

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at Sporle Community Centre
on Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Gordon Burrows (Chairman)
Janis Bevan (Vice Chair)
Helen Bartley

John Barley
Helen Dye
Kalvin MacLeod

Councillor Ed Colman - Norfolk County Council
Councillor Peter Wilkinson – Breckland District Council

Six Village Residents

Elizabeth Durrant (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence.** It was with regret that the Clerk advised the meeting that Matthew Clark had resigned as a Parish Councillor due to work and personal commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Matthew for all his hard work and assistance over the last three years.
2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the council held on the 9th September 2021.** Minutes were proposed by Helen Dye and seconded by Janis Bevan. Agreed unanimously.
3. **To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed.** Janis Bevan declared an interest in item 8.3 under the Planning although they had already received notification that the variation had been accepted from the District Council.
4. **To open the meeting to members of the public.**
A resident raised a question regarding the process of making the pub an asset of community value. He had contacted someone who had to be made from CAMERA who had experience of this and questioned any fees attached. The last time the residents had looked into making the pub an asset of community value there had been a proposed fee of £1,500 however Councillor Colman believed that this was due to the fact that if it was progressed an enquiry would have to be made with land registry to enquire into ownership of the pub as at that time the pub was closed and no-one knew who owned it. Councillor Colman was not sure if there was still a fee to be paid. Councillor Wilkinson agreed to look into it with Breckland District Council and forward any information he could find to the clerk.

A resident enquired if the planning permission for the extension had gone through proper planning procedures. He was advised that it had. He asked the clerk for the planning number which the clerk agreed to forward to him as he did not have the paperwork to hand as this item was no longer dealt with during Parish Council business and it was run by the charity which had been set up to deal with it.

5. **To receive updates from County and District Councillors.** These have been forwarded to everyone as soon as possible after receipt.
Councillor Ed Colman: The County Council had been liaising with Public Health England, NHS and secondary schools regarding the roll out of the COVID19 vaccine to 12-15 year olds in schools. This was now well underway. There was help and support for families to help them with their fears and concerns regarding the vaccine, this was also offered in different languages for those who required it. It was hoped to encourage as many as possible to take up the vaccine as it was expected there would be a particularly strong flu strain this year following the historically low rates last year. If you are in the target groups and have not already had the flu jab or been contacted by your surgery then please contact them.

As of 11th November 2021 anyone entering a care home anywhere in England must be double vaccinated.

2022/2023 budget setting is at an early stage.

Councillor Peter Wilkinson: Breckland District Council Inspiring Communities project is still ongoing with a focus on Mental Health. There are two meetings forthcoming on Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October at Necton which anyone can attend. These can also be accessed online.

6. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9th September 2021 not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.** Kalvin MacLeod stated that at a previous meeting a resident had a concern that one of the Councillors did not declare a Pecuniary interest which the resident thought they had.

MacLeod asked the Chairman if he remembered who he spoke to at Breckland District Council who had advised him that under the circumstances explained they would not consider the Parish Councillor as having a pecuniary advantage. The Parish Councillor in question abstained from the voting on the matter concerned due to the conflicting views and to ensure clarity and fairness of the vote. Calvin requested that Gordon Burrows find out who gave him the advice and then to let the other Parish Councillors know.

7. Finance:

a) **To approve payments to be made as at Annex A.**

All payments were proposed by Janis Bevan, seconded by Helen Dye, approved unanimously.

b) **Finance Report** - The Council clerk reported that the council were operating within budget.

8. Planning:

3PL/2021/1252/HOU 4 Down Mill Drive, Sporle, PE32 2FH. Single Storey Extension to Side and Rear revised design to **3PL/2020/1139/HOU.** No objection.

3PL/2021/0577VAR Land of the Street, Sporle. Variation of Condition No2 on **3PL/2020/1146/VAR** revisions to dwelling, workshop and garage. **Permission already given**

9. Data Protection. There had been no reports under Data Protection.

10. Highways

- a) Slow sign painting in village. These had still not been put in place and the month was up tomorrow. Councillor Colman stated he would see the Highways Engineer tomorrow and discuss this.

11. Village Maintenance:

- a) Street Lighting - Gordon Burrows reported that one quote had been received regarding the placement of a solar powered streetlight opposite the alleyway near the shop. Enquiries were continuing with another provider and hopefully this would be resolved early in the new year.
- b) Ditch Clearance. New tender documents would be drawn up once decided exactly what was required..
- c) Asset Register. John Barley was continuing his assessment of the assets to identify any maintenance which may be required.

12. Other Village Matters:

- a) Land next 28 The Street, Sporle— The area had been cleared just after the farmer finished harvesting.
- b) Pavilion, Playing field and Children's Playground. This was a report only and no matters pertaining to the Pavilion, Playing field and Children's Playground would be discussed at this meeting and to this end this would be the last report made at the Parish Council meeting. There had been a very successful meeting of the Committee last week and a Christmas Fair would be held in the Community Centre, with a visit from Santa, on Saturday 12th December as part of the ongoing fundraising efforts. The broken windows in the Pavilion had been replaced and a metal mesh would be installed as soon as possible in an effort to protect them.. This would be at 11am
Disabled access to the site through the pedestrian gate would be assessed and adjusted if required. Sunday 16th would see the resurrection of the yearly football match between the football team and a team from Yorkshire
- c) Seat in Bus Shelter. Costings for a new village seat would be looked at.
- d) A resident had enquired about setting up a Mother & Toddler group in the Community Centre and wondered if there was any help that could be given regarding the legal side and setting up costs. It was agreed that the best advice at this time would be for the resident to contact one of the national groups to see what exactly was involved with the setting up and then once they were aware of what was required to put in a proposal identifying the help needed so that it could be assessed.

13. SAM2 sign update.

One of the signs was currently up at Priory Place. The new one was up for a few days and then removed to check that the new recording unit was working.

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

- a) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon - deferred to December meeting.
- b) Village Celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee - deferred to December meeting.
- c) Armed Forces Covenant Pledge - deferred to December meeting.
- d) TBLI Tommy Military Figure - deferred to December meeting.

Date and time of next meeting.

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