

MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 12th NOVEMBER 2014, AT 7.30PM

Councillors present:

Cllr S.Curl (Chairman), Cllr K.Barwick, Cllr V.Durrant, Cllr G.Moore

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

David Busby, County Cllr

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr

123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

The Council resolved to receive the apologies from Cllr H.Davies, for her absence due to work commitments.

Apologies were received from Peter Jones, District Cllr.

124 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received.

125 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none to consider.

126 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2014, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

127 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2014

Re. minute no. 14/15 122 The Clerk advised she continues to wait for a response from Lacy, Scott & Knight, the agents for the Felix Thornley Cobbold Trust.

7.33 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from David Busby, County Cllr and Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr.

David Busby, County Cllr advised that the new Energy from Waste facility at Great Blakenham is to run group visits in the New Year, following the completion of the Visitor Centre. He advised that a new, enhanced recycling service has been launched. Information leaflets and textile bags should have been issued to all households however some Councillors had not received the information. A £100k fund has been made available to encourage people to get active in the outdoors and a completion has been launched to 'crown' the most active community in Suffolk; the closing date for applications is 7th December 2014.

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr reminded the Council that Babergh District Council has launched the 2014/2015 Community Achievement Awards; the deadline for nominations is 1st December 2014. He advised that details of the residual grants have been distributed to parish councils. He advised that the

turbine application is likely to go to the Planning Committee before Christmas 2014. He advised he had organised a meeting on 24th November 2014 with representatives of Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Sproughton Parish Council to consider the SnOasis S106 Sproughton Mitigation Measures payment.

David Busby, County Cllr advised there had been a two car accident at the A1071/Beagle roundabout on 10th November 2014.

7.45pm The meeting was reconvened.

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

Cllr V.Durrant expressed his thanks to Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr for organising the meeting to be held on 24th November 2014. Mr P Isbell, of Mid Suffolk District Council, Mr McManus, of Suffolk County Council, David Busby, Suffolk County Cllr, Nicholas Ridley, Babergh District Cllr, Sproughton Parish Cllr V.Durrant and Mr S.Lavington are to further consider the SnOasis S106 Sproughton Mitigation Measures.

129 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 S Curl advised that he hoped to attend one of the forthcoming C.I.L. workshops, being held by Babergh District Council on 8th and 9th December 2014.

130 FINANCE

(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position

The statement of payments for October 2014 was approved.

(ii) To Consider Requests for Grants

The Council agreed to offer a grant of £200 to the Sproughton Senior Citizens Club.

Action: The Clerk is to forward a cheque for £200 to the Sproughton Senior Citizens Club.

(iii) To Consider the Draft 2015/2016 Budget and Precept

There were no updates to report.

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

There were no requests to consider.

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

No report was received.

133 TO CONSIDER TITHE BARN WARDENS JOB DESCRIPTION AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

The Clerk advised she had met with Jane Draper, the Tithe Barn Warden, to put forward the counter-proposal as agreed by the Parish Council. The Council agreed to offer a set payment of £85 per Tithe Barn wedding reception booking and £35 per Tithe Barn Saturday evening party booking; the payment will cover all of the Warden's charges from the start of the hiring period to the end and will include an on-call payment fee of £50 and £20 respectively, for the entire hiring period.

Action: The Clerk is to put forward the revised payment proposals to the Warden.

The Council agreed to increase the residents hiring rates of the Tithe Barn for a wedding reception to £500 and a Saturday evening to £100, as from 1st January 2015, to allow for the increase of the Tithe Barn warden's fees.

The Council agreed that the Warden will continue to be employed on a self-employed basis.

134 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Cllr K.Barwick advised he has completed the repairs to the tractor.

135 P.F.M.C. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING PFMC SPC REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER

The details of Cllr H.Davies email, sent this afternoon, were not available for consideration.

136 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS FOR PARISHES

Cllr V.Durrant advised of a Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary joint initiative and the 'six-step plan' for organisations wishing to purchase a vehicle activated speed sign (VAS). Cllr V.Durrant agreed the Transport Panel would consider the matter. David Busby, County Cllr advised he would be happy to fund the purchase of the equipment, which could then be shared for use by neighbouring parishes.

137 TO AGREE THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The next Sproughton Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm, on 10th December 2014, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.

138 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

The Clerk advised the tree works at the Burial Ground had been undertaken.

Cllr S.Curl advised he had received a telephone call from Mr M Earey, on the morning of 9th November 2014, regarding the poppy wreath, at the Church. As the Parish Council had received no request for a replacement wreath, no action had been taken.

Cllr S.Curl advised he had been approached by Rev. Shannon who had offered the 'Jacobus' quilt, currently hanging in All Saints Church, to the Parish Council. He advised her the Parish Council would consider the matter if a formal request was received.

Summary of Actions

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The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman : _____

Date: _____

