

**MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**PRESENT**

Madam Chairman: A. Dalton      Vice Chairman: M Cochran  
 Councillors: H Buck, M Cockbill, D Gunnis, J Jackson, C Tomlinson & J Urry  
 Apologies: D Chamberlain, G Fairbairn & T Wright (due to ill health)  
 6 members of the public in attendance

**(2568) Audit of Accounts**

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

As ERYC had confirmed to the Clerk that they would now be cutting and maintaining the area of land at Gallands Road it was agreed to cancel the Syndicate of Horticulture cutting the area, but to still maintain the Village Green, Clerk to send email.

Cllr Cochran advised that a quote had been received from Burton Constable for the grass cutting of the Playing Fields of £100+vat for the cutting period March to beginning of October, the football team also had a quote of £80+vat and would be cut fortnightly a total of £2400+vat for the year. The football team proposed to pay £1200 towards the annual cost. Councillors all agreed to the lower quote and to pay the remaining and that vat could be claimed back at the end of the year.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic Madam Chairman proposed that the Armistice Day service be cancelled but to still purchase Wreaths to lay with no service – all in favour.

All in favour of Madam Chairman signing Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

**(2569) Allotments**

Clerk read out letter from Mrs J Lumb requesting help from the Parish Council for allotments.

Cllr Cochran advised that when 6 people or more show interest in allotments the Parish Council are bound by duty to help. However, the council do not own any land to provide allotments and the price of land is £10-15k an acre they have unfortunately no available funds to purchase any land. Cllr Jackson had approached a few people but again no land was available.

Cllr Buck suggested that the people interested could look at smaller pieces of land that could fit a couple of allotments on ie the land at Barkers Cottage or land near Lodge Farm which are owned by Burton Constable Estate who may be willing to look at these smaller pieces of land.

Councillors all agreed that allotments are good for the well being and mental health but unfortunately have no land or funds available.

**Accounts for payment**

BHIB Insurance	Annual Insurance	£1596.84
ERYC	Salt Bins Maintenance	£ 453.60
Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses March 20	£ 333.34
Shepherds	Plants	£ 120.00
Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses April 20	£ 333.34
Shepherds	Plants	£ 23.60
Npower	Electricity The Green	£ 23.26
Sproatley School	Donation towards Gazebo	£ 250.00
Mr D Chamberlain	VE Day Bunting	£ 26.70
Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses May 20	£ 333.34
Yorkshire Treecraft	Village Green tree removal	£ 265.00
Syndicate of Horticulture	Grass Cutting	£ 705.02

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Npower	Street Lighting	£ 128.70
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Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses June 20	£ 333.34
Mrs J Freeman	Audit of Accounts	£ 100.00
Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses July 20	£ 333.34

### **Planning Applications**

Erection of a masonry wall, piers and timber gates to the boundary and single garage with dual pitched roof, 8 Cockpit Row, Main Road, Sproatley, HU11 4PL, Mr Darren Elliott Ref 20/01806/PLF – **Cllr's raised safety concerns if the access to the garage remained on the Main Road but have no objections if the access is at the rear of the property**

TPO Sproatley No 6-2000(Ref 571) Side reduce Oak tree by 3.6 metres to cut branches overhanging the garden back to the boundary and due to debris falling into the garden on windy days and health and safety risks to grandchildren and dogs, Morris House, Raleigh Drive, Sproatley, HU11 4PE, Mrs Carol Leighton Ref 20/02201/TPO – **No objection if ERYC arboriculturist have no objections**

Erection of first floor extension to side and two storey extension to rear (Revised Scheme of 20/00913/PLF), Woodlands, Main Road, Sproatley, HU11 4DJ, Mr & Mrs Swift 20/02320/PLF – **No objections**

### **Council Box**

Letter from Miss J Lumb re Allotments read out as above in minutes

### **Correspondence**

Clerk had received an email from James Riley who is researching the military history of Sproatley in WW2 he proposed that a brass/plaque of thanks/tribute to all who served in and lived in Sproatley during 1939-1945. Cllr's all in favour of contributing towards a plaque – Clerk to reply

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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