

**SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Meeting held Thursday 13th June 2019 at 6.30pm at Sporle Community Centre

Minutes

Present:	Mr K McLeod (Chair)	Mr M Clark (Vice Chair)
	John Barley	Helen Bartley
	Janis Bevan	Gordon Burrows
	Helen Dye	

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

Elizabeth Durrant (Clerk)

Apologies: None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 6.30 p.m.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th May 2019. Proposed by Calvin McLeod and seconded by Helen Dye. Agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising from Minutes - None

Parish Council Report. Calvin McLeod welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated it was nice to see everyone in person for the first time in a long time due to the pandemic. He looked forward to the year ahead to continue with the work previously carried out by the Parish Council. Calvin McLeod also thanked those in the community with their support for the Community during the pandemic and the volunteers for collecting and delivering medicines and food to those in isolation.

Report provided by Councilor Ed Colman NCC – The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

A new fund was introduced in April 2017 to provide each Local Member with an annual budget of £6,000 to be used on small highway works within each financial year in their Division. At Cabinet meeting on 1st February 2021 it was agreed to increase this annual budget by £4,000 to £10,000 to come into effect following the May 2021 elections. The scope of the funding was extended to include measures to support the Council's Environment Policy to help address two key climate change challenges: reversing biodiversity loss and reducing carbon emissions. Works that would help address these challenges include electric charging points, tree planting, repairs to local footpaths and capital measures for encouraging active travel. The fund continues to offer flexibility to progress small highway and environmental projects at members discretion based on local need. The funding is for capital funding only so ongoing maintenance costs are excluded from this scheme. Illuminated signs, street lighting or reflective bollards are not included in this initiative. Any projects likely to exceed the £10,000 limit would not be taken forward unless other funding streams were already confirmed. The local Highways Area team can provide the necessary help and advice on what the engineering solutions to any given problem may be. The Environment team can provide advice on biodiversity, tree planting and other greenspace enhancements. These options will be location specific and will usually involve a site visit to fully understand the issues and identify the optimum solution. The local Highways Area team will provide an initial cost estimate and if delivery is agreed will then monitor construction/installation costs. It is anticipated that the majority of works on the highway would be undertaken by Norfolk County Council and its approved supply chain.

Report from Councillor Peter Wilkinson – What a year we have all endured together, my work as your district councillor did not stop, we supported each other on the dreaded virtual meetings, Sporle Councillors still carried out its duties to the residents of Sporle with Palgrave, Breckland District Council carried on as normal by adapting to a different way of working due to this unprecedented world pandemic.

No support of services were lost, actually we as a council and members took on more work to deliver services to help with supporting residents and businesses, I worked with a Breckland District Council appointed officer in supporting local volunteer groups supporting the most vulnerable in my Nar Valley Ward, which included collecting medical prescriptions, shopping and delivering food parcels for the most vulnerable in isolation.

Now we are getting back to some normality, we can plan for the future in securing and maintaining of what you like living in Sporle. Young families want to be able to have their children enjoying a normal life, this is why I have supported the parish council for funding for new play equipment from the Breckland District Council inspiring community grants. Well done to you all for your patience in helping keeping your community together.

Reports from Organisations were read by the Chairman.

Sporle Bowls Club. The club has not as yet started up again.

Sporle Football Club/Pavilion and Playing Field. Work on the pavilion has recommenced after the pandemic called a halt to renovations. It is nearing completion and the Parish Council are grateful to all who have contributed both financially and giving their time to carry out the work without any charge.

Sporle Garden/Flower Group - Carries on to keep the village looking the best it can under current circumstances.

Sporle Stitch & Sew group

The group made a fabric hanging of The Twelve Days of Christmas, completed 2019.

In 2020 up until the lock-down stopped meetings we started to make cushions and small items for a stall we intended to have at the Sporle Village Fete.

So far we have met twice in 2021. We have one new member and possibly another. However, the group is small now and the Art Group no longer share the session. The £10 subscription for three months does not cover the hall hire.

New members would be welcome.

Sporle School Land Trust No meeting of the Trust was held this year due to Coronavirus. Four applications for grants were received each being awarded £150.00.

The Annual return of income and expenditure was submitted to the Charity Commission.

Sporle Town Farm Trust - With some pandemic restrictions being lifted for a short time the Trust were able to meet and discuss the grant applications were still processed for 2019/2020 with grants totalling £17,132.96 being made.

In 2020/2021 further grants were made to applicants these totalling to £7,901.65.

Grants are made throughout the year to those in financial difficulty with the main grant for heating fuel being made at the end of each year. Application forms can be obtained either from the village shop or contacting the clerk on townfarmclerk@gmail.com.

Sporle Community Association: The Community Centre was closed for a large portion of the last year due to Pandemic restrictions. The Community Centre were successful in receiving a grant to help cover the running costs while it was shut. We look forward to recommencing all our usual activities in the coming year.

Sporle Parish Magazine. The Parish Magazine continues to be provided for residents of the village.

No further reports were received and the Parish Assembly meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6.30pm