

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by Madam Chairman.

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

December
 4th Theft of scrap metal from garden – Westlands Road
 5th Damage to vehicle – Oak Close
 January
 None

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

No update

(2517) Sproatley Playing Field

CLr Cochran advised that the pavilion has recently been cleaned and a few maintenance jobs, including replacing some doors & a sink have been undertaken. Also following a fire the gas/electric have been checked and repaired. The 200 Club currently has 140 paying members which equates to income of £3360 for the year with half of this being paid out as winnings. The football team pay £300 per year, their tournament is now held at the Holderness Academy due to space and problems with parking in previous years.

(2527) Land – Main/Gallands Road

A reply was received from ERYC which advised that although the land is unregistered with the land registry, it is considered public highway. A public highway provides a right for the public to pass and re-pass over an area of land regardless of ownership. As in this case the Council, as Highways Authority, does not own the land beneath the highway. Only in special circumstances, such as the construction of a significant length of new road, does the authority purchase the land that a highway runs over. The land in question forms part of the Gallands Road development that was adopted as public highway circa 1983 by the authority from the developer. CLr Cochran is to send letter to the ERYC to advise that the Parish Council have been maintaining and paying for the grass cutting of this area for many years and asking for any recompense for the years paid.

(2535) Trees – Village Hall

Ongoing.

(2542) St Swithins Church

CLr Cockbill advised that the total raised so far is approximately £19,000 with lots of events coming up. On Friday 6th March the Hull Male Voice Choir will be performing at the Village Hall in aid of the restoration appeal, tickets on sale in the village shop.

(2557) Highways & Parking

Response received from ERYC regarding the parking on the Main Road, they advised that the Council does not operate 'resident only' parking schemes in the East Riding. The Council has introduced Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and these are considered and introduced in areas where there is a proven area-wide commuter parking problem and allow non-resident permit holders to park for a time limited period. The Council will only consider these where the criteria set out in the Control of Commuter Parking in Residential Areas Policy are met. They advise this is not feasible as Sproatley does not meet the requirements.

Signed

Date

They also stated that they felt any parking restrictions along the north side of the Main Road, such as the creation of a passing place, where Chichester Bungalows are located, would have an adverse effect on the residents of eight of the bungalows and five to six of the cottages, that have no alternative other than to park on street. That section of Main Road currently has a good safety record and the volume of traffic through Sproatley is not dissimilar to other villages that have a B road bisecting the village. It is for these reasons they do not feel a passing place is necessary at this time.

Clerk to contact Terry Weaver as the road markings near the Village Hall junction have not been remarked.

(2563) Village Drainage

Cllr's Buck & Jackson have checked the drainage near the school and they believe the blockage to be beyond the boundary of the school field. This could be due to the roots of trees from the field.

Councillor Buck contacted ERYC and was passed onto Yorkshire Water but still awaiting a response.

The inspection pit/chamber on the grass opposite school is overflowing onto the grass which is a cause for concern if it is sewage.

Clerk to contact Terry Weaver at ERYC and Jacob Birch District Councillor for assistance.

(2564) Insurance

Madam Chairman brought to the attention the cost of the insurance for the year for the church was £2000 and the Village Hall £1000. She asked if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution to these.

The matter was discussed and Councillors agreed making a donation of £1500 for this year, Councillor Buck proposed splitting this amount between the Church and Village Hall of £750 each, Cllr Cochran seconded, with Cllr's Gunnis, Chamberlain, Jackson, Fairbairn, Cockbill in favour.

(2565) Street Lighting

Clerk advised that 2 letters had been received from Npower for amounts outstanding of £810 and £267 which relate to street lighting for period April 18 to March 19. Clerk in correspondence with Npower before payment made as they include some administration costs which need clarifying what these relate to.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been dealt with in the minutes.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages & Expenses Jan 2020	£ 333.34
Mr D Chamberlain	Wine for David Burns	£ 19.60
Syndicate of Horticulture	Grasscutting	£ 535.26
Mr D Gunnis	Wood for Christmas tree	£ 34.95

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

Planning Applications

Tree works in Conservation Area – fell conifer tree due to tree leaning on the side of the property – 3 Church Lane, Sproatley, HU11 4PR, Mr Charles Chesters, Ref 20/00250/TCA – **NO OBJECTION**

Council Box

Letter received from resident requesting handles on Village Hall door, more signs for dog owners picking up signs and faded signs on the church gates. Councillors thought they were sufficient notices on signs and bins for dog owners.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March 2020 at Sproatley Memorial Institute at 7.00pm.
Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting but are not entitled to participate.**

Signed

Date