



Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council

Minutes of a **Meeting of the Parish Council** held on Thursday 14th March 2024
held in the Community Centre, Sporle with Palgrave at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs J Bevan, M Cousins, H Dye, K McLeod, P Smith, L Taylor, H Taylor
Clerk: Sarah Hunt

1. Apologies.

None.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 8th February 2024 were PROPOSED as a true and correct record by Cllr J Bevan, seconded by Cllr L Taylor and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr H Taylor declared an interest in Item 8.1 – the payment to the Village Newsletter.

4. Public Participation and Reports.

- 4.1. County Councillor – William Nunn sent apologies to the meeting. It was NOTED by the meeting with thanks that Cllr W Nunn had donated £2,500 of his Members Allowance towards the village gates.
- 4.2. District Councillor Peter Wilkinson had provided reports that had been circulated. Concerns had been expressed with regard to local flooding. Clerk to publicise who to notify.
The upcoming auction of Flagship Housing properties was discussed. Cllr Peter Wilkinson will support any tenants who are struggling to get their property maintained or appropriately upgraded. They are put for auction when they fall vacant if they are deemed to be too expensive to bring to standard. If standard is maintained this will not happen.
- 4.3. Police – no matters to be raised.
- 4.4. Members of the Public. None.

5. To receive updates on any matters not elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.1 Village Organisation Meeting – hasn't yet taken place. Cllr McLeod to advise Clerk when this needs returning to the agenda.
- 5.2 Credit Card Application – ongoing.
- 5.4 NALC .gov.uk email provision – completed – Councillors to arrange to sign in.
- 5.5 Unity Bank – addition of Mr Paul Smith as signatory. Ongoing.
- 5.6 NOTED that the driveway works have been completed to the Community Centre.
- 5.7 Refurbishment of Bunkers Hill Bus Stop – has been suggested to the Youth Offending Team as a suitable project. No response as yet. This needs pressure washing. Next Meeting. Cllrs K McLeod/L Taylor.

6. Planning.

- 6.1 To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council.
 - 6.1.1 None.
- 6.2 To receive Planning decisions taken by Breckland District Council.
 - 6.2.1 3PL/2023/1177/HOU – 1 Highview Sporle, PE32 2FA. Garage extension to front. Revised fencing/screening and retaining wall to western boundary (householder). PERMITTED.
 - 6.2.2 3PL/2023/0947/F – Bevan Manor, The Street. Construction of 2 x glamping pods with associated turning head and parking area, and the retrospective consent for an existing access to be used for the proposed development. REFUSED.

7 Neighbourhood Plan.

- 7.1 The chair gave an update following the 6th March meeting. A steering group has been formed with a good core of interested parishioners.
- 7.2 NOTED date of next meeting: 10am on Friday 22nd March 2024.

8 Finance:

- 8.1 The payments at Annex A were AGREED. PROPOSED Cllr H Dye, seconded Cllr L Taylor.
- 8.2 To receive up to date bank reconciliations – End of year to next meeting.

9 Administrative and Village Matters:

- 9.1 SAM2 – These have now been collected.
- 9.2 Silver Award – Armed Forces Covenant. Email sent – no response to date.
- 9.3 To receive any update from Cllr L Taylor following Mental Health training. Next meeting.
- 9.4 To receive any feedback regarding pavers around village sign. Cllr K McLeod. Next meeting.
- 9.5 NOTED that the Clerk will be on annual leave from Monday 29th April to Monday 13th May inclusive. Out of office will give chairman as contact.
- 9.6 To agree calendar of meetings for 2024/25. Next Meeting

10 Highways:

- 10.1 Verge Cutting in village – still no response from Highways.
- 10.2 NOTED that the Highways Department has asked support from the Water Management Team at Norfolk County Council with regard to issues in Sporle.
- 10.3 Council has been awarded the £2,990 50/50 funding for the Village Gateways.

11 Correspondence.

- 11.1 CPRE – Flood Management Conference, 22nd May 2024, Dereham. £45.00 per person. Cllr K McLeod and Clerk to attend.

12 Date and time of next meetings.

- Thursday 11th April 2024 – Also Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm.
- Thursday 16th May 2024 – Annual Parish Council Meeting.

13 Matters for next agenda.

- Clerk to report water leak into The Street to Anglian Water.
- D Day – local commemoration
- SNAP Meetings – to consider a Councillor representative.
- To consider the purchase of GEL 'Sandbags' for flood defence of property.

