

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

Councillors: M Cockbill, G Fairbairn, D Fee, S Greenbank, J Jackson & P Styche
 Apologies D Gunnis & J Straker

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour
 February – nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee
 No further updates received

(2542) St Swithins Church
 The fund currently stands at £86,254.59
 Hopefully starting the porch in June and tenders are in for the wc and kitchenette.
 Upcoming events -
 26th April – Plant Sale
 12th July – Barber Shop Choir

(2602) Traffic calming
 Jonathan Dunning-Davies from Hedon Police had emailed the Clerk to advise that a student officer is doing a project and will therefore be doing further speed checks and discussions regarding actions to be considered on the road near the primary school.
 He also advised that following his recent speed checks he had seen some maniacal driving on the roads around the village and on each occasion it had been residents of Sproatley.
 Clerk to put an additional note on the speeding statement on Facebook and the website for residents to drive safe and be considerate when driving in the village.

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field
 Ongoing

(2647) Community Maintenance Team
 Cllrs Smales & Jackson said the group is going well and the last meeting the team worked on The Green trimming the trees.
 The next meeting is 15th March with plans to trim the holly tree in the Churchyard.

(2648) Public Footpath Signs
 Ongoing

(2649) Defibrillator relocation
 Cllr Greenbank advised the steel post had been ordered and need to liaise with the electrician to arrange a suitable date for installation.

(2654) Bus Services
 Cllr Cockbill had been in touch with EYMS who said the sign cannot be removed as it may be needed in the future. They agreed to cover the sign showing no longer in service but this has still not been done so Cllr Cockbill will chase.

Signed Date

(2657) End of World War 2

Cllrs discussed holding an event in the Memorial Hall on Friday 9th May 7.00pm to 10.30pm. Cllrs Greenbank & Smales are looking into booking a singer for the event and all agreed this was a good idea with a maximum of £300 cost. Cllr Fee had a contact for a singer and will contact them for their availability.

The plan is to charge £10 for tickets and serve drinks and food. Any money made would go towards the Church fund and therefore unable to apply for the ERYC grant.

(2658) Parish Councillor vacancy

No applications were received by the closing date.

(2659) Accounts Review

Cllr Fee had completed an overview of the accounts to show the savings made in the last couple of years, the main ones being grass cutting on The Green and the Playing Fields.

Cllr Fee noticed that some nearby Parish Councils are not paying as much for their insurance and had got a quote for a lot cheaper cost.

Clerk to look into what cover we have and if the Playing Field is covered in the insurance.

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.

Cllr Fee had made good process applying for grants for tools for the Community Maintenance Team and is hoping to have one accepted shortly he has been looking into all grants that are available.

Clerk and Cllr Smales had received an email from a resident advising that a family member had received an injury from a suspended copper wire on a fence alongside a footpath in the village.

Clerk to acknowledge email and email ERYC for any assistance and advice.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages February 2025	£ 376.67
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 20.18
Mrs E Mitchell	Antivirus for laptop	£ 24.99
GE Jackson & Son	Grass cutting The Green	£ 600.00

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

Planning Applications

Sproatley South Conservation area – Fell beech tree as it is growing very close to the neighbours foundation and has rot on the main stem. Fell holly trees as they are growing very close to the neighbours foundations – Swithins Garth, Church Lane, Sproatley, Mrs Mandy Holmes – 25/00502/TCA – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Nothing

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Date