

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2023

PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A. Dalton Vice Chairman: N Smales
 Councillors: H Buck, M Cockbill, G Fairbairn, D Gunnis, J Jackson,
 C Tomlinson & T Wright
 & Councillor Samantha Whyte

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

May – nothing reported

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Clerk read out an email from Rathlin with further details on the horizontal drilling of the next well. They advised that these are much better for drainage and recovery of the oil and gas and provide better drainage of farm fields and are commonplace in most oil and gas developments. Operations are currently on hold awaiting the issue of Environment Agency Permits for both sites.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Fund currently stands at £50,397.50. The jazz concert held was very good and they enjoyed playing in the church and they hope they will be able to perform again. The next event is on July 15th the Village Voices. Cllr Jackson asked if a banner could be displayed on The Green to advertise the event – all agreed ok.

(2581) Dyke near Village Hall

Ongoing

(2594) Road markings Park Road

Clerk had received an email from ERYC advising this is still on their list to complete but will not be in this financial year as all funds have been allocated. Cllr Whyte asked Clerk to pass on the details to her and she will contact ERYC.

(2598) Planning application GB Bio Limited

Ongoing

(2602) Traffic calming

Ongoing – Cllr Whyte asked Clerk to forward details on to her and she will chase ERYC on our behalf. Cllrs asked Clerk to contact Darren Bainton as there had been reports of a few near misses with speeding cars through the village.

(2613) Seat Thirtleby Lane

Clerk had sent photos of where we wish the bench to be placed and Ruth Wilson from ERYC has provisionally agreed this. The bench needs to be constructed in a manner and in materials approved by ERYC and installed by an accredited contractor. Clerk provided costs of 2 benches one made of recycled materials at a cost of £702 and a wood one from Sandhill Garden Centre at £329, L&K Warcup had quoted an installation cost of £325 + vat. Cllrs agreed to the wooden bench and using L&K Warcup. Clerk to contact Ruth Wilson for approval.

Signed Date

(2619) Emergency Plan

Suzanne from ERYC had attended a meeting to help with the completion of the plan. Clerk to complete details and send to ERYC.

(2621) Bedding plants

Cllr Wright had purchased the plants and thanks to Mary & Mick Sykes for helping to plant these. Cllr Gunnis had put a request on Sproatley Hub for volunteers for watering the plants and advised Chris Mitchell had kindly offered to do these. Clerk to pass on thanks.

(2622) Councillor vacancies

Clerk read out two letters for the vacancies from John Urry and Steve Greenbank, these had been received within the timescale of 35 days from the date of the May elections so could be co-opted. Proposed Cllr Gunnis Seconded Cllr Jackson – all in favour.

(2623) Wyre footpath

Clerk advised this had been cut but only the edges. However, Madam Chairman has spoken to Will Wastling who is happy to cut this for us once he has the machine hopefully in the next few weeks. Clerk had also received a request from a resident for the Sproatley to Lelley bridleway path being overgrown and needed cutting again this has now been cut.

(2624) Harolds seat

Cllr Buck advised that the seat was in need of a clean up and paint. Cllr Tomlinson offered do this with her husband.

(2625) 2022-2023 Accounts

Clerk advised that gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ended 31st March 2023 and therefore could certify as exempt from a limited assurance review. She also confirmed Joanne Freeman had completed an audit of the annual accounts. Income & Expenditure 2022-2023 report given to Cllrs.

All in favour of Madam Chairman signing accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Correspondence

Clerk had received an email from a resident over concerns of the tree on Manor Close. Clerk had reported this to ERYC but was still awaiting a response from them.

Clerk had received an invite from the Withernwick Wind Farm Community Fund panel on 29th June to discuss potential future projects. Details passed on to Cllr Cockbill.

Clerk read out thank you letter from Mrs Tippet for our donation of £750 for the School.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages May 2023	£ 376.67
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 19.20
Mrs J Freeman	Audit of Accounts	£ 100.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 18.93
Mr T Wright	Bedding plants	£ 150.00
Mr D Gunnis	Vent for memorial hall	£ 7.90

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

Signed Date

Planning Applications

Sproatley Conservation area – reduce by 4 metres on width on all sides of two mature horse chestnut trees in front garden. Ash Lea, Church Lane, Sproatley, Mr Ben Tynan – 23/01628/TCA – **NO**

OBJECTIONS**Council Box**

Nothing

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date