

**MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2024**  
**PRESENT**

Madam Chairman: A. Dalton                      Vice Chairman: N Smales  
 Councillors: M Cockbill, G Fairbairn, S Greenbank, D Gunnis, J Jackson, J Straker & P Styche

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

November -nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Clerk read out an email with an update from the Environment Agency Consultation which will open on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. Clerk to forward email to all Councillors.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Fund currently stands at £78,148.23 which includes £725 raised from the Christmas Fayre.

Upcoming events -

15<sup>th</sup> December – Hull Male Voice Choir – tickets having been selling well so hoping for a good attendance.

(2594) Road markings Park Road

Clerk had received a response from ERYC who advised that during the site visit residents had expressed concerns over the potential loss of parking. These concerns along with the safety of the junction were given careful consideration when the draft proposals were made. If we wish to look into this further and still have concerns a new consultation would need to be undertaken. Cllrs discussed and still think that putting double yellows further along the road still needs to be considered. Clerk to contact ERYC.

(2602) Traffic calming

The recent speed survey results from Tradesman Row had been received. The seven-day survey revealed an average speed of 26mph with the majority of traffic (85%) travelling at less than 30mph. Based on these findings no further action is required. ERYC states this is a positive outcome as it demonstrates that current measures are effectively keeping speeds within safe limits. However, this will not impact the continued use of the ad-hoc enforcement by trained police officers, which will remain in place to support road safety as needed.

Additionally, although speeds within the village are below the posted limit the data does support the reports that vehicles are only slowing once they enter the built up area rather than reducing speed in advance. To address this a representative from ERYC has suggested meeting with the PC to discuss options further. Clerk to reply inviting them to our February meeting.

Clerk also to put together a statement with findings and actions so far.

(2627) Armistice Day/War memorial

Madam Chairman thanked all concerned for helping and putting on a great service. Overall feedback was the Memorial Hall had worked well with only a couple of negative comments being received. There was a good attendance at the service and lots of residents baked cakes and the food went down well. Cllr Gunnis said it had been very stressful getting everything ready for the service and will not be able to do it all next year.

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(2628) Community Governance Review

Clerk had received confirmation from ERYC that will be no change to the number of Councillors for Sproatley.

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Following further discussions regarding the costs involved in extending the lease it was confirmed that it would not be legal for the invoices to be sent and paid by the PC. Therefore, these must be sent and paid directly by the Playing Field Committee and Burton Constable.

Clerk confirmed the final invoice had been received from Staysmart Grounds maintenance

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

Cllrs Smales & Jackson said the group is going well with a good group of people helping.

(2648) Public Footpath Signs

Clerk had received a response from Andrew Chudley at ERYC and he is hoping to get the posts delivered shortly but due to staff issues was unable to give a date. If no response in January, Clerk to send email to offer us picking the posts up,

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Cllr Smales advised the hairdressers had come back to her to say unfortunately they are not willing to have the defibrillator due to the walls and electric issues of the building.

The suggestion was made to place the defibrillator on The Green underneath the street light opposite the shop. This could then be run off the Parish Councils own electric.

Cllr Styche proposed Cllr Straker seconded – all in favour to get quotes and go from there.

(2651) Christmas tree & lights

Cllr Gunnis said it is getting harder to put the lights on the tree but thanks to the help from Richard & Will Wastling & Colin Tomlinson it all got sorted for the switch on. Clerk to send thank you letters for their help.

No barriers had been received from ERYC and Cllr Jackson suggested buying some at approximately £100.

Some good comments received from residents saying the tree looked great.

(2652) Salt bin maintenance

Clerk had checked all the salt bins and confirmed all were ok and no salt refill required.

(2654) Bus Services

Cllr Gunnis had been asked by a couple of residents if the 56 service could be extended to Sproatley.

Cllr Cockbill said this has been mentioned several times before but as this is run by the Hull bus company it terminates at Bilton and will not extend further.

The Aldbrough bus has been cancelled but the bus stop is still there causing confusion, Cllr Cockbill will contact EYMS to get this removed.

(2655) Bank account new signatory

Cllr Gunnis advised this is now sorted and Cllr Smales has been added as a signatory.

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**(2656) 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 Jackson proposed the precept to stay at £13,500, Cllr Straker seconded – all in favour. Madam Chairman and Clerk signed form to be emailed to ERYC to confirm.

**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 Straker to ask the agent to meet with the resident.

Cllrs Greenbank & Smales had attended the recent Meet & Greet meeting arranged by ERYC. They advise there was some useful sources of information there. Cllr Smales will put together and email a list of contacts and information.

Clerk had received an email with some details of grants available from SSE Thermal Aldbrough Community Investment Fund. Clerk to pass on details to Cllrs Greenbank & Smales.

Madam Chairman read out a resignation letter from John Urry. Clerk to send thank you letter to John.

**Accounts for payment**

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages November 2024	£ 376.67
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Mrs E Mitchell	Working from home allowance	£ 200.00
Mrs E A Dalton	Chairman's allowance	£ 350.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 23.35
Yeti	Pat testing Christmas lights	£ 25.00
Holderness Lions	Donation	£ 75.00
Staysmart Grounds	Playing Field grass cutting	£1008.00
Sproatley Memorial Hall	Hall hire	£ 120.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 12.08
Mr D Gunnis	Christmas lights & food for Armistice day	£ 117.29

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

**Planning Applications**

None

**Council Box**

Nothing

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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