

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2025
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

Councillors: M Cockbill, J Constable, D Gunnis, G Fairbairn, D Fee, J Jackson & P Styche

Apologies: S Greenbank

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

No Updates

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

No further updates received

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £159,295.08.

Work is due to start on the porch and tower in the next couple of weeks. The church will be closed for general public access, but services will still be held.

Madam Chairman read out a thank you letter for our donation from the VE day celebrations.

Upcoming events -

12th July – Barber Shop Choir

No longer doing a garden talk but hoping to organise another event in October.

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Cllr Constable advised the lease is still ongoing and hopefully will be sorted by the end of September.

Once this is sorted we will arrange a separate meeting with Kirsty Mills and members of all the other clubs to offer any help from the PC.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

All Councillors agreed The Green is looking the best it ever has and thanked Cllr Jackson again.

The Wyre Path is a job that is on the list and we need to look at quotes to hire a machine to flail. It was discussed that it may be cheaper to look into buying a machine rather than paying out each year for the hire. If there are any funds left from the grant this may be an idea to put towards a machine.

Clerk had contacted ERYC for road planings availability but had not heard anything back. Clerk to chase.

(2648) Public Footpath Signs

Ongoing

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Invoice received from Gallagher Engineering for £471.60 for the post. Cheque to be sent.

(2660) The Green

Cllr Fee advised that he should hear back on the grant by mid July. Once received further discussions to take place regarding the picnic bench locations.

Cllr Smales had spoken to an architect who said he could look at options on The Green and suggested the possibility of a grant paying towards professional fees. He also suggested having a Q&A session with residents to get everyone's views.

Signed Date

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Ongoing - Clerk had received acknowledgement from ERYC who agreed that the tree did need to be trimmed and this will be added to their arboriculture works programme but will be after September. Clerk to chase the cutting of the trees on the Main Road near the school.

(2662) Bedding Plants

Cllr Jackson had received the bill from Sheppards for £120.00. Clerk to send cheque.

Correspondence

Cllr Greenbank had been to the property in Westlands Road and believes the main problem is that the footpath cambers, so all the water runs down into the bungalow.

Clerk had heard back from Samantha Whyte with the same response that ERYC do not own this land and suggested the homeowners contact the land registry to ascertain who owns the land.

Cllr Constable updated that this is still ongoing and is running alongside the lease being sorted.

Madam Chairman read out a letter from Sproatley PCC advising the Scarecrow Festival would be taking place on Sunday 14th September and asked if The Green could be used again on the day and if the PC would kindly be able to offer a prize donation of £25. Cllr Smales proposed Cllr Styche seconded – all in favour.

Clerk made everyone aware of the recent posts on the SproatleyHub regarding a resident's fence having to be taken down due to not having planning permission. The Clerk advised that the PC had not been consulted on this and first became aware of it from the posts. Cllrs discussed and agreed that the Clerk to put a post on the Facebook page stating our position.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages June 2025	£ 376.67
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 20.03
GE Jackson & Son	Grass cutting The Green	£1200.00
Gallagher Engineering	Post for defibrillator	£ 471.60
Sheppards	Bedding plants	£ 120.00

Cllr Gunnis proposed, Cllr Constable seconded – all in favour.

Planning Applications

1. TPO Sproatley Crown lift 1 no. horse chestnut tree (T1) to 8 metres, removing the lowest two branches on the western side. Crown lift 1 no. ash tree (T2) to 6 metres on the western side and crown lift 1 no. sycamore tree to 6 metres on the western side, all for general maintenance and to allow additional light into the garden. The Elms 8 Woodland Rise, Sproatley HU11 4GA Mrs Jill Sharpe 25/01594/TPO – **NO OBJECTIONS**
2. Variation of condition 4 (approved plans) of planning permission 24/03073/PLF to allow height 150mm higher to ridge and eaves, an additional front dormer and amendments to windows and rooflights. Westlands, Main Road, Sproatley HU11 4DJ Ms A Hills – 25/01648/VAR –
Object - although we had no objections to the original application, we do not believe that the original plans have been adhered to for example the current skylights overlook the adjoining property and the ridge is already higher than the original plans.
We also believe that the residents are running a business from the premises which was not stipulated on the application.
We feel that an enforcement office/representative should make a visit to the property to check all regulations have been met.

Signed Date

3. Sproatley Conservation area – Fell 1 Ash tree as it is self-seeded and too close to the boundary fence with poor growing habit causing whole canopy to overhang fence line. Crown lift no1 Sycamore tree by lifting west-facing canopy to 10 metres above ground level to reduce overhanging branches back to the property boundary. Crown lift no1 Sycamore tree by lifting west-facing canopy to 12 metres above ground level to reduce overhanging branches back to the property boundary. Fell no1 Yew tree as it is self-seeded and too close to the boundary fence to provide sufficient room for future growth. Fell no1 Sycamore tree as it is self-seeded and too close to boundary fence and garage corner to provide sufficient room for future growth. Fell 1 Sycamore tree as it is self-seeded and too close to mature trees nearby to develop a good growing habit. – **Concerns over how many trees to be cut down - Cllr Styche to contact resident to discuss**

Council Box

Nothing

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed Date