

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council meeting
held at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present

Gordon Burrows (Chairman)
Helen Bartley
Helen Dye

Kalvin McLeod (Vice-Chairman)
Matthew Clark
John Rodwell

Councillor Ed Colman (Norfolk County Council)
Peter Wilkinson (Breckland District Council)

3 Members of the Public

Elizabeth Durrant (Clerk)

1. **To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence.** Janis Bevan. Agreed unanimously.
2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 10th October 2019.** Proposed by John Rodwell and seconded by Calvin McLeod. Carried 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.** The Chairman asked the members of the public if they wished to speak on any agenda items however, they declined.
5. **To receive updates from County and District Councillors.**
Councillor Ed Colman, Norfolk County Council gave his report. On 7th October the Council's Cabinet met and reviewed the strategic and financial planning position for 2020/21 and agreed to go out to consultation on our proposed council tax level, including proposals for the adult social care precept. Comments are welcome on the Council's approach to budget savings or any other individual proposals. Budget proposals are based on increasing council tax by 3.99%, if there was no increase in council tax then a further £16.2 million would have to be saved.
Consultation timetable:
23rd October 2019 – consultation starts on savings proposals and council tax.
10th December 2019 – Consultation closes.
13th January 2020 – Cabinet considers the outcomes of service and financial planning, equality impact assessments and consultation feedback and recommends budget to Full council.
17th February 2020 – Norfolk County Council agrees its budget and level of Council Tax for 2020/21 at the Full Council meeting.
£250,000 fund launched to support early years groups
Community groups that support young children and their parents in Norfolk are being invited to apply to a new Community Fund designed to get our county's babies and pre-schoolers off to the best possible start. This is an annual fund to help new groups set up or existing groups to expand. The money is being made available as part of Norfolk county Council's Early Childhood and Family Service which launched last month. Grants of up to £2,500 will be given to projects that will support children aged 0-5 to achieve their developmental milestones and ensure children and their parents or carers are not lonely or isolated. Groups could include music, creative, arts or physical play to encourage parents/carers to play alongside their child and give opportunities to make new friends close to home. Advice and guidance on how to set up a new group are also available. To apply visit:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhoodfunding
or email
cs-0-5communityoffer@norfolk.gov.uk
and request an application form.

Consistently strong decision-making helping families get the right help first time

Ofsted has praised Norfolk's handling of child safeguarding calls and referrals after a two day visit to the County Council. The inspectorate carried out a focused visit looking at how the council responds to calls about the welfare of children and young people – the so called "front door". Ofsted stated that the front door had been "transformed" since their last visit in November 2017 and information sharing, analysis and recording had significantly improved. The quality of decision making was "consistently strong" and there had been a reduction in inappropriate referrals and assessments. Inspectors said that the level of improvement achieved "provided tangible evidence of the impact of senior leaders on social work practice at the front door." Inspectors found that the front door response to domestic abuse is well developed and increasingly effective and said the multi-agency child exploitation and missing team is "equally effective". Ofsted reported there was more work to do when cases leave the front door, with the timeliness and quality of assessments identified as an area for further work, largely because of continuing recruitment challenges.

Climate change. The Council were moving forward in respect of becoming carbon neutral with small steps such as no plastic drinking cups in any of their premises, electric pool cars. Strategies would be set up to achieve this aim and there will be measured capital investments as appropriate.

Councillor Peter Wilkinson, Breckland District Council gave his report. The Breckland Local Plan had passed late last month. The adoption of the plan will not affect any plans submitted prior to the plan being adopted.

Match funding was due on line in December.

Funding of up to £500 was available for villages planning celebrations to celebrate VE and VJ Day next year.

Subject to plans the Green Britain Centre in Swaffham will be handed over to Swaffham Town Council.

Dog Warden. There are now cards available. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant its also against the law! Please report anyone failing to clean up on 01362858500, further information can be found at www.animalwardenservices.co.uk.

Police have been attending the village due to the unsocial behaviour in the village.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 10th October 2019 not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. None

7. Finance:

- a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A. Proposed by Helen Bartley, seconded by Kalvin McLeod and accepted unanimously.
- b) Precept for 2020/2021 - this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Request for financial assistance from Sporle Singers – Gordon Burrows advised the That the financial assistance was to pay for their insurance which was £84. It was unanimously agreed that the cheque should be given to them as soon as possible.
- d) Request for financial support from Citizens Advice Bureau – this would be discussed At the next meeting.
- e) Request for financial support from NARS – this would be discussed at the next Meeting..

8. Planning:

3PL/2019/1147 – Retrospective Application for Shed/Summerhouse at North End, Newton Road, Sporle. - Approved 22/10/2019.

3PL/2019/1372/HOU – Erection of a garage – NO objections

3PL/2019/1373/LB - Internal changes to dwelling, conversion of attached outbuilding to ancillary accommodation to the dwelling and storeroom and the erection of a garage. As the property is Grade II listed this decision would be taken by the planning officer. - No objections.

9. Highways:

- a) Street Lighting report – all reported issues had been dealt with.
- b) Painting of railings – Clerk will get this reported to NORSE who are the new contractors.

10. The Pavilion, Playing field and Playground project:

- a) Threeway Store had raised £600 from the change jar in the shop. £300 would be given to the Pavilion, Playing field and Playground project. The other £300 would be given to the nursery.

11. Grass and hedge cutting:

- a) Church – The clerk had received the cheque of £600 which was the Parochial Parish Councils contribution to the cost of the grass cutting at the church for 2018/2019. The church would now arrange their own contract in regards to this but have been advised that they are welcome to request financial assistance from the Parish Council in respect of this should they so wish.
- b) Ditch cutting – the second cut had now been completed. The clerk would start the tendering process early in the new year once a detailed specification had been written.

12. Lack of Youth provision in the village.

After the last meeting three of the Councillors had spoken to the youths in the bus stop. Their main issue was the lack of youth provision in the village. They said they stopped going to the youth club when they had to pay for it. Gordon and Matthew agreed to talk to Mit to see if he would be interested in starting the club up if the Parish Council could fund it. This would also be discussed at the Precept meeting on 5th December to see what budget could be put aside.

13. SAM2 sign update.

SAM2 sign was in the village last month and the maximum speed through the village was recorded at 60mph which is a reduction. It was interesting to note that while The Street was closed there were only 10 cars between 9am and just after 3pm. However, when the road was open this drastically increased to 1,000. Councillor Colman advised that the council could explore restrictions however, the issue was how these would be enforced.

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

- a) Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020/2023. This was a proposal and there have been a very good response.

15. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 5th December 2019, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Elizabeth Durrant
Clerk to Parish Council

3rd December 2019

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