

MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2013, AT 7.30PM

Councillors present:

Cllr S.Curl (Chairman), Cllr K.Barwick, Cllr H.Davies, Cllr V.Durrant, Cllr J.Kitson

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Peter Jones, District Cllr

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr

David Busby, County Cllr

108 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

The Council resolved to approve the apologies received from Cllr H.Davies for her expected late arrival and from Cllr G.Moore for her absence due to a personal engagement.

PCSO Cohen

109 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

110 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no requests for dispensations to consider.

111 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2013, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

112 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2013

Re. minute no. 13/14 98(i) The Clerk advised that the movement of funds will show as a transfer between accounts and not as a payments on the accounts ledger.

Re. minute no. 13/14 98(ii) The Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been forwarded to Sproughton Senior Citizens' Club and a letter of thanks had been received by the Parish Council.

Re. minute no. 13/14 98(ii) The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Sproughton Football Club advising them of the Council's decision, and that a letter had been sent to the Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC). The Clerk advised she had declined the subsequent request from the PFMC for her to forward a copy of the Sproughton Football Club's accounts to them, as she considered this would be a breach of the Data Protection Laws.

Action: Re. minute no. 13/14 102 The Clerk is to follow up the order with Suffolk County Council, to replace street light numbers 42 and 152.

Re. minute no. 13/14 103 Cllr J.Kitson advised that he and Cllr H.Davies continue to ask for a meeting with the PFMC.

Re. minute no. 13/14 104 The Clerk confirmed RVS have been notified of the Lunch Club's decision.

7.40pm The meeting was adjourned to receive a report from David Busby, County Cllr. and Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr.

David Busby, County Cllr. advised that the Park and Ride contract will be operated by Ipswich Buses Ltd. under contract to Suffolk County Council and will include a brand new look for the buses. He

advised he had recently attended a Gypsy and Traveller conference where it was announced that three, 8-10 pitch, short stay sites are to be created. The location of the sites is unknown at this time.

7.42pm Cllr H.Davies arrived at the meeting.

David Busby, County Cllr. advised of a pilot programme, Challenge 4 Change, which has more than halved reoffending rates and stopped young people being drawn into the criminal justice system. Trialled in Ipswich, the programme is to be rolled out across Suffolk. He advised that Suffolk MPs have taken their concerns regarding the proposed tolling of the A14, to Downing Street. He advised the Greater Ipswich City Deal has been formally ratified. The area covered by the City Deal is much larger than Ipswich itself. He advised that the Playing Field Management Committee has received a cheque, paid from his locality budget, as a grant towards the new play/exercise equipment.

Cllr V.Durrant referred to the proposed extension of the speed limit restriction to the north of Sproughton village and advised that he continues to wait for a progress report. David Busby, County Cllr. agreed to raise the matter at a meeting he is due to attend on 12th November 2013.

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr. advised the proposed development of Shotley Ganges is expected to be considered by Babergh District Council Planning Committee in three weeks time. He advised there are a number of Babergh District Council Planning Committee determined planning applications that have been appealed, including the proposed solar farm at Tattinstone. He advised the proposed Babergh District Council Local Plan continues to be considered by the Planning Inspector. Babergh District Council intends to adopt the Local Plan at a meeting to be held during December but until it is approved by the Inspector, it can not be adopted. He advised there are a number of meetings to be held to assist local councils understand the reduction of the Local Council Tax Scheme and the subsequent affects on precepts. He advised the 2014 Babergh District Council Community Achievement Awards has been launched.

7.55pm The meeting was reconvened.

113 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE TRANSPORT PANEL AND RELATED TRAFFIC MATTERS
There were no updates to report.

114 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.

115 FINANCE

(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position

The statement of payments for October 2013 was approved.

(ii) To Consider Requests for Grants

The Parish Council had received confirmation from Mrs J.Everett that the 'poppy wreath', which is laid in the Church at the Remembrance Sunday service, would be reused. The Council unanimously agreed to offer a donation of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Action: The Clerk is to forward a cheque for £50.00 to the Royal British Legion.

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

The quarterly credit card audit had been undertaken by Cllr G.Moore. The Clerk advised that a receipt for fire safety decals, costing £20.76, purchased online, was missing. No receipt had been included with the order of goods and the email confirmation had been deleted from the Parish Council computer.

116 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MEMORIALS AT THE BURIAL GROUND AND RELATED MATTERS
There were no requests to consider.

117 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE TITHE BARN PANEL

Cllr S.Curl, Cllr K.Barwick, Cllr H.Davies and Cllr J.Kitson agreed to be Tithe Barn Panel members. Cllr H.Davies agreed to set up a date for the first meeting of the Panel.

Action: Cllr S.Curl is to draft a request for volunteers to join the Tithe Barn Panel. for publication in the next issue of the In Touch magazine.

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118 2012 RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

Cllr K.Barwick advised he had been considering the Allotment Holders Agreement and raised questions associated with fire risks and insurance issues. The Clerk confirmed, that following Cllr K.Barwick's request of the day before, she had contacted Community Action Suffolk regarding the matter and was awaiting their response.

Action: The Clerk is to contact SALC regarding the question of the responsibility of potential fire risks created by allotment holders.

Action: Cllr K.Barwick is to consider amendments to the current Allotment Holders Agreement.

119 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr V.Durrant referred to the previous issue regarding the removal of street light number 13, Church Lane. He advised he had spoken to the most affected neighbour to the light, who had urged the Council to retain it. Cllr V.Durrant continued to then rescind his previous proposal to remove street light number 13.

Action: The Clerk is to amend the Parish Council order to include the installation of an ILS unit to street light number 13.

120 TO CONSIDER THE UPKEEP/REPLACEMENT OF THE 'ROCKING ROCKET' PLAY EQUIPMENT

Cllr J.Kitson considered it apparent the Rocking Rocket was in need of repair rather than replacement. He advised that he has met with Mike Herbert and together they have agreed a programme of general maintenance repair, as the weather permits. The Council agreed to replace the seat of the Rocking Rocket at a cost of £97.00 + VAT + delivery charges, and to task Cllr G.Moore to consider the safety surface under the Rocking Rocket and the tractor.

Action: The Clerk is to order a replacement seat for the Rocking Rocket from Wickstead.

Action: Cllr V.Durrant and Cllr G.Moore are to consider the safety surfaces and possible alternatives.

David Busby, County Cllr offered a grant of £1,640.00 for the refurbishment of the children's play area, should the Parish Council wish to submit an application after May 2014.

Cllr H.Davies advised she is to attend a Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) meeting to be held on 14th November 2013. The Parish Council had previously put forward a request to the PFMC that two Parish Councillors be permitted to attend the meeting but the request had been refused. She advised that Mr Damian Lavington, Chairman of the PFMC, had requested details, of the Parish Council proposals for the repair works to be carried out at the children's play area, for the consideration of the PFMC before the works are undertaken.

121 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 4th December 2013, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.

Cllr V.Durrant gave his apologies as he will be unable to attend the meeting.

122 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Cllr V.Durrant advised he had contacted Mr Graham Newman of Suffolk County Council regarding traffic flows at the Hadleigh Road / junction with A1214 and West End Road / with A1214.

Cllr H.Davies advised she continues to work on a revised draft of the Tithe Barn leaflet.

Cllr K.Barwick advised a parishioner had brought to his attention an obstruction at the Church Lane / A14 underpass footpath. The Clerk advised she had observed a Babergh District Council Landscape working in the area this afternoon.

The Clerk advised she had received a request from Mr Ralph Earey, on behalf of Sproughton Church, to borrow the Parish Council's gas barbeque at the forthcoming fireworks event. She advised she intended to allow permission to be granted but to inform him that the barbeque may not be robust enough for

'field use' and not ideally suited. Mr Earey had proposed making a contribution to the Parish Council for the use of the barbeque which the Clerk would accept.

Summary of Actions

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The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman : _____

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