

MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 14TH MARCH 2012, AT 7.30PM

Councillors present:

Cllr S.Curl (Chairman), Cllr B.Askew, Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr H.Davies, Cllr J.Kitson, Cllr D.Lavington, Cllr G.Moore, Cllr S.Wood

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Peter Jones, District Cllr

Mr V Durrant

161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

Cllr S.Curl, expected late arrival

Kathy Pollard, County Cllr

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr

162 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

163 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2012, had been circulated to all members. One minor typing error was noted. The minutes were then confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

7.35pm Cllr S.Curl and Cllr H.Davies arrived at the meeting.

164 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2012

Re. minute no: 11/12 148(iv) The Clerk advised that a bespoke budget training session could be arranged by SALC, for the Parish Council, at a cost of £200.00 +VAT (£225.00 +VAT if held on a Saturday). The Council agreed to consider the matter at the next Parish Council meeting.

7.40pm The meeting was adjourned to receive a report from District Cllr, Peter Jones and Mr V. Durrant.

District Cllr, Peter Jones advised that Babergh District Council has increased its Council Tax budget by 3.5%. He advised that the Babergh District Council, Annual Community Achievement Awards ceremony had taken place on 7th March 2012, which acknowledged a large number of community stalwarts, young and old. He advised that definitive news regarding the Bramford to Twinstead pylon route should be forthcoming within the next couple of months.

A written report had been received from County Cllr, Kathy Pollard and circulated to the Council.

Mr V.Durrant presented the report of the Transport Panel. He advised that Suffolk County Council has made no decision on the future of the Lorry Watch Scheme. The Council considered the detailed drawings for the various elements of the Sproughton Mitigation Measures, as prepared by Suffolk County Council. The Transport Panel has requested that the measures be undertaken in two phases; Phase 1 - build-outs, VASs, etc. and Phase 2, the pedestrian crossing (or alternative traffic calming measures). Suffolk County Council is required to carry out a 'Stage 2' Safety Audit on the proposals, after which a community exhibition will be held. Mr Andrew Pearce, of Suffolk County Council has highlighted the fact that Suffolk County Council has still not received the £50,000 for the S106 Deed from the developer of the SnOasis housing development at Great Blakenham and has indicated that the work could not proceed before the receipt of the monies. Mr Durrant advised that work on the construction of the footway along the A1071 between The Beagle and Suffolk One is progressing. The Transport Panel, as instructed by the Parish Council, has made an initial approach to The Red House Trust, an owner of the land adjacent to the B1113, in an attempt to speed up a proposal for a footpath between Sproughton and The Beagle. The approach has been favourably received, and the agent for the

Trust, Mr Philip Summers of Fenn Wright, has indicated that he would discuss the possibility of making land available with the Trustees, if there was a local demand for it.

8.05pm The meeting was reconvened.

165 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT PANEL AND RELATED TRAFFIC MATTERS

A written report had been received and circulated to the Council.

The Council agreed that it would be beneficial for there to be a continual footpath along the B1113, from Sproughton to The Beagle. The Council agreed to mandate the Transport Panel to draft a letter to The Red House Trust requesting that a proposal be made to the Parish Council, regarding the possibility of land being made available by them for such a scheme.

Action: Mr V.Durrant is to draft a letter for the Clerk to forward to Mr Philip Summers, agent for The Red House Trust.

Cllr D.Lavington referred to the S106 Deed due from the developer of the SnOasis housing development at Great Blakenham. He understands that the developer of the proposed Paper Mill Lane, Bramford development is the same as the SnOasis development. He suggested that Bramford Parish Council be made aware of the omission of the S106 Deed trigger from the housing development permission granted by Mid Suffolk District Council, to ensure that a similar situation does not arise with the proposed Paper Mill Lane, Bramford development.

Action: Cllr D.Lavington is to draft an email for the Clerk to forward to Bramford Parish Council.

166 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

A list of planning applications and recommendations made by the Planning Committee since the last meeting had been circulated to all Councillors and noted.

Cllr B.Askew referred to planning application numbers B/11/00745 and B/11/00746. He advised that Suffolk County Council has withdrawn previously submitted access objections associated with the planning applications and that Babergh District Council has confirmed that a tree survey of the site has been completed.

167 FINANCE

(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position

The Clerk advised that the accounts as at February 2012 have not been prepared, as the accounts ledger and associated paperwork is currently with the internal auditor.

(ii) To Consider Requests for Grants

A request for a grant had been received from Sproughton Sports Football Club to assist with the cost of the grass cutting.

Cllr B.Askew, Cllr A.Cronin and Cllr D.Lavington declared an interest, left the meeting and duly signed the register.

The Council agreed not to award a grant to Sproughton Sports Football Club but agreed to enter into a dialogue with the Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) whereby a grant may be awarded to the PFMC to pay for the grass to be cut during the summer months. The Council voted four in favour and one against the proposal.

Action: The Clerk is to notify Sproughton Sports Football Club of the Parish Council's decision.

Action: The Clerk is to write to the PFMC.

8.55pm District Cllr, Peter Jones left the meeting.

Cllr B.Askew, Cllr A.Cronin and Cllr D.Lavington rejoined the meeting.

A request for a grant had been received from the organisers of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Sproughton celebration.

Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr S.Curl and Cllr S.Wood declared an interest, left the meeting and duly signed the register.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr J.Kitson.

The Council unanimously agreed to award a grant of £200.00 to cover the cost of insurance and licences for the jubilee celebration event.

Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr S.Curl and Cllr S.Wood rejoined the meeting.
Cllr S.Curl re-took the chair.

(iii) To Receive the Findings of the Quarterly Credit Card Review

Cllr A.Cronin advised the quarterly credit card review had been undertaken and there were no matters to report.

168 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MEMORIALS AT THE BURIAL GROUND AND RELATED MATTERS

A request for a memorial in memory of Mr Ivan Arnold was approved.

169 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE TITHE BARN PANEL AND RELATED MATTERS

A written report had been received from the Tithe Barn Panel and circulated to the Council.
Cllr J.Kitson advised that the five yearly inspection of the Tithe Barn electrical installation had been carried out. The resulting report advised of three action points. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Martin C. Gilbert Ltd to carry out the required works at a cost of £492.00 +VAT. Cllr J.Kitson advised that enquiries have been made of a training provider to deliver a fire awareness training session. The Council agreed to engage Mr Paul Seager to provide a practical demonstration of the use of fire extinguishers at a cost of £40.00 +VAT plus the cost of recharging the extinguishers.

170 TO CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF THE MPLC (MOTION PICTURE LICENCE)

The Council unanimously agreed not to renew the MPLC. It was agreed to amend the Tithe Barn conditions of hire to reflect the decision.

Action: The Clerk is to notify MPLC that the licence is not to be renewed.

171 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE 'GREEN' SPROUGHTON PANEL

Cllr G.Moore advised there were no matters to report.

172 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PARISH COUNCIL TRUSTEES

Cllr D.Lavington advised there has been very little historical information available and that the new management team of trustees is moving forward in a very orderly and structured manner.

173 TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF THE SPROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP C.I.C.'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENCE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2012 TO 31ST MARCH 2013

Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr S. Curl and Cllr D.Lavington declared an interest, left the meeting and duly signed the register.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr J.Kitson.

The Council agreed to accept the recommendations of Cllr B.Askew and Cllr J.Kitson and to invite the Sproughton Community Shop C.I.C. to renew their occupational licence, as per the period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

Action: The Clerk is to invite the Sproughton Community Shop C.I.C. to renew their occupational licence as per the period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr S.Curl and Cllr D.Lavington rejoined the meeting.
Cllr S.Curl re-took the chair.

- 174 SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL RISK MANAGEMENT
The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Sproughton Parish Council Risk Management Review and Report 2011 in its unfinished state and to continue to complete the report and to address the actions points raised within.
- 175 TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF PROFIT FROM THE 2011 SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL BEER FESTIVAL
The Council unanimously agreed to allocate the profit from the 2011 Sproughton Parish Council Beer Festival, £1,920.88, to the Tithe Barn Development Reserve Account.
- 176 TO AGREE THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
The next Sproughton Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, on 11th April 2012, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.
- 177 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS
Cllr S.Curl referred to the 2012 Sproughton Parish Council Beer Festival and advised of his intentions to call a meeting of volunteers within the next ten days with a view of calling an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 28th March 2012.
Cllr D.Lavington advised that he had been offered laptop cabinets, and asked if the Council wished to accept them. This was agreed subject to them fitting in the existing cupboards.
Cllr D.Lavington advised that he had been asked by a parishioner if there is a scheme for purchasing the land surrounding the proposed development site, opposite Runcton Cottage, Loraine Way, Bramford.
Cllr H.Davies asked if there were any updates to report regarding planning application no: MSDC 2914/11. Cllr S.Curl advised that he is willing to make a representation at the MSDC planning committee meeting, to express the views of Sproughton Parish Council.
Action: The Clerk is to notify MSDC that Cllr S.Curl would like to make a representation at the MSDC planning committee meeting.
Cllr A.Cronin advised that she had received a number of complaints regarding the lack of notice given for the extraordinary planning committee meeting, held to consider planning application no: MSDC 2914/11.
Cllr S.Wood advised that the Valentine's disco had been a success and asked that a thank you to the volunteers who helped be included in the In Touch magazine.
Cllr G.Moore agreed to complete the Healthwatch in Suffolk Consultation paper.

Summary of Actions

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The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman : _____

Date: _____