

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2026
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

Apologies: S Greenbank & D Gunnis

0 members of the public in attendance

A minute's silence was held in memory of Harry Buck

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

January - nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £59,489.60 - all bills have been paid and a £5000 refund of the Vat paid is expected.

Upcoming events -

27th February – Laughing Gardener

20th March – Riverside Band

April – Plant sale

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

A date of 21st February was agreed to cut back some of the big branches on one of the trees, which needs to be done before the bird nesting season starts.

Wyre Path is too big a job for the Maintenance Team. Cllr Constable to look into what help Burton Constable can offer.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Just waiting on a convenient date for both the electrician and the shop to disconnect the electric and remove the old box.

(2660) The Green

Cllr Fee had collated all the information from the questionnaires and the Clerk provided the comments from the consultation meeting.

The residents had come up with some good suggestions and overall were happy. Majority were in favour of benches rather than picnic benches or a chatty bench, low-maintenance planting with no further big shrubs or trees and the installation of a bin and dog bin.

The next step is to liaise with Ann Newlove and the Architect to arrange a meeting with the PC to get our initial thoughts and to get a couple of different plans, with options of whether it just wants to be an enhancement of what's already there or options to hold events and depending on the funding available.

All in favour of paying £80 for Ann's fee for the funding consultation.

Once the plans have been received, another consultation meeting will be held with residents again to discuss further.

It is going to be a long process, but all Cllr's were pleased with the response and how it had been received.

Signed Date

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Clerk had received a response from ERYC advising the tree maintenance was still on the list but a date had not been set for the works as yet as more urgent tree safety works were taking priority.

(2672) Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website had been unavailable to update since December and the Clerk had been looking into the reasons why. Correspondence had been received regarding new compliance issues regarding websites and emails. The Clerk had contacted 2 companies and received quotes of £885 & £670 for setting up a new .gov.uk website and .gov.uk email.

In the meantime, the Clerk had received correspondence from ERYC that the .gov email is for information at this stage and not a mandatory requirement. The access to the website had been reinstated, enabling updates to be made.

ERYC are going to confirm when they have full clarity.

(2673) Bench for Harry Buck

Everybody agreed that a memorial bench should be placed on The Green in memory of Harry Buck and this should be incorporated into The Green design plans. A plaque with the words 'keep smiling' and 'countryman and friend to all' were ideas discussed to put on a plaque.

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 advised of the next Meet and Greet meeting run by ERYC at South Holderness School on Thursday 26th March 5pm–7pm.

Clerk read out an email from a resident with concerns over the condition of the road surfaces and footpath on Westlands Road. Clerk had responded to advise ERYC deal with all road and footpath issues so these should be reported to them via their website.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages January 2026	£ 416.66
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 23.31
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S Dawson Agricultural Services	Playing field grass cutting	£ 216.00
Mrs P Styche	Bulbs	£ 20.00
Opportune Project & Funding	Funding Support - Ann Newlove	£ 80.00
Sandhill Garden Centre	Flowers for Dylan & family	£ 29.50
Cllr Jackson proposed, Cllr Smales seconded – all in favour.		

Council Box

A letter from a resident raising several issues around the village, most had already been looked into, but Clerk is to look into others.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed Date