

SPORLE WITH PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on
Thursday 11th December 2025, in the Community Centre, Sporle with Palgrave at 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllrs Janis BEVAN (Chair), Maggie COUSINS, Helen DYE, Calvin MCLEOD, Paul SMITH, Louise TAYLOR, & Howard TAYLOR.

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: Miss L Dawson

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Louise Taylor.

It was NOTED that District Cllr Peter Wilkinson sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Form

4.1 District and County Councillors, written report circulated including the pop-up pantry will be in touch with the community centre and Parish Council. If there is a need for warm packs please contact the Clerk or Cllr Peter Wilkinson. The spark fund is still open for community mental health and wellbeing projects.

4.2 Members of the public, none.

4.3 Police matters, it was noted that the police poster advising on reporting non-emergency matters was circulated and put on the noticeboard and Facebook, Clerk to send to magazine.

5. Updates on previous Matters

Reports on progress of items not on the agenda from the previous meetings and consider any further actions.

5.1 Update on the solar light, still not working, awaiting response from Westcotec. It was AGREED to send a formal complaint to the company due to lack of updates, correspondence and progress.

5.2 Update on additional stream maintenance not managed by Breckland, NCC Highways have agreed to contact local landowners.

5.3 Update on the playground bench, to be installed 12th December 2025, location to be confirmed by Cllr P Smith & Clerk.

5.4 Update on the cow springer replacement part, Clerk to call.

5.5 The streetlight works are scheduled for January 2026.

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- 5.6 Update on the annual playground inspection actions, £200.00 budget approved as per list to purchase items required for community payback team to carry out the works, also to cut tidy and village green, bench at Sydney dye court, and paint refurbishment.

6. Finance and Governance Matters

6.1 Up-to-date bank reconciliation.

Bank Reconciliation at 30/11/2025			
A	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		21,945.77
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/11/2025		38,056.75
			60,002.52
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/11/2025		18,876.32
	Cash in Hand 30/11/2025 (per Cash Book)		41,126.20
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/11/2025	0.00	
	Barclays Bank - 50823244 30/11/2025	0.00	
	unity bank - 20476258 30/11/2025	26,228.31	
	unity bank - 20483652 30/11/2025	14,733.09	
	Lloyds card 31/10/2025	164.80	
			41,126.20
	Less unrepresented payments		
			41,126.20
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		41,126.20
A = B Checks out OK			

- 6.2 Budget expenditure report and accounts update, circulated.

- 6.3 The payments as presented were APPROVED, PROPOSED Cllr K Mcleod, seconded Cllr H Dye.

Minute	Description	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
11/12/2025	Mobile handset 9/11/25	Payment - Mobile handset	vodafone	X	-£ 6.00	£ -	-£ 6.00
11/12/2025	Vodafone airtime dd 11/11/25	Payment - mobile airtime contract	vodafone	S	-£ 9.48	-£ 1.89	-£ 11.37
11/12/2025	Pavilion electric 9.10.25 - 8.11.25	Payment - pavilion electricity	eon next	L	-£ 23.90	-£ 1.20	-£ 25.10
11/12/2025	Streetlight Maintenance Dec/Jan/Feb 10015	Payment - streetlight maintenance	Cozens (UK) Ltd	S	-£ 50.00	-£ 10.00	-£ 60.00
11/12/2025	Mobile airtime 10/12/25	Payment - mobile airtime contract	vodafone	S	-£ 9.48	-£ 1.89	-£ 11.37
11/12/2025	Mobile handset 10/12/25	Payment - Mobile handset	vodafone	X	-£ 6.00	£ -	-£ 6.00
11/12/2025	Hall Hire 13.11.25	Payment - hall hire	community centre	X	-£ 20.00	£ -	-£ 20.00
					-£ 124.86	-£ 14.98	-£ 139.84

- 6.4 The 2026/2027 budget was considered and precept RESOLVED to be £49,564,86 PROPOSED Cllr J Bevan, seconded Cllr K Mcleod.

It was AGREED to offer the recycling bin management and therefore recycling reclaim benefit to the community centre.

7. Planning

- 7.1 Consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council, applications are available to view online:

<https://publicportal.breckland.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=197402&lang=urage=en>

- 7.1.1 PL/2025/1788/VARMAJ, **Proposal:** Variation to Conditions 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21 & 22 On PP 3PL/2022/1215/F Condition 2 (Approved Documents), 4 (Final Design), 5 (Surface Water Disposal), 7 (Archaeology), 8 (Landscaping), 10 (CMS), 11 (CTMP), 13 (Access Construction), 15 (Highway Improvement Details), 16 (Off-site Highways Improvements), 17 (Signage and CCTV), 20 (CEMP-B) and 21 (LEMP) **Site:** Solar Photovoltaic Farm 585790 314130 Land west of Palgrave Road, to the southwest of

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Great Dunham and northwest of Little Dunham, deadline 20 December 2025.

NO OBJECTIONS.

7.2 Notification of decisions taken by Breckland District Council:

7.2.1 None received.

7.3 Update that Cllr K Mcleod attended the Breckland Regulation 18 Local Plan Evening Consultation Event.

7.4 Update on the High Grove Solar Farms & The Drove Solar Farms proposed projects. The Drove application was submitted 19th November, end of next week to be accepted by Planning Inspectorate. It was RESOLVED to delegate authority to NDP Steering Group member Mike Bennett to make a register of interest application on behalf of the Parish Council to the Planning Inspectorate. In early March 2026, RWE (High Grove Solar Farms) may be organising meetings with Parish Council members, it was AGREED for Mike Bennett to attend and represent the Parish Council at all relevant future meetings.

8. Administrative Matters

8.1 SAM2, no update.

8.2 Village magazine, no magazine in January, send police reporting information.

8.3 2026 events, next meeting.

9. Highways and Footpaths.

9.1 Reports or updates, it was NOTED that the standing water at the drain on The Street was reported.

10. Dates of next meetings.

10.1 Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 8th January 2026 7.00pm

11. Matters for next agenda.

Meeting Closed: 21:00

Signed:

Dated:

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