

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday the 11th January 2018 at 7.31pm In the Sporle Community Centre, The Street, Sporle

Present:

Gordon Burrows GB (Chairman)
Helen Bartley HB
Sue Clark SC
John Barley JB

Kalvin McLeod KM (Vice-chairman)
Helen Dye HD
Jacqui Howard JH

Murdo Durrant MD (Clerk)

Peter Wilkinson (BDC Cllr)
No members of the public

- 1. To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence:** Cllr Ed Colman NCC was unable to attend as he was at a Norfolk FA meeting, proposed by KM seconded by HB, agreed unanimously.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 14th December 2017:** Proposed by KM seconded by HB, approved unanimously.

HD joined the meeting at 7.35pm.
- 3. To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed:** JH declared an interest in item 12.
- 4. To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public, and councillors with a prejudicial interest, to speak on agenda items:** No members of the public present
- 5. To receive updates from County and District Councillors:**
Cllr. Ed Colman EC (NCC) had sent the following report by email:

Council Tax

Norfolk County Council is considering whether to raise Council Tax by a further one per cent, to 5.99 per cent, to raise an extra £4 million for services. The council had been considering a 4.9 per cent rise – 1.9 per cent for general services and 3 per cent for adult social care. However, the Government announced last month that councils could levy a further one per cent for general services. A 5.99 per cent rise would increase the county council's share of band D bills by £74.74 per year, to £1,322.68.

The council's committees will consider the budget proposals throughout January, starting with the adult social care committee on January 15th. The full council will take a final decision on February 12th. Raising Council Tax by the additional one per cent would add £4 million per year to the council's base budget every year, reducing the budget gap by £12 million over the next three years. The chief finance officer is advising us to accept this offer, which would add £4 million to our budget, every year – easing pressure on our services. No-one likes Council Tax rises but I also know many people want to ease the strain on our services.

Road Closure

NCC has made a Temporary Traffic Order affecting the Northwell Pool Road from its junction with Sporle Road for a distance of 117 metres in the TOWN OF SWAFFHAM because of electrical works. The road will be temporarily closed

(except for access) from 22nd January 2018 to 25th January 2018 between 08:30 hours and 16:00 hours for the duration of the works, expected to be 4 days within the period.

Alternative route is via: Northwell Pool Road, Couhe Close, New Sporle Road, Sporle Road.

Voluntary sector boost

A new partnership has launched to support Norfolk based voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises.

Norfolk County Council, Community Action Norfolk, Voluntary Norfolk and Momentum have teamed up to create 'Working Together', bringing together a wealth of skills and experience in the voluntary sector.

By working in partnership, the group will introduce a variety of improvements including one-stop registration to newsletters, a joint training programme that will include governance, volunteering and fundraising skills and co-ordinated campaigns to generate volunteers and local participants. It will also provide activities to help strengthen the working relationships between Norfolk County Council and voluntary community and social enterprise organisations for the benefit of Norfolk residents.

Council Considers new road safety task force

An increase in mobile phone usage and cycling have been cited as two of the main reasons for the rise in numbers of people killed or seriously injured on Norfolk's roads, according to a report to Norfolk County Council's Community Committee. The Public Health Strategy was reviewed by councillors in November 2017 who agreed that the current approach to reducing road incidents needs to be reviewed and updated. Norfolk County Council's Community Committee have approved the creation of a member task and finish group to work with officers across the council and members of the Casualty Reduction Partnership including Police and Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service. If approved a revised strategy, approach and findings will be presented back to the Communities Committee in the autumn.

Cllr. Pter Wilkinson made the following report:

Breckland District Council lottery

Is being launched on the 24th January 2018 at BDC offices Elizabeth House, Dereham. Tickets will be £1 with 50p going to good causes, you need to be registered might be an opportunity for the pavilion fund.

The Drop in at the Assembly rooms for air quality will take place tomorrow the 12th January.

The silver social on the 16th January with Kate Dimbleby as a guest speaker.

The BDC budget is available online.

The home from hospital care plans funding would run out in April. He was currently pushing that money should be made available as it was vital that this was kept going as it saves lives in the long term.

LILY housing team now in Swaffham, BDC now involved, one phone call an bring help for people living on their own.

Mrs Richardson of Plot 4 Hill View had won her appeal.

- 6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 14th December 2017:** MD asked if the Highway Rangers had been seen (Item 9c), no one had seen them prior to Christmas.

There had been nothing from BDC regarding a change of use for the field opposite Railway Cottage.

7. Planning:

Any other planning applications received after the date of this agenda: JB informed the meeting that work at Plot 4 Hill View was now going ahead at pace and looked very good.

- 8. a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A:** MD explained a problem with paying the Clerks tax direct to HMRC. It was unanimously agreed that until the issue is sorted out and a new paying in book is available the amounts will be paid to M Durrant who will pay HMRC direct.

A discussion took place over the amount paid to Mr Tyrrell, GB informed the meeting that Mr Tyrrell was entirely happy with what he was paid at this time, but that GB will see him and discuss the matter further of raising the amount with him. Payments as shown at Annex A were proposed by SC seconded by KM and passed unanimously.

b) To discuss and if approved inform TT Jones to repair defective lantern O/S 42 Newfields Sporle: MD explained the quote from TT Jones for the work O/S 42 Newfields, the matter was discussed by the PC. It was proposed that the council pay for the work immediately by HB seconded by KM and passed unanimously.

9. Highways:

- a) Pot holes:** Potholes in Southacre Road need redoing as the patching has broken up already. The patching on Bunkers Hill is coming away at the edges and is again dangerous. The drain on Bunkers Hill is again blocked and flooding the road as before. MD to report to Highways again. KM asked why the letter to Highways was not sent. KM will contact EC direct.
- b) Cleaning/clearing mud and debris:** No apparent work done by the Highway Rangers.
- c) Highway Rangers:** MD to contact Highway Rangers and ascertain if they did visit Sporle before Christmas and what work was carried out.
The broadband box on the pavement outside the shop is becoming a hazard to pedestrians due to not being lit at night. It was decided by general agreement that MD would contact BT Openreach and ask if they would put fluorescent strips down the edges of the box to assist pedestrians as several had been involved in accidents walking into the box in the dark. PW offered to speak with BT Openreach next week at a planned meeting.

10. The Pavilion and Playing field projects:

- a) Pavilion update:** The committee from the football club and village will be holding a meeting on the 25th January at 7.30pm when a full update should be available on when work will start.
- b) Playground update:** Nothing to report.
- c) Playground inspection report:** No update.
- d) CGM:** Keys have not been returned as yet. SC proposed and KM seconded a proposal that CGM should be invoiced for new padlocks and keys if they have not returned them within 14 days. Passed unanimously. MD to send initial email and follow up with recorded delivery letter with invoice.

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

- 12. To receive an update on the War Memorial cleaning:** MD informed the PC that he had two quotes for cleaning the war memorial. One from a firm in Nottingham for £1980, the other from a local firm that had worked for the PC previously for

£750. After discussion it was proposed by SC that the PC proceed with the lower quote. Seconded by HD, passed unanimously, with the exception of JH who did not vote.

13. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday the 8th February 2018, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle