

**MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN,  
LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015, AT 7.32PM**

Councillors present:

Cllr S.Curl (Chairman), Cllr H.Davies, Cllr V.Durrant, Cllr P.Powell

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

David Busby, County Cllr

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr

Barry Gasper, District Cllr

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

The Council resolved to receive the apologies received from Cllr K.Barwick, due to personal commitments.

47 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

48 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Clerk advised she had received two requests for dispensations for pecuniary interests, both from Cllr V.Durrant. The Clerk granted dispensations to Cllr V.Durrant to allow him to participate, or participate further, in any discussion relating to the anticipated development by Ipswich Borough Council of the former British Sugar (Sugar Beet Factory) Site, and to participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on that business by that body; and to participate, or participate further, in any discussion relating to the anticipated mixed development by Taylor Wimpey at Chantry Vale ( the land bordered by A1071, A1214 and A14), and to participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on that business by that body.

**Action: The Clerk is to write to Cllr V.Durrant to advise that dispensations have been granted.**

49 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

50 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

There were no matters to consider.

51 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

52 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

There were no matters to consider.

7.37 pm The meeting was adjourned.

David Busby, County Cllr advised a new leader to the Council had been elected at the Suffolk County Council Annual meeting, and a new Committee formed; James Finch is now the portfolio holder for

transport. He advised he had attended the recent public exhibition regarding the proposed Wolsey Grange development; he had put forward a suggestion that a joint cycle path should be created from the proposed 'lagoon' to Church Lane, in order to provide a safer route for use by students of Suffolk One.

Parish Councillors, the District Councillors and the County Councillor discussed the variations as presented in the revised Master Plan of the proposed Wolsey Grange development, at the public exhibition, presented by Taylor Wimpey, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at the Holiday Inn, London Road, Sproughton. Cllr H.Davies and Cllr P.Powell confirmed their intentions to attend the Parish Council Liaison meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr advised travellers, recently camped at Copdock, have relocated to Great Blakenham cricket field.

Barry Gasper, District Cllr referred to an email he had received from East Anglia Three regarding the off-shore wind farm proposals. A public consultation will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, from 2pm to 7pm, at Burstall and on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, at Bramford; public consultation closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. He advised that East Anglia One is reducing generation and that he has been trying to establish if this will lead to a reduction in the number of proposed conversion sites at Bramford.

8.00 pm The meeting was reconvened.

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

Cllr V.Durrant advised that a meeting had been held on 28<sup>th</sup> May when representatives of Suffolk County Council, the Highways Agency and the Police Authority met with members of the Parish Council and its Transport Panel to consider the recent A14 ONDR issues. He has grave concerns, having viewed the Highways England Process Diagram flowchart, that it doesn't include engagement with local stakeholders. Following the meeting, he considered that he can have no confidence that Highways England will improve engagement with stakeholders on future schemes. During the meeting, Highways England and Amey had admitted they hadn't followed due process. Concerns had been raised at the meeting that Highways England may have acted illegally by blanking out weight restriction signs. Cllr V.Durrant thanked David Busby, County Cllr for his input at the meeting.

Cllr V.Durrant advised he had contacted Mr S.Merry, of Suffolk County Council regarding possibilities the Police could have a problem enforcing the speed limit on the B1113, through the village, as the repeater signs on the southern approach had lost the red outline, and so were not legal, and that the signs on the northern approach were obscured by vegetation. In addition, Cllr V.Durrant had re-submitted his request to Mr S.Merry that the signs on the northern edge of the village should be replaced with those having a large yellow border. He advised that Mr S.Merry has confirmed the faded, 40mph signs and the large 30mph signs are on their order list and that any vegetation which may be obscuring signs, will be cut back.

54 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.

Councillors discussed the traffic proposals at the A1071/Beagle roundabout, as presented in the revised Master Plan of the proposed Wolsey Grange development. Cllr S.Curl suggested the developers should enter into an agreement whereby if the proposed performance is unsuccessful they would then put 'x' in place to improve traffic issues. The Council agreed to consider a response to the Taylor Wimpey consultation at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and to submit any comments by the deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

- 55 FINANCE  
(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position  
The statement of payments for May 2015 was approved.  
(ii) To Consider Requests for Grants  
There were no requests to consider.  
(iii) To Consider Allocation of Specific Precept Reserve Funds  
The Council agreed to consider this matter after the second instalment of the 2015/2016 precept demand has been received, in September 2015.
- 56 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MEMORIALS AT THE BURIAL GROUND AND RELATED MATTERS  
The Parish Council granted permission for memorials to be erected in memory of the late Edna Elvin and Ernest Ives.
- 57 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE TITHE BARN PANEL AND RELATED MATTERS  
Cllr H.Davies had circulated the minutes of the Tithe Barn Panel meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 and proposed revisions to the Tithe Barn Conditions of Hire to the Council prior to the meeting.  
The Council agreed, in principle, that a damage deposit should be held from hirers. Cllr H.Davies requested that any additional comments be returned by Friday 19 June 2015. The Council agreed to offer the newly, revised hiring agreement document to existing hirers.
- 58 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA  
There were no updates to report.
- 59 P.F.M.C. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING PFMC SPC REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER  
Cllr H.Davies advised the new benches have been installed. Cllr H.Davies and Cllr P.Powell are due to meet with the P.F.M.C. on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The Council unanimously agreed the preferred option would be for the P.F.M.C. to take on full responsibility for the children's play area and that the Parish Council would support the P.F.M.C. moving forward.
- 60 WORKPLACE PENSIONS - AUTOMATIC ENROLMENT  
Cllr P.Powell advised that he and Cllr S.Curl continue to consider the matter. He advised the staging date for the Parish Council is 1 October 2016.
- 61 REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT  
The Council has begun a review.  
Cllr V.Durrant offered to undertake an interim visual inspection of the Parish Council owned street lighting stock but asked that one other should undertake the task with him, in order that a rotational system can be put in place. Cllr S.Curl agreed to undertake the interim visual inspection with Cllr V.Durrant.
- 62 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015, at Sproughton Primary School, Church Lane, Sproughton.
- 63 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS  
Cllr S.Curl advised he had heard that Sproughton Primary School is considering a change in its status.  
Cllr H.Davies asked if the Sproughton parishioner, who stood as a Green Party candidate at the recent District Council election, had been contacted. Cllr S.Curl advised he continues to try to make contact.

Cllr S.Curl asked that the Parish Plan article, prepared by Cllr P.Powell, be sent to him for forwarding onto the editor of the In Touch magazine.

Cllr V.Durrant advised Paul Horne is a student undertaking a survey on transport in Sproughton as part of his work for his PhD . He had contacted the Parish Council regarding a request for assistance with his dissertation. Cllr V.Durrant advised he had passed anonymised data gathered from the Parish Plan onto him.

Cllr V.Durrant advised he is to contact the Rivers Action Group.

Cllr V.Durrant advised he has been contacted by Mr K.Verlander, Suffolk County Council Rights of Way officer, regarding S106 recommendations that he is putting forward to the proposed Wolsey Grange development.

Cllr P.Powell agreed to undertake the quarterly credit card audit.

Summary of Actions

48 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

**Action: The Clerk is to write to Cllr V.Durrant to advise that dispensations have been granted.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_