

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Parish Council meeting at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

Minutes

Present

Mr G Burrows (GB) Chairman
Miss H Dye (HD)
Mr J Barley (JB)
Mr E Colman (EC) NCC

Mr K McLeod (KM) Vice-Chairman
Ms H Bartley (HB)
Mrs J Howard (JH)
Mr P Wilkinson(PW) BDC
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 Clark had sent her apologies as she was taking her husband to Papworth Hospital for an appointment. Apologies accepted.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 12th October 2017:** It was proposed by KM and seconded by JH that the minutes of the 14th November 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:** None present.
- 5. To receive updates from County and District Councillors:** NCC Councillor Ed Colman: Cllr Colman outlined NCC's current budget position. The grant from central government had fallen by £189m since 2011 and was expected to be at zero by 2021. Even with Council tax increases NCC would not be able to balance its budget without further cuts. Since 2011 £334m had been saved, but a further £125m would need to be saved by 2021.
NCC was looking at ways to rationalise the use of buildings, joining up services and generating income by building houses.
Rural bus services were being reviewed on a route by route basis. EC said he would support any strong case for the keeping of affected local routes.
NCC Market Town Initiative stakeholders are holding a meeting on the 24th January, this looks at how towns manage the increase in housing, if the PC has any comments he will take them to the meeting.
Elizabeth Truss MP will be supporting the Swaffham Sheep Fair, which I willm also be supporting.
There will be delays for people going to the N&N hospital due to rad works where the road is being widened.
A new post office will open at the Three Ways Store on January 17th 2018.

BDC Councillor Peter Wilkinson informed the meeting that the Breckland Silver Social would take place in Swaffham Library on 18th January 2018 from 2-3pm with Kate Dimpleby doing a workshop.

He also mentioned the local bus services.

LILY- Living Independently in Later Years gave advice to older people and was now available in Breckland, giving advice on care, support staying safe.

There was funding available through the armed forces covenant for war memorial cleaning.

The air quality in Swaffham was being looked at, there would be a public consultation on the 12th January at the Assembly Rooms Swaffham.

BDC now had two support officers at the N&N hospital to assist residents at the hospital.

The budget had gone through Cabinet and goes to the public in January and then full cabinet in February.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2017: Nil.

7. Planning:

- a) Any other planning applications received after the date of this agenda:** While there were no additional planning applications a discussion took place about land opposite Railway Farm where a number of structures had been erected, but as far as the PC was aware no planning applications or change of use from agricultural to leisure had been applied for at this time. Clerk to contact planning at BDC.
- b) 3PL/2017/1456 Dunham Road site:** After considerable discussion it was agreed that the PC would not oppose the construction of the bungalows but felt that the development was not what was required in the village at this time.

8. Finance

- a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A:** Proposed by HD seconded by KM agreed unanimously.
- b) To approve the precept for 2018-19:** The precept for 2018-19 was discussed and proposed by HD seconded by KM and agreed unanimously, GB asked that the minutes show that the PC were grateful to MD for the work on the precept.

9. Highways:

- a) Pot holes:** There were new pot holes on The Street beyond Hill View towards the A47. MD to obtain web address for reporting and put on PC web site and in the village magazine.
- b) Cleaning/clearing mud and debris:** Mud and debris was a real problem on The Street north of Railway Road, HB had reported this to the Highways. EC asked for the reference to be sent to him, so he could chase it up. A further discussion took place around the amount of mud now deposited on pavements through the village, EC stated he would chase up this being cleared.
- c) Highway Rangers:** MD was to Email the Highway Rangers with a job list for their next visit.

10. The Pavilion and Playing field projects:

- a) Pavilion update:** GB updated the meeting on fundraising, £509.39 was raised from the bingo and £126 from the buy a brick scheme. The Football Club had also set up a race night for the new year. MD informed the meeting that the Town Farm Trust had provided a grant of £10,000 towards the pavilion project. Work was expected to start between new year and the end of the football season. EC stated that he had a meeting with Gavin Lemon regarding the pavilion, and that Norfolk FA could become involved and unlock more funding. It was important to involve more parts of the community, veterans, ladies and younger people. PW pointed out that toilets for ladies and changing facilities may help to unlock funding as well.
- b) Playground update:** The invoice for the work carried out on the play ground was for payment at this meeting.
- c) Playground inspection report:** Nothing to report.
- d) CGM:** The last invoice from CGM was for payment at this meeting, await the return of the keys. MD to contact Norse about a start date.

11. To discuss the cleaning of the War Memorial for the 2018 centenary commemorations of the ending of WW1: MD to try and obtain quote from company who sent email. The chain around the memorial needs work as do the posts and lettering. It was felt that they may be funding available and should be done as soon as possible in the new year. JH was asked to obtain a grant from AJ Restoration for the work.

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

13. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday the 11th January 2018 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murdo Durrant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clerk to Parish Council
Murdo Durrant

20th December 2017.

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