

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council meeting
held at the Community Centre, Sporle
On Thursday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present

Gordon Burrows (Chairman)
Helen Bartley
Helen Dye
Matthew Clark

Kalvin McLeod (Vice-Chairman)
Janis Bevan
John Rodwell

Councillor Peter Wilkinson – Breckland District Council

Elizabeth Durrant (Clerk)

1. **To receive and consider and vote on accepting apologies for absence. Councillor Ed Colman..** Agreed unanimously.
2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 5th December 2019.** Proposed by Calvin McLeod and seconded by John Rodwell. Carried unanimously.
3. **To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed.** Janis Bevan declared an interest in resubmission of Planning Application **3PL/2019/1403/0**. Gordon Burrows 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.** None present.
5. **To receive updates from County and District Councillors.**
Peter Wilkinson explained that the forthcoming Town and Parish Forum was important as it helped develop future planning for the district. Council Tax had been raised by 1.99% which is an additional 4p per annum on a Band D house. 2/3rds of the housing in Breckland is Band D. this is still the lowest Council Tax in Norfolk and the rest of the country. Dog Warden is now in place and has been made aware of the issues with the playing field. Calvin McLeod stated that leaflets had been distributed regarding the dog warden.
6. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2019 not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.** Gordon Burrows had tried to contact Mr Denton four or five times regarding the refurbishment of the village sign. He would try again before the next meeting.
7. **Finance:**
 - a) To approve payments to be made as at Annex A. Proposed by Matthew Clark, seconded by Helen Bartley and accepted unanimously.
 - b) 50/50 funding from Breckland Council was to a maximum of £5,000.
8. **Planning:**

3PL/2019/1578/1403 – Land off The Street. Sporle. Construction of dwelling and commercial unit with B8 business use (Re-application of 3PL/2019/0704/F). This item was deferred to the end of the meeting as Janis Bevan had declared an interest.

3PL/2019/1578 – 56 Priory Close Sporle. Proposed Loft Conversion with contemporary front and rear dormers, rear balcony and carport with terrace above.

Concerns were raised regarding the size of the balcony over the car port as it seemed excessive and was very close to the dwelling next door. There was no objection to the conversion but the following comments should be made to the planners

- There should be a proviso in the planning document that the conversion of the upper part of the house should remain an integral part of the existing host dwelling and should not be let or sold separately at any time in the future.
- The balcony above the car port is too large and extends too close to the neighbouring dwelling.

9. Highways:

- a) Street Lighting report – A suggestion had been received from some residents that there should be an extra streetlight erected between the alleyway and the shop as this was a particularly dark area. - Clerk would get estimate from T T Jones re conventional street light and also solar powered street light.
- b) Painting of railings – Clerk had received a response from NORSE regarding the railings stated that there was no money in the budget for painting the railings and that if the Parish Council wished there was no objection to the Parish Council painting the railings. In respect of the damaged railings these had been checked and it had been decided that these were not a priority.
The clerk would contact NORSE to see if NORSE would supply the paint or if any particular paint should be used. The clerk would also raise the issue regarding the bent railings again as this had not been caused by residents but delivery vans trying to turn round at this point. Also the painting of the SLOW signs as you enter the village from north end of the village.

10. The Pavilion, Playing field and Playground project:

Internal work was ongoing and reasonable progress was being made. Cabling for electrics and pipes for plumbing were now in. Ceilings were up. All lights are automatic which should save on electric. Soil had been topped up so that gardening club could plant in the spring. Next step is to put in windows and doors. Will also need a skip to remove all rubbish.

11. Village Maintenance:

- a) Ditch cutting – Work on the spec for the ditch cutting was progressing. Calvin McLeod had plotted the area which required cutting onto google maps and Janis Bevan was currently writing up the spec so that it could be sent out to possible bidders.
- b) Peter Wilkinson stated that Breckland District Council had a self propelled road sweeper which could be requested regarding clearing up of leaves and other debris. Contact is: steve.hitchman@breckland.gov.uk.
- c) John Rodwell asked about Village Gate Post signs. Further work would be needed regarding any permissions that were required and size and siting requirements.

12. Town Farm Trust New Trustee.

The trustees proposed that Gordon Burrows should fill the current trustee vacancy and requested that the Parish Council confirm this appointment. Gordon Burrows agreed that he would be happy to take up this position if the Parish Council agreed. Gordon refrained from the vote and it was put to the rest of the Parish Council by Calvin McLeod. It was agreed unanimously.

13. Village Fete

This item is deferred to the February Meeting. Peter Wilkinson advised that there was still funding of £500 available for VE Day Celebrations if this was appropriate.

14. SAM2 sign update.

The battery had been repaired however, apparently this is quite an old sign and not sure how long it will be able to be repaired. Castle Acre will cover 50% of the costs should there be any.

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

- a) SNAP Meeting 21st January 2020 7pm at Swaffham Town Hall. Gordon Burrows would be unable to attend as he has another meeting. Matthew Clark stated he would attend.
- b) Swaffham Network Improvement Strategy. Peter Wilkinson was following this up as he had been working on it and had raised 3 distinct issues which do not seem to have been addressed.

16. Hills and Holes. Calvin McLeod had received 4 phone calls from residents in Hills Close re the building work taking place on site. It later transpired that this was grounds maintenance work trying to clear the rubbish which had been dumped there some from the rear of the gardens at Hills Close. It would appear that once the site is cleared then if any other rubbish is dumped it would be fairly easy to identify the culprits and the culprits would be billed for the cleaning up, Gordon Burrows will get Joyce to put an item in the Village

Magazine regarding this to put residents minds at rest and also to make them aware of any future penalty for dumping rubbish over fences onto the site.

Janis Bevan Left the meeting

17. 3PL/2019/1403/0 – land of the Street, Sporle. After discussion the planning application was put to the vote.

FOR - 3

AGAINST - 3

As the vote was now tied the clerk explained that the Chairman would have the casting vote. Calvin McLeod explained that in the situation of a tied vote the Chairman had a casting vote and it was up to those arguing on both sides to sway the Chairman's vote by their side of the discussion.

Chairmans vote due to the amount of concern raised by villagers was
AGAINST

- 1 If planning was granted then a covenant should be put into the agreement preventing any further development on the remainder of the site.

18. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 13th February 2020, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Sporle

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Elizabeth Durrant
Clerk to Parish Council

27th January 2020

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