

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

1 member of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

May -
28th damage to garden ornament, Westlands Road

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £64,419.04 which includes a further £3,000 from Father Sproat from America.

Upcoming events -

13th June – Ceilidh event at Burton Constable Hall, tickets available in the shop – unfortunately, despite it being advertised everywhere, the tickets have not been selling very well so may need to cancel.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

The bedding plants have all been planted and a nearby resident has offered to water them. The team will keep on top of the weeding.

The team are looking around for further smaller jobs to be done around the village.

Clerk had sent an email regarding Wyre Path to Rodrica Straker and Madam Chairman had spoken to her.

Clerk to chase if no response received in next couple of weeks.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

The unit is now all back up and running.

Still awaiting the old one to be fully disconnected.

Clerk to send Cllr Fee details of funding opportunities for defibrillators she had received from Cllr Samantha Whyte.

(2660) The Green

Ongoing

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Clerk to contact ERYC if work not carried out by the end of July.

Signed Date

(2672) Parish Council Website

All the quotes were discussed, the Cllrs' preferred option was to use the local company Commercial Systems IT Solutions for a £315.00 one-off fee to set up one new .gov.uk email and a monthly cost of £5.52 for the Microsoft licence package. Cllr Gunnis proposed Madam Chairman seconded – all in favour.

Clerk to contact Commercial Systems to start the process.

Cllr Buchanan will get some quotes for setting up a new website for the next meeting.

(2673) Bench for Harry Buck

Bench ordered and received, just awaiting plaque.

(2674) Bank Account

Cllr Smales has got the online banking up and running, going forward, all bills/invoices will be paid via online banking.

(2675) Bedding plants

All have been planted; no invoice received so Cllr Smales will pop into Sheppard's to pick up.

(2678) Rectory trees

These have been reported – Clerk to chase if no response received from ERYC.

(2680) 25-26 Accounts

Clerk advised that gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ended 31st March 2026 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 2025-2026 report given to Cllrs.

All in favour of Madam Chairman signing accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026.

(2681) ERNLLCA forms

Cllr Smales and Clerk had received suggested forms from ERNLLCA that the council should have in place. A copy of the standing order form was given to all Councillors and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Clerk had received correspondence regarding an upcoming webinar East Coast Hydrogen for Northern Gas Networks – Clerk to pass details on to Cllr Constable

A resident had contacted the Clerk regarding concerns over a large building being constructed in the Old Rectory without planning permission. Clerk and Madam Chairman will contact ERYC to raise concerns – the resident had responded to Clerk advising that she had been informed that no building regulations had been breached. Clerk to contact ERYC if no official response is received.

Clerk had received an invite to a meeting with Graham Stuart on 11th June – no one was able to attend.

ERYC are holding two Annual Town and Parish Council liaison meetings – Clerk to pass on details to Cllr Smales & Constable.

Clerk to report damage to the public bin on the corner of Westlands Road.

Signed

Date

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages May 2026	£ 416.66
Marmax Products	Bench	£ 516.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 26.19
Mrs J Freeman	Audit of Accounts	£ 100.00
S Dawson Agricultural Services	Playing field grass cutting	£ 225.00

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

Planning Applications

Sproatley Conservation Area – Fell 1 no Sycamore tree due to sooty bark disease – Swithins Garth, Church Lane, Sproatley HU11 4PR – Mrs Mandy Holmes – Tree works in conservation areas – 26/01205/TCA – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Nothing

It was agreed that the monthly meetings will change to the first Monday of the month with effect from Monday 6th July 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed Date