

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2021

PRESENT

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

3 Members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

June – none

Darren Bainton had carried out a speed check in June and advised there were no concerns the average speeds captured were 25mph Blue Bell pub, 28mph Main Road and 30mph Sproatley Road further checks to be carried out in July

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Jacob Birch had received a reply from the Secretary of State following his letter to them, the response being that they do not think that a request for a screening direction is required as the proposal is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Cllr Gunnis advised there had been some comments on the SproatleyHub regarding vehicles through the village again. Clerk to try and find specific dates and contact Rathlin.

(2517) Sproatley Playing Field

Cllr Cochran advised that a recent meeting had been held, 2 members of the football team attended and they are still trying to arrange a meeting with Rodrica Straker from Burton Constable to discuss the tenure further.

New bins have been costed at £200-£400 per bin with 3 or 4 being required.

Grass cutting costs would be £120 per cut including vat with 14/15 cuts needed between March-September.

Cllr Cochran asked for both of these to be included on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Cllr Cockbill advised that the fund now stands at £27,210.53. A meeting is to be held on Thursday with the Summer Fayre and Open Gardens to be discussed further.

The scarecrow hunt is to take place on 12th September which has been well received and the entries are going well.

Cllr Cochran had looked into the Parish Council donating to the church and the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 states that they can make contributions out of the precept to causes who they feel are in need of help which includes the church.

(2572) Trees on Church Lane

Ongoing

Signed Date

(2575) World War 2

Clerk had chased ERYC for the planning permission enquiry but still awaiting a response. Madam Chairman is to contact Graham Stuart to see if he can provide any assistance. £520 has been received so far with an additional £300 promised.

(2578) Slow sign for Main Road

Ongoing

(2579) Tree on The Green

The tree had been looked at by some of the Councillors and it appears to be a healthy tree so decision is to either leave well alone or take down and replant. Cllr Buck discussed with the rise of ash die back the seeds from healthy trees will be priceless.

Quote to be obtained for the cost for removing the tree and to keep an eye on the colour of the leaves over the summer as this will be an indication of ash die back.

(2580) Councillor Vacancy

3 applications were received, Clerk handed out a ballot paper with all 3 names on to the 8 Councillors present, the votes were counted and Nicola Smales was elected.

Clerk to contact all 3 to thank for their applications.

Madam Chairman read out a resignation letter received from Darren Chamberlain, Cllrs asked for this to be added as agenda item next month to discuss further.

(2581) Dyke near Village Hall

Madam Chairman rang Terry Weaver at ERYC who advised he would come and inspect the dyke. Still awaiting a response from Terry, Madam Chairman to chase.

(2583) Trees growing near electric cables

Clerk had contacted Northern Powergrid and Cllr Buck and Clerk met with a contractor who came down to inspect the trees. They advised the trees did need to be cut but as there were no safety issues this would be done but could take up to 18 months to be undertaken.

Correspondence

ERYC Street Lighting contract signed by Madam Chairman

Clerk had received correspondence from ERYC regarding a 7 day traffic survey, Cllrs agreed we wish to take part in this. Clerk to respond to ERYC

Cllr Cockbill received email from ERYC who are looking at the National Bus Strategy and seeking views on bus stops/shelters and ways to improve. Clerk to put information on Website/SproatleyHub and Notice Board asking for any views to be sent.

Signed Date

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses June 2021	£ 333.34
ERYC	Energy Inventory	£ 18.00
EOn	Electricity The Green	£ 12.16

Cllr Cochran proposed, Cllr Jackson seconded – all in favour.

Planning Applications

Sproatley Conservation Area – Fell 2 no.sycamore trees (T1 & T2) due to the trees causing excessive shade, Crown reduce 1 no.sycamore tree (T3) by removing 3 no.limbs, Mrs Mandy Holmes Swithins Garth, Church Lane, Sproatley HU11 4PR Ref 21/02378/TCA – **OBJECTION tree T3 on plan does not belong to property and application is therefore incorrect. Furthermore, does not create a problem**

Council Box

Letter received from Mrs Hindley with a complaint about the recent grass cutting and suggestion that the Parish Council purchase a sit on grass cutter. Cllrs agreed that the recent grass cutting was not satisfactory but following Jacob Birch contacting ERYC they did return and tidy the grass up. As the only land owned by the Parish Council is The Green and War Memorial area this does not warrant the cost of purchasing a grass cutter. Clerk to send letter to Mrs Hindley

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Date