

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025
PRESENT

Madam Chairman: A Dalton

Vice Chairman: N Smales

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

Apologies: D Fee & S Greenbank

1 member of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

No updates

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £101,294.13, which includes all the bills paid up to date and covers the work done so far.

The Scarecrow festival was a great day and raised £705. It was nice to see The Green being used and so many people walking around the village.

Upcoming events -

22nd November – Christmas Fayre

(2640) Sproatley Playing Field

A meeting with the Playing Field Committee took place before the PC meeting. The hall is currently not fit for purpose and needs an architect to assess what can be kept of the original building and what extensions could be added. Once the lease has been finalised, it will allow all the relevant groups to apply for grants.

It was discussed whether the village should just have one big functional building which could be used for all groups rather than the two at present.

Cllr Constable will compile a wishlist from all the groups that currently use the hall.

Further discussions took place between the Cllrs on their views and wishes for what the village needed from both of the halls. The overall decision was in favour of a new hall to accommodate more groups and younger people but try to keep the Memorial Hall as it is more accessible for the older community.

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

Cllr Jackson advised that some of the bushes and trees need cutting on The Green and asked if a machine could be hired to help with this. All agreed.

Looking to start jobs again in the next few weeks.

A £20 donation had been received and Cllr Jackson said they are looking to buy some bulbs to plant with this.

Cllr Constable advised that the Wyre Path does belong to Burton Constable and will bring this up at their next meeting to see if these can be thinned out.

(2649) Defibrillator relocation

The electrics have all been coupled up and are now just waiting for the box to be connected to the system. Once this is done it will all be up and running.

Thanks were passed to Cllrs Greenbank, Smales & Jackson for all their help sorting this,

Signed Date

(2660) The Green

Clerk had received confirmation the SSE grant had been approved and the monies sent. To discuss further at the next meeting on how the funds will be used.

(2661) Tree opposite Constable Arms

Ongoing

(2663) Armistice Day

Madam Chairman confirmed Bob Shakesby is happy to conduct the service and she has ordered three wreaths.

Cllr Smales will ask Cllr Fee to look into ordering a new Bluetooth PA system and Cllrs discussed donating the old one to the school.

Cllr Smales will put a post on Facebook and Clerk will put a poster on the notice board, in the shop and on the website.

The food can be discussed at the next meeting.

(2665) Christmas tree and lights

Unfortunately, the tree is gradually dying but will be ok for this year. Cllr Constable will look into if Burton Constable could donate a tree.

The date is set for Monday 1st December and Clerk will send all the necessary requirements to ERYC for the permit. Cllr Gunnis will arrange for the lights to be PAT tested.

Holderness Lions had been in touch with the Clerk and due to a lack of numbers and age of members, they will no longer be doing the sleigh and Santa. Cllrs discussed putting a message on Facebook for a volunteer to be Santa.

Clerk will contact the school to see what time their Christingle Service will be.

(2666) Memorial Hall

Madam Chairman wished to bring the Councillors up to date with the condition of the hall. Currently the gents toilets are not working as the roots of some of the trees are growing up the pipes. The insurance company are due to be making an inspection in the next couple of weeks to assess the situation. Cllrs discussed whether restoration needs to take place or if it needs knocking down. They all agreed the importance of keeping the hall and didn't think it would be a popular decision with villagers to knock it completely down and it is our duty to explore the options of restoring as it is a Memorial Hall but as long as it is a feasible and practical decision. It was therefore agreed that it needs to be kept as a separate building to the planned expansion of the pavilion.

(2667) Burton Constable firework display

Cllr Constable shared the plans of the BC firework display to take place on Friday 7th November 6.15-7.45pm on the Arboretum. It will be for a maximum of 499 people and as they wish to keep the event for villagers, the tickets will be on sale to be collected in person from the reception.

Cllr Constable asked if traffic cones could be placed on the grass verges leading to the site to avoid parking issues Cllrs agreed and Madam Chairman will pass on the details she has for the cones.

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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.

Kirsty Mills is going to reach out to the residents – Clerk to check with Kirsty for update

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages September 2025	£ 376.67
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 19.98
Sproatley PCC St Swithin's	Scarecrow prize donation	£ 25.00
Meadowbank Agriculture	Digger & concrete for footpath signs	£ 101.26
Head on Electrical	Defibrillator relocation	£ 283.20
Paul Kitchen	Defibrillator relocation	£ 434.40
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 20.35

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

Planning Applications

Erection of single storey extension to side – 11 Gallands Road, Sproatley, HU11 4XS Mr S Bisby - 25/02670/PLF – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Nothing.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed Date