.
- iv) CGM: After discussion it was decided that the PC would have the padlocks changed on the playing field gates, 5 sets of keys required. GB will speak to the football Club regarding the lock. MD to email CGM again and inform them they are no longer contracted to do the work, Recorded delivery letter also to be sent.

14. Village matters:

- i) Policing for Breckland: The PC wanted to see a more visible police presence within the village, and for mobile speed cameras to be used on the Street and Bunkers Hill to deter speeding vehicles. **Clerk to inform Swaffham Police.**
- ii) Street lamps: O/S 1, Priory Place is not working, was reported in September still not repaired. **Clerk to deal.**
- iii) Garden group: No update, PC very pleased with the barrels at the junction of Sydney Dye Court and the Street, the garden produce sale had been very successful, and GB thanked them for their efforts fundraising for the pavilion.
- iv) Paperbank & recycling: MD reported that he had sorted out the issue with the paperbank and it shouldn't be a problem again.
- v) Dog fouling: SC informed the PC of a number of instances of dog fouling in Sydney Dye Court, PW told the meeting that if possible get a photograph of the offender, address and pass on to dog warden for them to begin a prosecution.
- vi) Use of drones: KM requested that the two persons who have been given permission to fly drones/model helicopters, planes from the playing field be given a PC letter stating they have permission to do so. After discussion it was decided that once MD had their details such a letter could be provided,

once the correct insurance had been seen by MD. There was further discussion about the use of a separate drone which was a cause for concern as it had been seen flying over private gardens. There was little if anything the PC could do until they knew who the owner was and what they were using the drone for.

15. To review asset list and update as necessary:

MD informed the PC of its current asset list and requested that certain items no longer owned by the PC or no longer in existence be removed from the Asset List. This was agreed, **Clerk to update as necessary.**

16. To consider correspondence (all circulated prior to meeting):

MD informed the PC of a request from NARS for a donation, it was agreed that this should be discussed at the precept meeting on the 16th of November.

17. Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm
At
Sporle Community Centre, Sporle



Murdo Durrant
Clerk to Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

21st October 2017