

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Minutes of the Council meeting of
Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm.

Gordon Burrows GB (Chairman)	Kalvin McLeod KM (Vice-chairman)
Helen Dye HD	Helen Bartley HB
Sue Clark SC	Jacqui Howard JH
John Barley JB	Murdo Durrant MD (Clerk to Parish Council)
Ed Colman EC (Norfolk County Councillor)	2 members of the public

1. **To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies offered by Breckland District Councillor Peter Wilkinson.
2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 13th September 2018:** Proposed by KM, seconded by JH approved unanimously.
3. **To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed:** Nil.
4. **To adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public, and councillors with a prejudicial interest, to speak on agenda items:** A member of the public asked the Parish council (PC) if there was any way that they could assist with opening up the old railway between The Street near Dunham Road and the Dunham Road Bridge as a pedestrian pathway. They believed that the area could be made into a real asset if it were opened up and cleared with wild flowers planted.
5. **To receive updates from County and District Councillors:** No report from Peter Wilkinson District Councillor. EC apologised for missing recent meetings due to other work for the CC. He informed the meeting that he would deal with the missing 30mph sign. There would be a reduction in the number of children's centres as NCC was looking to rehouse them in community buildings to protect staff numbers and the availability of qualified staff. There was no decision on this yet as it was still a proposal. There would be more focus on one to one support in the future. It had been seen that rural areas were not getting the same service as urban areas, to try and address this the CC was looking to set up drop in centres. As a result of the disposal of property scheme NCC had invested £5m back into the council. NCC was supporting the re-vamp of Norwich Castle, £9.2m of lottery money was going into this. 725 stops for mobile libraries were to be cut, these would be taken from those that were used the least. It does not affect Sporle.
6. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2018:** Nil.
7. **Finance:**
 - a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A: Proposed by SC seconded by KM approved unanimously.
 - b) Finance and accounts report: MD gave an update on the budget and spending which was on course currently, the second part of the precept having been paid in September. He pointed out that at the next meeting the precept and budget would need to be discussed and approved, adding that the PC must be aware and take account of the fact that the costs of the elections in May 2019 would have to be included within the budget for the next financial year. This may be as little as £75 but could run to four figures if it were a contested election.
8. **Planning:** To discuss the planning application 3PL/2018/1200/LD 98 The Street five dwellings: A discussion took place over the planning application, where no councillors had any negative views on the application. The entrance to the development was felt to be adequate and the type of housing being built was of a type needed within the village.
9. **Highways:**
 - a) Cleaning/clearing of rubbish from street in village by NCC highways: GB had visited one of the addresses that had been sent a letter by NCC Highways informing them they had to cut their hedges back. He believed they had done a reasonable job, and he had been told that they would have the hedge cut every two months or so. GB had also spoken to residents who had complained about the hedges and they were happy with the work that had been undertaken. GB had also contacted Mr Jacklin at NCC Highways and informed him of the outcome. JB stated that the stones had been cleared off of the roads as

requested KM stated that Mr Jacklin had informed him that NCC had a pedestrian sweeper that Sporle could request to assist cleaning the streets, MD to contact Mr Jacklin and request sweeper. JH asked about the area of the cut through between Sydney

- b) Update on Bunkers Hill JW The Street garden club work. It was reported that sadly some damage had been deliberately done to the planting that had enhanced the area. The gardening club had repaired the damage and it is hoped that no further acts of vandalism would occur. GB asked that thanks to all those involved in the garden club be recorded in the minutes. There was then a discussion around the use of CCTV in areas where vandalism had occurred, it was agreed that this was not a suitable route for the PC to take. JB asked if it would be possible for the gardening group to do anything to make the cut through between Sydney Dye Court and Newfields more attractive. This was an area that the PC could look into with the gardening club.

10. The Pavilion and Playing field projects:

- a) Pavilion update: See item 12.
- b) Need to make the Pavilion committee a sub-committee of the Parish Council: put over to next meeting.
- c) Playground update: The PC were at this time reluctant to put in any more playground items while the current acts of vandalism continue
- d) Norse and grass cutting contract update: No issues currently.
- e) Cutting of church yard under Parish Council/Norse contract: The current arrangements will continue to the end of this financial year.

11. Clearing the disused railway to make it suitable for walkers: Discussed under 4, MD to see if he could ascertain who the owner of the land described was, at no cost to the PC.

12. Anti-social behaviour in the village, Hills Close, Bunkers Hill J/W The Street and the playing field: There had been a number of acts of vandalism within the village in the preceding weeks. Flowers and shrubs planted around the bus stop at Bunkers hill had been torn up, tiles had been ripped from the roof of the pavilion and smashed, a fire had been started at the pavilion, large pieces of concrete had been smashed on the basketball court. A number of local residents had assisted in taking photographs of the damage and clearing up the mess. The PC will discuss with BDC if it would be possible to have CCTV in the area of the pavilion as this is privately owned by the PC. There are three persons thought to be responsible for the damage all young people. If sufficient evidence against them can be obtained the PC will prosecute. GB had attended the last SNAP meeting and said that there was only one beat officer for this area and that Swaffham's resources were focused on the drug issues in the town. A discussion then took place regarding the work carried out by Mr Tyrrell for the PC, a proposal was made to increase his wages which was agreed unanimously. HD mentioned that the gate to the churchyard was locked the other day and she couldn't get in. A member of the public asked to speak on this, GB agreed to this and the meeting was informed that this was a mistake as a new lock had been fitted and unwittingly left locked. As soon as the church warden was made aware this was rectified and the gate was unlocked and will remain unlocked.

13. SAM2 sign update: KM gave a update on the SAM2 sign which had been repaired at no cost to the PC. GB thanked KM for his work on getting the SAM2 sign repaired. The sign would be back in use on Friday the 12th. Unfortunately there was insufficient traffic through the village to warrant the use of the camera van. A further discussion took place looking at various ways in which traffic could be calmed within the village. JH asked if more signage would assist? This was thought to be unlikely due to the cost to NCC Highways. It was asked if it possible to have a weight limit put on the village, KM felt that this was unlikely as double decker buses ran through the village. EC then informed the meeting that new signs on the A1065 warning motorists of pedestrians and horses was the correct size for the road as it was not a trunk road like the A47.

14. Having the village public house listed as a community asset: A presentation having been made at the last meeting MD asked the PC if they would like him to go ahead with the forms to have the Pub listed as a community asset. It was agreed that he should submit the paperwork.

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

16. Date and time of next meeting.

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

Gordon Burrows
Chairman of Sporle Parish Council

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