

**MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2025**  
**PRESENT**

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

Councillors: J Constable, D Fee, S Greenbank, D Gunnis, G Fairbairn, J Jackson & P Styche

Apologies: M Cockbill

3 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

No updates

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £65,397.00

Upcoming events -

27<sup>th</sup> February – Gardening talk

20<sup>th</sup> March – Riverside Band

April – Plant sale

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Clerk had received an update from Kirsty Mills following the meeting the football team had with the FA and East Riding Council regarding grants. The summary being - there is not going to be a new pavilion in the near future but there are possibly smaller grants available via the FA for other projects. East Riding are also going to go back to them with further information, again this is probably going to be for smaller grants.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

Nothing done recently due to weather and busy time of year.

It was requested if £30 could be spent on some more bulbs to plant around the village. All agreed and in favour.

Wyre Path ongoing.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Still waiting for the old box to be decommissioned and the electric disconnected at the shop.

All agreed, happy with the location and don't think any further light needs to be fitted.

A paramedic who lives in the village has said she will be happy to help with the defibrillator. Cllr Smales to contact her.

(2660) The Green

A lady had been recommended to Cllr Smales who offers support and advice on projects and helps to find grants.

Cllr Smales arranged a free initial meeting with her on 17<sup>th</sup> December for ideas and initial plans, what could be achieved for the community and if it is a good idea or not. If the decision is to take it further, the cost would then be £40 per hour for 10 hours.

In the meantime, we will look to arrange a questionnaire and consultation period for residents' views.

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(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Ongoing – Clerk to contact ERYC for update again.

(2663) Armistice Day

Madam Chairman thanked everyone involved for making the service a success, especially Cllr Gunnis and John Urry who did a great job organising and setting everything up.

Alistair the vicar was very good but think he will be retiring next year.

Clerk had received an email from a resident stating they were disappointed it was all held inside and the wreaths were not laid straight after the service. Clerk to respond with comments noted for next year's service.

(2665) Christmas tree and lights

The night went really well and Cllr Jackson did a great job as Father Christmas.

Clerk to pass on thanks to Holderness Lions for the loan of the costume -all agreed for a donation to be given of £25.00.

Ideas were discussed for next year's switch on including buying our own santa costume, considering doing it on a Sunday afternoon, serving mulled wine and hot chocolate and asking the residents on The Green to turn on their lights at the same time. Clerk to make a note to put on the Agenda in October 26 so things can be organised earlier and possibly have a sub-committee for organising the event.

Cllr Constable advised Burton Constable Estate would be willing to donate a tree if needed.

(2668) Lloyds Bank closure Hedon

Clerk contacted Graham Stuart who advised that he would write a letter to all residents.

However, the latest details are that Hedon doesn't meet the criteria for a BankingHub.

(2669) ERNLLC

The Clerk had contacted a few nearby Parish Councils and most had at some point subscribed and would recommend.

ERNLLCA offered a subscription until the end of March 2026 for a one off payment of £208. Cllr Gunnis proposed Cllr Jackson seconded – all in favour to subscribe on a trial basis.

(2670) 25-26 Precept

Clerk provided details of how much the precept amount would determine Council Tax bills and gave out an up to date Income & Expenditure so far for the current year. After discussions, Cllr Constable proposed the precept of £14,000, Cllr Greenbank seconded – all in favour. Madam Chairman and Clerk signed form to be emailed to ERYC to confirm.

(2671) Clerks salary

Councillors agreed Clerk's salary increased to £5000 pa

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**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.

**Kirsty Mills is going to reach out to the residents**

Clerk had been advised by ERYC of a couple of further planned road closures to take place in January.

**Accounts for payment**

Yeti	PAT testing Christmas lights	£ 25.00
Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages November 2025	£ 376.67
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Mrs E Mitchell	Working from home allowance	£ 200.00
Mrs E Mitchell	Santa Costume	£ 13.94
Mrs E A Dalton	Chairman's allowance	£ 350.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 21.94
Sproatley Memorial Hall	Hall rental	£ 120.00
Mr D Gunnis	Food Armistice Day	£ 81.00
Mr D Gunnis	Cable ties for Christmas tree	£ 15.00
Nicola Smales	Bluetooth speaker	£ 247.99
Holderness Lions	Donation	£ 25.00

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

**Planning Applications**

1. Continued use of land and building for residential use as a single dwelling; siting of a static caravan for use ancillary to the dwelling; erection of single storey extensions and raised decking and application of external cladding and render (Retrospective application) – Lakeside House, Main Road, Sproatley, HU11 4DJ – Mr Anthony Scott 25/02990/PLF – **ABSTAIN - NO COMMENTS AS MADE AWARE THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED**

2. Change of use of existing lake for commercial fishing with associated parking (to be operated by a person(s) occupying Lakeside House) – Lakeside House, Main Road, Sproatley, HU11 4DJ – Mr Anthony Scott 25/03037/PLF – **NO OBJECTIONS**

**Council Box**

Nothing.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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