

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

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

Apologies: D Fee

0 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 £63,961.37 and all the bills have been paid in full.

Work is still ongoing on the porch but the clock is now back working.

Going to look into applying for a grant from the lottery for the toilet and kitchen area.

Upcoming events -

22nd November – Christmas Fayre

27th February – Gardening talk

20th March – Riverside Band

April – Plant sale

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Cllr Constable advised the lease is now all sorted so all the clubs can start looking into grants towards improvements to the hall. He had a meeting with the football representative and the FA. The FA are mainly interested in grants for the football club rather than the hall but they are going to start searching for available grants.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

To avoid damaging the grass too much they are going to wait for a frosty dry spell to hire the tractor/cutter to cut the bushes and trees on The Green.

Looking to have a meet up to plant some bulbs hopefully in the next few weeks and then will start up again the new year.

No further update on Wyre Path.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

As of today, the new box is all connected and working.

The old box needs to be de-commissioned and the electric disconnected at the shop.

Cllrs discussed keeping the old box as we may be able to donate it.

(2660) The Green

Grant funds still to be discussed and confirmed what to be used for.

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(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Ongoing – Clerk to contact ERYC for update

(2663) Armistice Day

Unfortunately, Bob Shakesby is unable to conduct the service due to ill health and after a lot of ringing around by Madam Chairman the local vicar Alistair Laird has confirmed he will be able to attend.

Cllrs discussed the food and all agreed for Cllr Gunnis to order sandwich platters/quiche & sausage rolls from Morrisons. Cllr Smales & Styche will bake a cake and will put a request on SproatleyHub for any donations of cakes.

The old PA system has been tested and works so this will be used and Cllr Gunnis is hoping John Urry will come and help set it all up.

(2665) Christmas tree and lights

Cllr Gunnis had the lights tested and received the PAT test certificate. Clerk to send this to ERYC, which should be the final requirement for the permit to be issued.

He is going to ask Richard Wastling if he could help and provide the cherry picker. Cllr Constable volunteered to help put the lights up.

After some persuasion, Cllr Jackson agreed to be Father Christmas on the night. Clerk to ring Holderness Lions to see if they have a costume we could borrow.

Clerk to put up a poster on the notice board, shop and Facebook for a 6.15pm start.

(2666) Memorial Hall

The toilet has been sorted, which was caused by the tree roots, the cost of which was covered by the insurance.

(2667) Burton Constable firework display

Cllr Constable will contact highways for traffic cones and Cllr Greenbank advised he has 12 he can supply if none are available.

(2668) Lloyds Bank closure Hedon

Cllrs requested Clerk to contact Graham Stuart to pass on our support for the Banking Hub he is trying to get for Hedon and ask if he has considered sending letters to all village residents, as he has done in Hedon.

(2669) ERNLLCA

Cllr Smales had heard of this organisation which supports Parish Councils with liability issues, advice, letter templates, etc. She believes the annual cost is £624 per year.

Cllrs discussed and asked the Clerk to contact other local Parish Councils to see if any subscribe to it, if they find it useful and have any further details.

(2670) 25-26 Precept

Nothing has been received from ERYC as yet, but Clerk needs to prepare an up to date Income & Expenses so this can be discussed at the next meeting.

(2671) Clerks salary

Clerk stepped out of the room while the Councillors discussed this.

Signed Date

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 to check with Kirsty for update

Clerk passed on details to Cllr Cockbill for the next ERYC bus forum.

Clerk had been advised by ERYC of a one-day planned road closure to take place on 18th December on the B1240 Sproatley to Bilton road.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages October 2025	£ 376.67
ERYC	Street Lighting	£ 636.55

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

Planning Applications

None

Council Box

Nothing.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed Date