

Minutes of a meeting of Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Held at Sporle Community Centre
on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs John Barley, Helen Bartley, Janis Bevan, Gordon Burrows (Chair), Helen Dye, Jacqui Howard.

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Hunt

Three members of the public were present.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Ed Colman and District Councillor Peter Wilkinson

1. To receive apologies.

Councillor Calvin McLeod was absent.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 8th December 2022 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. To record any declarations of interest in any items discussed.

None.

4. County and District Councillors.

County Councillor Ed Colman reported on the devolution talks and timescale for Norfolk County Council. The budget was explained to those present, it was anticipated that there would be a 2% rise with a 2.99% levy on Adult Social Care. Gritting routes are up for review after the gully clearing cycle – Cllr Colman is aware of local difficulties and will be using his Councillor budget to arrange for two grit bins to be installed on the hill by the school.

Cllr Colman will be stepping down following the February meeting of the Parish Council due to employment changes. He was thanked for his work on behalf of Sporle with Palgrave during his tenure. There will be no replacement Councillor prior to the elections on 4th May, there will be a designated officer contact, the clerk will be advised.

District Councillor Peter Wilkinson reported on the healthcare and social support offered locally by Breckland Council. The Kings Coronation on the 6th May 2022 will have the possibility of funding support from Breckland – applications through Cllr Wilkinson. It was noted that for the May elections Photographic ID will be necessary to enable votes to be cast, there is a form on the Breckland website for those that do not hold a passport/driving licence or bus pass. Registering for a postal vote may be a solution for residents. Peter will attend the highways engineers meeting re: overgrown area in Sydney Dyble.

5. The meeting was opened to members of the public to discuss matters on the Agenda.

The overgrown area was once again discussed – a meeting is to be held between Councillors, the Breckland representative and the Highways Officer on Monday 30th January at 10am.

It was noted that the Solar Lamppost is now in place, but still not commissioned. Cllr G Burrows will seek clarification on the commissioning date.

Leaves on the footway were reported. This to be taken to Breckland Officers and reported to Highways Rangers.

There was discussion over the King's Coronation and the possibility of a local event – next agenda.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2022 not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

None.

7. Highways.

- a) SAM2 sign still cannot provide the necessary data. This is being investigated. The high number of traffic movements through the village was noted (22,383 vehicles coming in on one road during the last month). Once downloadable figures are obtained Clerk to distribute.
- b) Changes to gritting in The Street, Sporle. The Council expressed their thanks to County Councillor Colman for his offer of two additional Highways bins to be installed.

8. Finance:

- a) It was RESOLVED to make payments as presented and recorded at Annex A. PROPOSED Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Bevan.
- b) Finance Report – It was AGREED that the Clerk update all mandates/administrative addresses and names as necessary.

9. Policies Review

Statement re the Pavilion, Playing field and Children's Playpark was AGREED by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

10. Planning:

3DC/2022/0304/DOC Land East of The Street, Sporle. Discharge of Condition No.12 on 3PL/2029/0921/F (Discharge Conditions). NOTED.

3DC/2022/0340/DOC Sporle Residential Development PLOT1 Hills Farm, The Street, PE32 2EA. Discharge of conditions 6 & 8 on 3PL/2021/0802/F Erection of dwelling & garage – plot 1 (discharge conditions). NOTED.

Breckland Local Plan – for information only. NOTED.

11. Data Protection.

No requests at this time.

12. Village Maintenance:

- a) Street Lighting. It was noted by the meeting that the solar light is not working.
- b) Ditch Clearance. No estimates were available to the meeting.
- c) Waste Bins. It has not been possible to install the new bins or seat in the bus shelter. Cllr Burrows to empty bin at Bunkers Hill. Bins awaiting installation to be kept in the community centre.
- d) Hedge cutting on playing field. Completed. Bin to be removed, new bin to be installed in play area.

13. Other Village Matters:

- a) Household Support Fund – to be closed and remaining funds to be returned. Figure to next meeting.
- b) Seat in bus shelter not yet placed.
- c) Overgrown bushes Hills Close and towards the School were discussed – any addresses to be reported to Clerk for ongoing report to Highways who will follow up.
- d) Clearance of land behind Priory Close. Noted.
- e) JAFA Solar Farm – Planning Application is submitted – still awaiting for it to become live on the Council's website. Noted.

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

None.

15. Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 9th February 2023, 7.30pm

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Thursday 9th March 2023

Dates of Parish Council Meetings 2023/2024

Thursday 13th April 2023 May meeting to be confirmed Thursday 8th June 2023

Thursday 13th July 2023 Thursday 14th September 2023 Thursday 12th October 2023

Thursday 9th November 2023 Thursday 14th December 2023 Thursday 11th January 2024

Thursday 8th February 2024 Thursday 14th March 2024

Annex A – January 2023 payments.

Company	Amount	VAT	Reason
R Tyrrell	£25.00		Bus Shelter Cleaning - December
Friends of Sporle Church (hall)	£13.50		Hall Hire
6 x Grants	£300.00		Household Support Fund
Anglo Scottish Equipment	£3,000.00	£ 500.00	on behalf of fundraising account
Sarah Hunt	£592.80		January Salary
HMRC	£267.40		January payment
SSE Southern Electric	£299.03	£ 46.40	Unmetered supply - December
David Colman Engineering	£540.00	£ 90.00	Hedge cutting on playingfield.
John Corley	£20.54	£ 3.42	pavilion repair - materials
e-on	£40.93	£ 1.95	Pavilion December
e-on	39.22	£ 1.87	Invoice KI-47FFB21D-0016
SSE			Street Lighting electricity - Nov
Total	£5,138.42	£ 643.64	

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.