

MINUTES OF SPROATLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 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

1 member of the public in attendance

(2335) Crime Figures & Anti-Social Behaviour

July - nothing

August – 14th Customer helped self to drinks from behind bar

Clerk had received correspondence from S/Sgt Jonathan Dunning-Davies with reports of the cones he placed near the junction of Main Road/Pasture Lane being moved and drivers being rude to residents. He sent a link to report any further issues residents may raise.

(2458) Rathlin Energy Liaison Committee

Ongoing

(2542) St Swithins Church

The fund currently stands at £67,803.81

(2647) Community Maintenance Team

Kevin Foster has flailed the dyke near School, The Green & the dog field. Clerk to pass on thanks when he sends his invoice. Cllrs also asked Cllr Smales to pass on their thanks to Steve for his help on the day.

There is a little bit of work to do on The Green to cut back some low branches, and the idea of putting up a bug hotel has been discussed.

Cllr Smales advised that some damage had been caused to one of the footpath signs when the hedges had been cut recently. Cllrs asked Clerk to contact Saunt farmers requesting they cover the cost of a replacement post. Clerk to send letter.

(2660) The Green

Cllr Smales met up with Elliot from Newlawn Landscapers, who advised he would be able to do the work we required on The Green. However, we would still need an architect to do some rough drawings of what we require, as he is unable to do this part of it.

He advised Cllr Smales he had done work at The Triton Inn at Brantingham Cllr Smales looked at his work said he had done a very good job and was very impressed.

Cllr Smales will look into local architects.

Signed Date

(2672) Parish Council Website

Cllrs Smales, Fee & Buchanan met with Janet regarding setting up the new website.

Janet has started working on a draft and building the frame of the new website and will come back to us when this has been completed.

Cllrs discussed that it would be a good idea to get some input from the community with history and knowledge of the village.

Ideas were also discussed on setting up an events calendar to include the pubs and clubs.

Cllrs Fee & Buchanan raised the idea of a crest of the village, of which nobody was aware that one existed and thought it would be a good idea to involve the school children to create one.

(2673) Bench for Harry Buck

This has been installed on The Green and a couple of the Councillors have seen it being used.

(2675) Bedding plants

Still awaiting invoice.

(2681) ERNLLCA forms

Clerk and Cllrs Smales & Fee have put together a final draft of the standing order. A copy has been given to all Cllrs to check and agree.

(2682) Dog field maintenance

The new gates have been installed and the full cost has been covered by Burton Constable.

A couple of residents had reported a gap under the fence where dogs could escape. Cllr Fee is going to install some chicken wire around the bottom of the gates to prevent this.

He also asked if some limestone chippings could be purchased to raise the level near the entrance for £74.00 – Cllr Proposed, Cllr Smales seconded – all in favour.

Clerk had contacted S Dawson Agricultural regarding cutting the dog field but no response had been received - Clerk to chase.

(2683) Parking on grass verges

Cllr Noble had been approached by a resident with concerns over parked cars on grass verges on Park Road. A letter from a resident was also received in the Council Box with concerns over the same issue. The issue of ERYC not being able to cut the grass was also raised.

This may be only 1 or 2 properties, but Cllrs asked Clerk to send a letter to all the residents on Park Road asking for parking to be avoided on verges where possible.

(2684) Armistice Day

It was agreed that this would be held in the Memorial Hall again on Wednesday 11th November.

Clerk to send invites to Darren Bainton and the Year 6 schoolchildren.

Cllr Cockbill will make enquiries if there will be a local vicar who could take the service.

Clerk to put up a poster on notice board and in the shop nearer the date.

Signed

Date

(2685) Christmas tree & lights

A date of Monday 7th December was agreed, however, a start time is not yet confirmed. Cllr Buchanan will check with the school their plans for the Christingle service and will tie in with that. Cllrs discussed the idea of selling hot drinks, mince pies, mulled wine on The Green and Cllr Buchanan will check with FOSSA. This should also be discussed with the pub to see if they have plans as in previous years.

Part of the grant funds are going to be spent on safety barriers for The Green.

Clerk will arrange a poster for the notice board and the shop nearer the date.

Cllrs agreed for Clerk to purchase a Santa costume for Cllr Jackson who once again agreed to be Father Christmas, Madam Chairman has a bell that could be used.

Correspondence

A Street lighting agreement for signature had been received. Cllrs agreed all happy to continue with ERYC maintaining all the streetlights. Madam Chairman signed the agreement; Clerk to send back to ERYC.

Accounts for payment

Mrs E Mitchell	Clerks Wages August 2026	£ 416.66
Ryehill Building	Parts for bench fitting	£ 160.68
East Riding Engraving	Plaque for bench	£ 60.00
Commercial System	New email set up	£ 453.24
E-On	Electricity The Green	£ 25.98
Sandhill Garden Centre	Flowers	£ 31.50

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

Planning Applications

1. Variation of Condition 3 (time period) for planning permission 05/08754/STPLF (Erection of a wind turbine - resubmission of 05/05037/STPLF) to allow an additional 5 years of operation until 1 February 2033 - Yorkshire Water Services Limited Waste Water Treatment Works Hull Road Saltend East Riding Of Yorkshire HU12 8EY – Kelda Group – 26/01603/VAR – **NO OBJECTIONS**
2. Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, including erection of two stable blocks and formation of sand arena for horse and associated works – Land North East of Owl Barn Park Row Sproatley HU11 4NZ – Mr Hepworth – 26/02215/PLF – **NO OBJECTIONS**

Council Box

Letter received from resident covered regarding parking in Park Road - discussed in (2683)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Date