

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A. Dalton Vice Chairman: M Cochran
 Councillors: G Fairbairn, D Gunnis, J Jackson, N Smales, C Tomlinson & T Wright
 Apologies: H Buck, M Cockbill & J Urry

2 Members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

September –

22nd Theft of Ford Fiesta containing keys from Main Road, Sproatley – car located with damage in Bilton Grange

PCSO Darren Bainton will be outside Sproatley Primary School on 10th October 8.45am for any issues to be raised – Cllrs Gunnis & Tomlinson to attend

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Cllr Tomlinson had attended the drop in session in September were Rathlin advised that they are no longer going to extract oil and they will now target gas.

They are hoping to start extraction in 2026 and this will be exported from site by pipeline and therefore will reduce the number of tankers and vehicles travelling to the sites.

Rathlin are currently working to determine the optimum orientation for a horizontal well, which may be drilled from either the A or B site.

Rathlin have assured that there will be no fracking at either site A or B.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Fund currently stands at £37,105 after fees for the architect etc have been paid. A meeting is taking place with the architect on 5th October.

An anonymous donation of £1000 had been received.

The Scarecrow Festival has been rearranged for 9th October and it was discussed who was opening the ceremony. Cllr Gunnis suggested Cllr Fairbairn to open it again.

Cllr Gunnis had also received a request if the PA system could be borrowed on the day. All Cllrs agreed this could be used.

(2579) Tree on The Green

Clerk to chase Matt for an expected date when the tree works will take place.

(2581) Dyke near Village Hall

Clerk had received a response from Terry Weaver who advised that the survey works had been completed and the culvert was cleared and ran but was found to be uneven and had potential collapses in the road crossing (under Preston Road) so the concern was that it may block again. To hopefully resolve the issue a works order has been issued to excavate and replace the old culvert with a new one.

As this will be done under temporary traffic lights and the location is outside of school the work will have to be carried out during a school holiday and February half term is looking to be the earliest date.

Clerk also reminded Terry about the broken drain cover which he said will be replaced.

He also gave a contact name at ERYC to check regarding the responsibility of cutting the hedges at the back of the ditch. Clerk awaiting a response.

Signed Date

(2587) Sproatley Playing Fields bins & grass cutting

A meeting had been held recently and the football team are looking to level the car park and possibly extend the parking.

The grass is still being cut but no further invoices received they also have 2 volunteers who have been strimming the play equipment area.

The new bins have been installed and attached to the ground.

Clerk had received an email from a resident stating that the bin situated at the end of the cut through from Westlands Road to the playing field was overflowing with rubbish piled up beside it. They asked if something could be done about this and if we could contact ERYC about installing a wheelie bin which they would put out for collection.

Cllrs discussed that this was unacceptable to have rubbish piled up, but Cllr Cochran said that the playing field do rely on volunteers to empty the bins. Cllr Fairbairn suggested that the football teams could look to empty these each week after their games.

Cllr Cochran will take this up with the playing field committee and Clerk will contact ERYC regarding a wheelie bin.

(2594) Road markings Park Road

Ongoing – Clerk to contact Terry Weaver to see if any update when this will be done.

(2598) Planning application GB Bio Limited

Ongoing

(2602) Traffic calming

Ongoing

(2605) Armistice Day

Everything has been organised for the day, the road closure has been approved, Cllr Wright has booked the Constable Arms for the buffet and Bob Shakesby will be in attendance.

Madam Chairman will order the wreaths and will contact Rodrica Straker at Burton Constable to see if she would like to lay one. Cllr Gunnis is to check we have enough service pamphlets for the day.

(2606) Bus service

Cllrs Gunnis & Smales had both had complaints from residents about the changes and lack of buses from the village.

Clerk to contact ERYC for any information regarding the changes. Also, Clerk to look at putting a bus timetable on the village notice board

Correspondence

Clerk read out details of a Town & Parish Council Meeting being held on 11th & 19th October if anybody was interested in attending

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages September 2022	£ 333.34
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 17.20

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

Signed Date

Council Box

Letter from anonymous stating that a tree has fallen across the path on Park Road and pedestrians are having to walk on the road and the large bed of geraniums needs weeding. Cllr Gunnis said he will go and take a look at the tree and sort.

Letter form Mrs Jean Rambaran and Miss Lynne Thomas expressing several concerns over speeding cars through the village, parked cars on the footpath and on the double yellow lines near the school. They also pointed out the damaged drain cover in the dyke and that think an ERYC Councillor should be present at some of the Parish Council meetings.

Cllrs Gunnis & Tomlinson are going to raise the issues when they meet with PCSO Darren Bainton. Clerk has already raised the issue of the drain cover and Cllrs agreed we need the presence of an ERYC Councillor at some of the meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Date