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

Madam Chairman: A Dalton Vice Chairman: N Smales

Councillors: L Buchanan, J Constable, G Fairbairn, D Fee, J Jackson, A Noble & P Styche
Apologies: M Cockbill & D Gunnis

1 member of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour
September - nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee
An update email had been sent to Cllrs advising Pasture Lane will be closed for 4 weeks to add passing places.
Commencement of operations is targeted for the fourth quarter of 2026, subject to well completion and well test service providers' availability.

(2542) St Swithins Church
The fund currently stands at £67,846.36

(2647) Community Maintenance Team
There is a bit of tidying up work to do on The Green, which will be looked at when the bedding plants have finished.
Need to think about planting shrubs instead of bedding plants next year as they are too hard to look after.
Clerk had received a response from Saunt farmers who are going to look into the damaged footpath sign.

(2660) The Green
Cllr Smales has been in touch with an architect that lives in the village, who is willing to work with us.
Cllrs all in favour of Cllr Smales to make further enquiries regarding cost and next steps.

(2672) Parish Council Website
Janet from Outside the Box Marketing is still working on the website and has sent some initial ideas.

(2675) Bedding plants
Still awaiting invoice.

(2681) ERNLLCA forms
All Cllrs agreed to sign and adopt the standing order at 5th October 2026 with a review date at the AGM in May agreed.
Clerk to send a copy to all Cllrs.

Signed …….. Date ……...

(2682) Dog field maintenance

All agreed a great job had been done with the gates.
Cllrs Noble & Fee installed additional chicken wire to prevent dogs from escaping.
However, the gate is not latching all the time and needs some slight adjustment or possibly adding a padlock. Cllr Noble will take a further look.
Clerk had received a response from S Dawson, who will cut the field when needed at a cost of £60 per Cut. Cllrs agreed all in favour.

(2683) Parking on grass verges

Clerk had sent a letter to all residents of Park Road and Cllr Noble advised he has noticed that no cars have been parking on the verges.

(2684) Armistice Day

Cllr Constable has been in touch with a Deacon from Hornsea who is willing to take the service.
Madam Chair will order and cover the cost of the wreaths.
Plans are to do the same food as last year and ask for cake donations on Sproatley Hub.
Clerk will put a poster on the notice board, shop, website and Facebook page.

(2685) Christmas tree & lights

Cllrs Constable & Noble agreed to putting the lights on the tree and will ask Will Wastling if he can help.
Clerk is completing the forms for the licence and has asked Cllr Gunnis if he can arrange the PAT testing of the lights.
Cllr Buchanan advised FOSSA would be willing to provide hot chocolates and mince pies and split the profits. However, if mulled wine is to be sold a licence would need to be obtained which takes approximately 4 weeks.
Cllr Constable will get in touch with Tina from The Constable Arms if they would like to provide the mulled wine.
Time agreed at 6pm with light switch on at 6.15pm
Clerk had received a price list from The Stag Garden Centre for real trees. Cllrs agreed that the tree is still looking ok for this year but may need to consider in the future.
Cllrs discussed it would be good idea for the residents on The Green to switch on their lights at the same time. Clerk to send letter after the next meeting.
Clerk will order Santa costume for Cllr Jackson.

Correspondence

Clerk had received an email from a resident on Raleigh Drive in relation to the state of the building plot opposite their house. Clerk had contacted ERYC who advised that correspondence has been sent to the owner of the land setting out their obligations to maintain the condition of the land. However, ERYC advised that the council does not have any statutory powers to require a developer to complete a development.

A survey had been sent for Graham Stuart regarding poor mobile phone signal, Clerk forwarded the email to Cllrs.

ERYC are holding a Webinar for the new legal requirements for determining planning applications. Clerk to pass on details to Cllrs Fee & Smales.

Clerk had received an email from James Riley asking if the Parish Council would consider erecting an open-sided bus shelter over the bench outside the school.
Clerk had been in touch with the Clerk of Preston PC who advised that they had taken advantage of ERYC funding for their bus shelter and the cost of the shelter was £3645+vat, the location needed full approval. Cllrs discussed this would be a nice idea but the cost without funding is too high. Cllr Fee will look into any funding available from ERYC and Clerk will make some enquiries regarding planning with ERYC.

Signed …….. Date ……..

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages September 2026	£ 416.66
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 21.87
Mr D Gunnis	Flag	£ 79.00

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

Planning Applications

1. Sproatley Conservation Area – Crown reduce 1 horse chestnut tree to 4-5m to leave as monolith as there is presence of a fungal fruiting body with risks during winds – Sproatley Endowed C of E Voluntary School, Balk Lane, HU11 4PR – Sproatley Primary School – 26/02621/TCA – **NO OBJECTIONS**

2. Sproatley Conservation Area – Fell 1 sycamore tree due to onset sooty bark disease and the crown of the tree is rapidly dying – Swithin's Garth, Church Lane Hu11 4PR – Mrs Mandy Holmes – 26/02581/TCA – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Nothing

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed …….. Date ……..