

MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016, AT 7.32PM

Councillors present

Cllr S. Curl (Chairman) Cllr K.Barwick, Cllr P.Powell, Cllr I.Selby

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

David Busby, County Cllr

Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr

Barry Gasper, District Cllr

Mr C. Harris

80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

The Council resolved to accept the apologies received from Cllr H.Davies, for her absence due to a personal commitment.

81 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S.Curl, Cllr K.Barwick, Cllr P.Powell and Cllr I.Selby advised they had been granted dispensations which allowed them 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.

82 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no to consider.

83 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

84 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016

Re. minute no. 16/17 71 The matter remains outstanding.

7.35pm David Busby, County Cllr arrived at the meeting.

85 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2016, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

86 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2016

The Clerk advised letters of offers had been issued. She advised there is a delay with the successful applicants stating their positions, as the requested references had not been forthcoming in a timely manner. In the meantime, Tithe Barn warden duties are being carried out by the Clerk and Jane Draper.

- 87 PUBLIC FORUM/PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
David Busby, County Cllr advised the Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner will be holding an open meeting for the Ipswich West Area, at Landmark House on 17th October 2016, at 6.30pm, and that the next SNT replacement meeting will be held at Brantham Village Hall on 28th September, at 7.30pm. He advised there had been 11k responses to the 'Devolution' consultation, which will go forward to the various councils during October.
Nicholas Ridley, District Cllr advised that the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils debate, regarding their new headquarters will be considered next week; there is an expected target of October 2017 to relocate by. He advised that the Boundary Commission is considering the number of seats. The application for the proposed ski centre and holiday resort, SnOasis, at Great Blakenham, continues to be 'live'. The deadline for the applicant to address the Reserved Matters is 31st October 2016. Mid Suffolk District Council has been informed that the applicant fully intends to submit their Reserved Matters and work is ongoing by them to meet that deadline. Both District Cllrs, Nicholas Ridley and Barry Gasper expressed concerns regarding 'rush hour' traffic using Burstall Lane; they put forward the suggestion of the Parish Council pursuing a proposal that a 'no right turn', between the hours of 7am and 9am, be introduced at the Wild Man junction.
Barry Gasper, District Cllr advised the Babergh District Council Scrutiny Committee met on 17th August 2016, to scrutinize planning and appeals. The Committee attempted to ascertain bias towards large planning applications when there could be a possibility of an appeal; these attempts were thwarted by the Babergh District Planning Department.
Sproughton resident, Mr Clive Harris referred to the intentions of Highways England to divert A14 traffic through Sproughton, for a period of 9 nights, at the beginning of October 2016. He expressed concerns regarding the Health and Safety impacts of the proposals and the apparent lack of the undertaking of an assessment of impact on Sproughton residents. In May 2015, Highways England advised they would only use Sproughton as an ONDR, in the future, as a last resort; Mr Harris questioned if the forthcoming diversion would be a last resort. The Clerk advised that Mr Aran Nugent, of Highways England, had offered to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the matter. The Council agreed to accept Mr Nugent's offer, and to ask him to come with a prepared Health and Safety Assessment, and proposals of how the contra flow system will work during the next stage of works to be undertaken in November 2016. The Council agreed to 'c.c.' David Busby, County Cllr and James Cartlidge, MP on the acceptance.
Action: The Clerk is to accept Mr Nugent's offer to meet with the Parish Council.
Mr Harris thanked the Clerk for her pursuance of the issue.
- 88 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.
- 89 PRETTYS LEGAL REPRESENTATION RE. BDC/WOLSEY GRANGE DEVELOPMENT
The Council unanimously agreed to restrict further instructions to Prettys, to those put forward by the Clerk, and for contact to come from the Clerk only. The Council agreed to continue to work towards the Judicial Review.
Action: The Clerk is to notify Prettys that no further actions are to be taken unless requested by the Clerk.
- 90 FINANCE
(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position
The statements of payments for July 2016 and August 2016 were approved.

The Clerk advised that Cllr I.Selby had verified the Parish Council bank and building society balances, as reported within the monthly Financial Summary reports, with the bank statements and passbook balances.

(ii) To Consider Requests for Grants

The Council considered two requests for grants.

A request had been received from Sproughton Sports Football Club, via Sproughton Playing Field Management Committee, for a grant to pay for grass cutting during the closed season. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to offer a grant of £297.35, to be held by Sproughton Playing Field Management Committee on behalf of Sproughton Sports Football Club, until such time as a demand for payment has been issued by the grass cutting contractor.

Action: The Clerk is to forward a cheque for £297.35 to Sproughton Playing Field Management Committee

A request had been received from Sproughton Parochial Church Council for a grant towards the cost of the final phase of development of the Church Hall. Cllr I.Selby referred to advice given at a SALC councillor training session he had attended, that a Parish Council does not have the power to award grants to church councils.

Action: The Clerk is to seek advice from SALC regarding the Parish Council power to award grants to church councils.

(iii) To Agree to Vire £319.00 from Reserve Accounts to the General Fund

The Council agreed to vire £319.00 from the Babergh District Council Discretionary Grant reserve account to the General Fund, Legal Fees.

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

Cllr P.Powell advised he had undertaken a quarterly audit of the credit card statements and that there were no matters to report.

(v) To Approve the External Auditor Certificate and Report

The Council received the external auditor certificate and report.

(vi) To Consider Arrangements for Setting the 2017/2018 Budget and Precept

A working party comprising the Clerk, Cllrs S.Curl and Cllr I. Selby will prepare a draft budget for review at the October 2016 meeting.

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

There were no requests to consider.

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

Cllr H.Davies had circulated a list of prioritised actions, via email to the Council, prior to the meeting.

The Clerk advised she had completed the 2016 Tithe Barn Fire Risk Assessment Improvements.

93 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Cllr P.Powell advised he will carry out the repairs to the tractor and liaise with Mike Herbert regarding the wet pour kit repairs.

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

There were no updates.

8.35pm David Busby, County Cllr left the meeting.

- 95 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SHOP LIAISON COUNCILLOR AND RELATED MATTERS
 Cllr P.Powell advised the shop wanted Sproughton Parish Council to simply register that the shop is making a request in principle to provide a cheese stall at the beer festival but that no opinion can be reached until the shop has been able to discuss and agree a detailed proposal at their next meeting on 21st September 2016.
 Following the issue raised by the shop regarding usage of the outside electrical socket, Cllr P.Powell advised them that it could be disconnected; for now the shop don't want the Parish Council to intervene.
 He advised a monthly invoice system is now in place for the Clerk to use.
- 96 DEFIBRILLATOR
 Cllr P.Powell advised he had contacted a community liaison paramedic who has offered make a presentation to the Parish Council.
Action: Cllr P.Powell is to arrange for the community liaison paramedic to make a presentation to the Parish Council.
- 97 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
 The Clerk agreed to undertake the annual review of the Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 98 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 Wednesday, 19th October 2016, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.
- 99 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS
 There were no matters raised.

Summary of Actions

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96 DEFIBRILLATOR

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The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman : _____

Date: _____

