

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th April 2025.
The meeting was held in the Community Centre, Sporle with Palgrave at 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllrs Janis BEVAN (Chair), Maggie COUSINS, Helen DYE (part), Calvin MCLEOD, Paul SMITH.

Members of the public: 3

Clerk: Miss L Dawson

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr H Taylor & Louise Taylor.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair, PROPOSED P Smith, seconded K Mcleod.

4. Public Form

4.1 District and County Councillors.

District Cllr Peter Wilkinson reported on the LGR and devolution, correspondence is being circulated for consultations and further information. Breckland supported over 45 enterprises creating 65 new jobs using the successful startup programme. £1.61 million of national funding, supporting Swaffham businesses and promoting the importance of mental health and wellbeing this year. Breckland have trained over 300 new mental health first aiders who are Breckland residents, and invested over £150,000 to local community projects such as a jubilee, coronation etc. The working smart programme trying to reduce the carbon footprint includes Breckland supplying EV charging, on the proposed journey to Net Zero. An update that the police are working with Breckland and are bringing out Public Space Protection Orders, or PSPO's to address vehicle based anti-social behaviours', the order will cover the entire district and restrict certain activities or behaviours when driving or using a motor vehicle that impacts local residents, failing to comply could result in a fine of £100 or prosecution. Breckland Council continues to support the handyman service for QEH hospital in Kings Lynn, and local doctors, to prevent people coming into hospital unnecessarily and assist people to be discharged in a timely manner, by offering handman services at home. The Call for Sites is currently active, there are now 44% more houses to find, when the sites are brought forward or supplied then there will be an invite to Parish Councils to attend with basic maps and show where Call for Sites have been put forward and opportunity to comment.

4.2 Members of the public.

No comments.

4.3 Police matters.

Report of a car accident in a recent evening on The Street, with a vehicle and a wall, emergency services attended. No other reports.

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5. Updates on previous Matters

- 5.1 An update on the water leak on The Street, is that Anglian Water have been contacted again and confirmed that the resident has been informed to rectify the leak on their septic tank, and it is a private issue. It was AGREED to contact highways as surface water is eroding the bank and freezes in the winter causing ice and potential dangers.
- 5.2 It was NOTED that the Council is still awaiting a response from Breckland regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of the stream.

6. Finance and Governance Matters

- 6.1 It was NOTED that the end of year bank reconciliation will be circulated via email and be available on the Parish Council website.
- 6.2 The payments as presented were APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr K Mcleod, seconded Cllr P Smith.

PAYMENTS APPROVED 10.04.2025								
Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier	Bank	Payment Ref
138	11.12.2024	£ 60.00	£ -	£ 60.00	bus shelter cleaning	R Tyrrell	unity bank - 20476258	Cleaning Nov & Dec CHQ300012
180	29.01.2025	£ 19.31	£ 3.86	£ 23.17	village maintenance	Amazon EU S.e.r.l., UK Branch	Lloyds card	amazon noticeboard felt
181	20.01.2025	£ 4.99	£ 1.00	£ 5.99	playground equipment	GOCABLETIES LIMITED	Lloyds card	playground cable ties amazon
182	20.01.2025	£ 6.24	£ 1.25	£ 7.49	benches	Kwik Buy Ltd.	Lloyds card	Amazon bolts for bench
193	13.03.2025	£ 90.00	£ -	£ 90.00	bus shelter cleaning	R Tyrrell	unity bank - 20476258	Bus cleaning Jan, Feb, March 2025
200	26.03.2025	£ 20.83	£ 4.17	£ 25.00	computer antivirus	Broadland Computers	unity bank - 20476258	Computer Antivirus
201	26.03.2025	£ 143.00	£ 28.60	£ 171.60	Neighbourhood Plan Expense	Norwich Print Solutions	unity bank - 20476258	Poster Printing NDP
202	26.03.2025	£ 1,208.10	£ -	£ 1,208.10	Neighbourhood Plan Expense	Groundwork UK	unity bank - 20476258	Return of unspent Grant NDP
25/26	27.04.2025	£ 52.00	£ -	£ 52.00	ICO Annual Subscription	ICO		
25/26	30.04.2025	£ 6.00	£ -	£ 6.00	Bank Fee	Unity Trust		
25/26	01.04.2025	£ 45.00	£ -	£ 45.00	Village Hall Hire	Sporle Community Centre		

- 6.3 It was NOTED that UKSMO need an updated streetlight inventory on their technical excel template, Cozens assistance has been requested to complete forms, awaiting quote.

7. Planning

- 7.1.1 Consultee responses to applications received from Breckland District Council prior to the meeting date, All applications are available to view online:
<https://publicportal.breckland.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=197402&language=en>
- 7.1.2 PL/2025/0369/HOU, proposed single storey extension, The Lodge, 1 Highview, Sporle. It was AGREED to respond with NO OBJECTION.
- 7.1.3 PL/2025/0383/CLOPUD, Erection of side extension – certificate of lawfulness for proposed use. The Briars, 2 Millfield, Sporle. It was AGREED to respond with NO OBJECTION.
- 7.2 Notification of decisions taken by Breckland District Council:
- 7.2.1 None received.
- 7.3 An update on the High Grove Solar Farms & The Drove Solar Farms proposed projects was discussed. The Drove Solar Farms have invited the Council to a meeting on 6th May 2025, prior to the statutory consultation which will run 21st May to 9th July 2025, location of meeting not confirmed. Mike Bennett attended recent 'Environmental Impact Group' meeting to gather additional information. The Council encourages communications and information from all groups and will attend formal events as deemed necessary. The Councillors thanked Mike Bennett for his involvement, reports and time commitment, and in ensuring the Parish Council is informed and up-to-date.

8. Village Matters

- 8.1 An update on current Community Payback projects was received, it was AGREED to ask them to clean and paint the white directional signs in the village, it was AGREED for the clerk and volunteer to remove overhanging bolts on bench, and to purchase wood treatment for the bench. It was noted that the Sporle Children's playing field charity's footpath project is on hold, awaiting materials list and update from the Community Payback Team.

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- 8.2 The quote for £225.00 to repair the bus shelter roof at Bunkers Hill was APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr J Bevan, seconded Cllr K Mcleod.
- 8.3 To consider the quote received of £1695.00 to include the whole playing field and driveway in the grass-cutting for 2025. APPROVED. Clerk to request schedule.
- 8.4 The quote for playground inspection due October 2025 from The Play Inspection Company for £115.00 + VAT was APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr M Smith, seconded Cllr P Smith.
- 8.5 It was noted that a resident enquired as to the footpath running east between the school and St Marys Church has in recent years had signage and gates put up, stopping historical public access. The Clerk investigated this and it was AGREED to write an article for the next magazine to request residents to submit evidence of use over a 20+ year period, it was noted that over 12 pieces of evidence must be submitted for Norfolk County Council to consider a case, and the current timeline is 1-2 years for processing.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Email from RWE, invitation to drop-in regarding the Norfolk Offshore wind farms project. More information here: www.nowzone.co.uk
- 9.2 Email from Breckland regarding Consultation for Local Government Reform and Devolution.
- 9.3 Email from Anglian Water stating "With regard to the stream, I'm pleased to report that the tests we carried out showed very minimal impact with regards to pollution. Due to the flow of the river, it recovered quickly."

10. Administrative Matters

- 10.1 It was noted that a google drive folder has been set up for the volunteer to upload SAM2 data and Clerk to be able to access and share, awaiting data.
 - 10.1.1 The proposal from Castle Acre Parish Council to transfer full control and responsibility from the previously shared SAM2 unit to Sporle Parish Council was received and it was APPROVED to take on full responsibility.
- 10.2 It was AGREED for items for the next Village magazine to include the footpath under item 8.5.

11. Highways and Footpaths.

- 11.1 It was NOTED that no reports have been received.
- 11.2 The correspondence from highways explaining the 60mph speed limit as you enter Sporle from the A47 was RECEIVED, it is not possible to extend the 30mph limit.

12. Dates of next meetings.

- 12.1 The dates for 2025/26 were AGREED subject to removing January 2026.
- 12.2 Annual Parish Assembly 7.00pm followed by Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th May 2025.
- 12.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting - Friday 25th April 10:30am

13. Matters for next agenda.

None.

Meeting Closed: 20:56

Signed:

Date:

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