

**MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021**

**PRESENT**

Madam Chairman: A. Dalton      Vice Chairman: M Cochran  
 Councillors: H Buck, D Gunnis, J Jackson, C Tomlinson  
 Apologies: M Cockbill, G Fairbairn, J Urry & T Wright

3 Members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

May – none

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Clerk had received a reply from Rathlin who advised that the vehicle movements had been very small and only 4 HGV vehicles at the beginning of April had passed through Sproatley, they wanted to reassure us that the level of activity should have been largely unnoticeable. They also confirmed that Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited vehicles to and from West Newton A site take a completely different route, in accordance with the approved traffic management plan and will not pass through Sproatley.

The matter of a pipeline will continue to be considered during the ongoing exploration phase of the project and is wholly dependent on the quantities of oil and/or gas found and the overall extraction period. The situation will be monitored very closely and Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited will keep the parish council and other stakeholders informed as matters progress.

(2517) Sproatley Playing Field

Cllr Cochran advised that the football club were hopeful they had secured a Grant from the Football Federation of £25,000, which they would use to refit the kitchen with a view to providing a food service on match days, replacement of the back door and a new gate. They also will look to take over the cost of the gas/electric.

A suggestion was made that the parish council could look to purchase 3 hard standing bins as wildlife have been knocking over the existing plastic ones.

The football club have covered the cost of the grass cutting since the contractor took over and have now requested the Parish Council to cover these. Invoices to be addressed to Sproatley PC in order that Vat can be reclaimed.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Madam Chairman read a letter from the church advising they are looking into holding a scarecrow hunt in the village on 12<sup>th</sup> September with donations of £5 for residents and £10 for businesses, donations can be made without entering a scarecrow.

There would be a map with businesses advertising on this and a prize draw.

Cllr Cochran to look into and confirm if the PC can donate to the church.

Cllr Jackson advised that a few had dropped out of the open gardens so looking to reschedule this for August, this will be confirmed at their next meeting.

(2572) Trees on Church Lane

Clerk to chase ERYC

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(2575) World War 2

Madam Chairman advised that £420 had been received in donations so far and is hoping to receive an additional £400. Madam Chairman said she will make up the shortfall as it was her idea for a stone memorial instead of a plaque. And the £60 planning enquiry fee to be deducted from her annual allowance.

Still awaiting response from ERYC if planning permission is required.

A few negative comments had been received about the tommy figure suggesting it may cause an accident by blocking the view for motorists. Cllr's to look at the figure to see if it needs to be moved.

(2577) Raleigh Drive Tree

After both Cllr Jacob Birch and clerk contacted Pauline Labourne at ERYC the tree has now been removed the centre of which was found to be rotten.

(2578) Slow sign for Main Road

Clerk had received response from Terry Weaver at ERYC who stated he would look into this for us.

(2579) Tree on The Green

This had been brought up by Cllr Gunnis at the AGM who had asked Cllr Buck to look at the tree. A letter from a resident was also received regarding this.

Cllr Buck advised he had looked at the tree and would like the other Councillors to inspect it, he had marked the tree with a yellow spot. If the tree was trimmed it would only be a temporary measure as it would exaggerate the problem so would like the Councillors opinion on this before any action is decided.

(2580) Councillor Vacancy

Clerk advised this was to be advertised until 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 and 2 applications had been received so far.

(2581) Dyke near Village Hall

Cllrs Jackson and Buck had inspected the dyke which they advised needs cleaning.

Madam Chairman to contact ERYC to clarify who is responsible for this.

(2582) 2020-2021 Accounts

Clerk advised that gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and therefore could certify as exempt from a limited assurance review she confirmed Joanne Freeman had completed an audit of the annual accounts. Income & Expenditure 2020-2021 report given to Cllrs.

All in favour of Madam Chairman signing Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Correspondence**

Clerk had corresponded with ERYC over the Street Lighting electricity who advised that if transferred to ERYC to pay there would be an overall saving of over £300

Cllr Cochran proposed, Cllr Jackson seconded – all in favour

**Accounts for payment**

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| Mrs E Mitchell | Clerks Wages & Expenses May 2021 | £ 333.34 |
| ERYC           | Planning Enquiry Form            | £ 60.00  |
| E On           | Electricity The Green            | £ 9.61   |
| Npower         | Street Lighting                  | £ 185.21 |
| Npower         | Street Lighting                  | £ 661.21 |
| Mrs J Freeman  | Accounts Audit                   | £ 100.00 |
| Mr M Cochran   | Bedding Plants                   | £ 150.00 |

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**Planning Applications**

TPO Fell lime tree due to concerns it may fall as a result of an included union of the two main stems and a change in the sale affect from recent pollarding of neighbouring trees raising concerns that the trees integrity is comprised, Mrs Melissa Lightwood, 21 Woodland Rise, Sproatley, HU11 4GA Ref 21/02019/TPO – **No photographic evidence with application and no arboriculturist report – Object can the tree be trimmed and not felled if not a replacement tree planted**

**Council Box**

Letter from Mr Mike Houghton regarding the tree on The Green as discussed above

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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