

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

Apologies: J Constable

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

April

13th blue badge taken from vehicle – Sproatley Road

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £61,099.97 (the correct figures for last month was £60,798.16)

Plant sale made approximately £425.00

Upcoming events -

16th May – Table Top sale 11am to 2pm

13th June – Ceilidh event at Burton Constable Hall tickets available in the shop

Cllr Cockbill advised that a couple of younger people are getting involved with the church and are hoping they will bring some new ideas for fundraising.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

The trees on The Green need trimming and it is getting too big a job for the Community Maintenance Team Cllr Jackson proposed to get a company to do this at the end of the year – all in favour.

The bedding plants have been collected these will be planted next week, depending on the weather.

Clerk to chase Rodica Straker regarding the Wyre path.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

The old unit should be decommissioned in the next week.

However, the defibrillator has stopped working and it is about 14 years old. Cllr Smales has looked into the cost of purchasing a reconditioned one, which would be approximately £300/£400.

Cllr Gunnis proposed this be purchased Cllr Styche seconded – all in favour

(2660) The Green

A meeting has been held with the architect, Dom, who is going to start the first stage process of putting a design together.

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Cllr Whyte has received correspondence from ERYC advising the tree work should be carried out by the end of July.

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(2672) Parish Council Website

Cllr Fee had received a quote from the company he uses.

Clerk will put together all the quotes for next meeting so a decision can be made which to use.

(2673) Bench for Harry Buck

After looking at all the examples of plaques and benches an agreement was reached which were preferred. Cllr Smales proposed Madam Chairman seconded - all in favour to order.

Cllr Fee will order the plaque and Clerk will order the bench.

(2674) Bank Account

Cllr Gunnis advised that unfortunately, the Bankline for Communities account is only for new customers, so we are unable to proceed with this. Cllr Smales, however, has applied for online banking and is waiting to hear back from the bank.

(2675) Bedding plants

350 plants have been picked up and are ready for planting by the Community Maintenance Team.

(2678) Rectory trees

Concerns have been raised to a couple of Cllrs over some of the trees in the Old Rectory, which may cause damage if any branches fall. Clerk will report to ERYC.

(2679) Parish Councillor vacancies

The Clerk had received two applications and confirmation from ERYC that both vacancies could be filled by co-option.

Cllr Fee proposed Andy Noble and Laura Buchanan both be co-opted in Cllr Smales seconded – all in favour

Correspondence

A resident had contacted the Clerk regarding concerns over a large building being constructed in the Old Rectory without planning permission. Clerk and Madam Chairman will contact ERYC to raise concerns.

A letter had been received from ERYC offering the Parish Council to deposit any documents into archive with them.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages April 2026	£ 416.66
Clear Council	Insurance	£1907.58
John Jackson	The Green grass cutting	£1000.00

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

Planning Applications

None

Signed

Date

Council Box

- 1. Letter from a resident asking for some warning signs for speeding traffic – these have been looked at previously, but unfortunately, are very expensive to purchase.
Also advising that waste bins are damaged around the village – Cllrs and Clerk will look when walking around and will report any damage seen.

- 2. Letter from resident asking if the damaged sign on Westlands Road could be reported and fixed.
This has been reported several times, but Clerk will report again.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed Date