

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT

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

2 Members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

August – none

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Councillors Cochran, Urry & Tomlinson attended a meeting of the 6 local parishes to discuss the planning application further. The location of the wells and the impact on traffic were discussed and the consensus was that the local parishes will be objecting, there are over 800 objections so far. Concerns were raised about the number of wells and how many there will end up being. Councillor Urry said it would not be viable for tankers and a pipeline would need to be done.

An objection letter was to be produced by the committee, as yet this had not been received. Cllr Cochran to liaise with Clerk regarding an objection letter

Clerk had also received an email from Rathlin with an invite to a site visit and community liaison group update on Thursday 9th September, Cllrs Cochran and Tomlinson said they were available to attend Clerk to contact Rathlin to confirm attendance.

(2517) Sproatley Playing Field

Cllr Cochran advised that he is still awaiting confirmation of the grass cutting costs along with receiving invoices addressed to the Parish Council

(2542) St Swithins Church

Cllr Cockbill advised that the fund now stands at £29,090.26. Which includes a donation of £1126.33 from a priest in America.

Calendars will be available with envelopes in the shop by the end of the week.

The scarecrow trail is to be held on Sunday 12th September which Councillor Fairbairn will be opening. Madam Chairman wished to pass on thanks to Sally Hollyman who has done a fantastic job organising, Cllr Cockbill also advised that archaeology exploration works are to be undertaken on the church porch to look at the tree roots to check for damage and drainage and for any archaeological remains.

(2572) Trees on Church Lane

Clerk had received correspondence from ERYC that the trees had been looked at and no problems reported.

(2575) World War 2

ERYC had confirmed that planning would not be needed to place the memorial on The Green.

Madam Chairman has received £670 in donations so far and hopefully will receive another £200.

Everinghams had confirmed that the granite would be arriving in the next few days and the lettering would take 2 weeks to put on and Cllrs Gunnis, Jackson & Urry agreed to meet with Everinghams to confirm location of the memorial.

Madam Chairman had spoken to James Riley who she wishes to be the guest of honour at the armistice day service. James is to arrange flag bearers for the service which will start at the existing war memorial and then follow on to the new memorial on The Green.

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(2578) Slow sign for Main Road

Terry Weaver had been in contact with the clerk to advise this will be completed shortly.

(2579) Tree on The Green

Clerk met with Matthew Wood from Yorkshire Treecraft and he supplied a quote to remove the Cottonoeaster and prune the London Plane of £245.

He also looked at the Ash tree and advised that it was showing earlier stages of ash dieback. This can either be left but will need to come down eventually or be taken down straight away with a quote of £480.

Cllrs discussed going ahead with the £245 work and Clerk to contact ERYC as these are all in a conservation area. Cllr Gunnis proposed Cllr Jackson seconded all in favour.

(2581) Dyke near Village Hall

Clerk had received an email from Terry Weaver at ERYC who had investigated and found that the ditch does not belong to ERYC and believes it to be riparian owned.

He has contacted the flood team asking if they have further information and he will provide feedback when received.

(2584) Churchyard footpath

8/9 volunteers had come forward following a request on the SproatleyHub, Councillor Jackson said he would order the stone which will cost £30 per tonne plus £30 delivery with 8 tonnes in total required.

Madam Chairman had advised the church that Parish Council would cover the cost of the stone.

Once ordered need to finalise a date and time and to contact the volunteers.

(2585) Wyre footpath

Cllr Jackson had cut some of the overhanging brambles and been down with his cutter. He will also contact Andrew Chubley with regards to the broken footpath signs.

(2586) Seats road from Coniston

Madam Chairman had been contacted by Katrina Gardner who offered to donate a bench dedicating to the thalidomide charity. Cllrs all agreed this was a very generous donation.

(2587) Sproatley Playing Fields bins & grass cutting

Cllr Cochran had received 3 quotes for bins between £230/£240 per bin with 4 bins being required.

Clerk confirmed The Withernwick Grant of £1000 had been received to pay towards these.

(2588) Darren Chamberlain resignation letter

Ongoing

(2589) Christmas tree & lights

Cllrs Gunnis & Jackson had checked the lights and the top lights are not working they think a new set may be required but will get them checked when Richard Wastling is available with the cherry picker. Clerk to find receipt for the old lights and look to reorder.

They also said that is now getting harder to get to the top of the tree due to its height and suggested planting another tree in between the flagpole and the existing tree. Cllr Gunnis will contact Sandhills for advice on the species of tree.

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Correspondence

Cllr Cockbill had submitted the ERYC National Bus Strategy but had received no response so far.

Clerk received an email from ERYC for any new Public Spaces Protection Orders to be applied for before the review in 2022. No new orders were required.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses August 2021	£ 333.34
EOn	Electricity The Green	£ 9.20
Mrs E A Dalton	Scarecrow trail prize	£ 25.00

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

Council Box

None

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Date