

**MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**  
**PRESENT**

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

2 members of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

April – Nothing

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

No further updates received

Clerk advised that the GB Bio Ltd planning permission had been refused.

(2542) St Swithins Church

Cllr Cockbill did not have an up to date balance on the fund but hoped the recent plant sale had raised between £300-£400.

Upcoming events -

12<sup>th</sup> July – Barber Shop Choir

Also hoping to get a speaker for a garden talk in early July

The repair work to the porch will hopefully be starting in June.

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

Clerk had been in contact with Kirsty Mills to advise the Parish Council is willing to provide any help required. Kirsty was unable to make the meeting but is hoping to attend the June meeting.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

The group is working well and at the last meeting the team worked on clearing the dyke opposite the school.

There are plenty of jobs in the pipeline for the team to work on.

(2648) Public Footpath Signs

Ongoing

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

Cllr Greenbank advised that the steel post was ready and he is going to drop the brackets off to place on the post. Cllrs discussed the 2 possible locations, either on The Green or next to the Notice Board. It was decided that it would be easiest to locate on The Green otherwise the path would need to be dug out and re-laid for the electric. Cllr Jackson said it would be fine for him on The Green for cutting the grass.

(2654) Bus Services

Cllr Fee is going to put an 'Out of Service' sticker on the bus stop

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**(2657) End of World War 2**

Ticket sales had been disappointing at between 30/40 but hoping to get more before Friday.

Cllr Smales and Styche are arranging who is bringing what food and volunteers from the Church are also helping.

Also they will advertise if lifts are needed to get to the Memorial Hall and these can be arranged.

It was arranged to meet to put bunting up on Wednesday night.

**(2659) Accounts Review**

Clerk had received the renewal quote from Clear Councils at £2224.80 but was still awaiting the new quote from Zurich. Once the quote is received from Zurich she will advise the Cllrs of the amount and discuss which one should be taken up.

**(2660) The Green**

Cllrs discussed further that the residents may not be happy placing benches on The Green but they believe that it will enhance the village having a village green that can be used by all.

Cllr Straker suggested purchasing 3 or 4 picnic benches to start with and he sent some links for the ones recently purchased at the Caravan Park.

The Clerk advised of the Aldbrough Community Investment Fund recently opened and Cllr Fee said he will start the ball running on applying and Cllrs will discuss further if successful.

**(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms**

Cllr Smales had noticed some of the branches on the tree were trailing on the ground and could do with trimming.

Madam Chairman advised that the tree belongs to ERYC so we are unable to trim the tree. Clerk will contact ERYC to ask them to take a look.

**(2262) Bedding Plants**

Cllr Jackson had ordered 300 plants from Sheppard's which can be picked up anytime in May.

However, the ground needs rotavating before planting, Cllr Fee advised he has a rotavator that can be used. A date will be arranged when the Community Team can plant these.

**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.

Cllr Straker will chase the agent about meeting with the resident.

Clerk had received correspondence from a fibre telephone provider stating that Sproatley is currently in their phase to commence around May 2026 with an estimated completion date of July 2026 and further details will be sent closer to the date.

ERYC had emailed the Clerk regarding the salt bin maintenance stating they would be maintained prior to the winter season. Cllrs agreed that we were happy to keep maintaining these ourselves. Clerk to reply to ERYC to remove us from their maintenance schedule.

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**Accounts for payment**

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages April 2025	£ 376.67
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 22.76
K & D Foster	Frailing of dyke	£ 60.00
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 19.39
Public Access Defibrillator	New defibrillator unit	£ 550.00

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

**Planning Applications**

TPO Sproatley Conservation Area – Remove epicormic growth from 2 oak trees, 1 sycamore tree and 1 Elm tree - Oak Lodge, 6 Woodland Rise, Sproatley HU11 4GA – Mrs Hannah Chamberlain  
25/00863/TPO – **NO OBJECTIONS**

TPO Sproatley Conservation Area – Crown reduce 1 beech tree by removing 1 branch on the northern side as illustrated as it is growing over into the neighbour's garden – The Acorns, 4 Woodland Rise, Sproatley HU11 4GA – Mrs Sarah Miller 2500864/TPO – **NO OBJECTIONS**

**Council Box**

Nothing

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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