

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JULY 2026
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

June - nothing

PCSO Darren Bainton attended the meeting – no incidents to report

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing – an update from Rathlin confirmed that commencement of operations are targeted for the fourth quarter of 2026 subject to additional regulatory approvals and equipment availability.

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £64,662.59

The Ceilidh event unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers

Upcoming events -

11th & 12th July – Patronal Festival and Gift Day including school art exhibition and strawberry cream teas

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

Wyre Path is ok at the moment, however, some residents are doing maintenance in their own time and not part of the maintenance group. No response received from Burton Constable regarding maintenance of the path.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

This is now all sorted and the old unit has been removed. Mark Tennant has kindly offered to sort the hole in the side of the shop.

Going forward, a resident Richard Sheard, has volunteered to look after the defibrillator

(2660) The Green

Cllr Smales had sent the quote from the architect to all the Cllr's and the cost was discussed. As the quote was higher than originally thought, suggestions were made to consider not taking the plans any further.

Suggestions were also made to start with installing Harry's bench to see if this is used and what feedback is received.

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Clerk to contact ERYC if work not carried out by the end of July.

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(2672) Parish Council Website

Clerk has had a Teams call with Commercial Systems and they have started the process of setting up a new email.

Clerk asked the Councillors which Microsoft package they wished to sign up for, after discussion agreed that £11.52 per month Business Standard package would be sufficient. Clerk to confirm to Commercial Systems.

Cllr Buchanan had obtained two quotes for setting up a new website.

It'seeze websites £1650+vat upfront cost followed by £49+vat ongoing monthly fee.

Outside the box Creative Marketing £700 upfront cost followed by £12 ongoing monthly fee.

Cllr's preferred the cheaper quote but will speak further at the next meeting once the new email is sorted and is up and running.

(2673) Bench for Harry Buck

Just waiting for the plaque. Cllr Fee will chase again.

(2675) Bedding plants

Still awaiting invoice.

(2678) Rectory trees

These have been reported – Clerk to chase if no response received from ERYC.

(2681) ERNLLCA forms

Ongoing

(2682) Dog field maintenance

Cllr Smales advised that Will Wastling had kindly cut the field but in the future suggested that we maintain the field and ask the contractor who cuts the playing field to cut this to keep on top of it. Also, the gatepost is damaged and needs some repairs.

Cllr's discussed that as the field was donated by Burton Constable to ask if they would fix the gate.

Clerk to contact Cllr Constable asking for clarity who is responsible for the maintenance of the field before discussing further.

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 – the resident had responded to Clerk advising that she had been informed that no building regulations had been breached.

Clerk had received a response from ERYC stating that from a planning enforcement perspective, based on the information currently available, the council is not seeking to take further formal action in respect of the structure or the use of the land as it presently stands. Clerk to email the resident.

Correspondence received from ERYC reviewing the Polling Stations – all agreed no change needs to be made.

Clerk had received an email from Cllr Samantha Christon-Whyte asking for a nomination for one footway within the parish that should be considered for improvement – a couple of paths were suggested around the school. Clerk to respond with a suggestion of the four paths around the school to be nominated.

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Date

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages June 2026	£ 416.66
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Towsure	Parts for bench fitting	£ 23.89
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 20.78
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Cllr Jackson proposed, Cllr Cockbill seconded – all in favour.

Planning Applications

Change of use and conversion of building to holiday accommodation and change of use of land for the siting of holiday lodges with associated infrastructure – Land and buildings east and south east of Lakeside House, Main Road, Sproatley HU11 4DJ – Mr Anthony Scott – 26/01297/PLF –
 PART OBJECTION - wish to raise concerns over the size and the impact this would have on neighbouring properties with the noise and increase in traffic. Would be more favourable if the plans were reduced in scale

Council Box

Nothing

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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