

MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2016, AT 7.30PM

Councillors present

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

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

County Cllr, Dave Busby

District Cllr Nicholas Ridley

122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

Apologies were received from Barry Gasper, District Cllr.

123 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S.Curl, Cllr H.Davies, 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.

Cllr P.Powell advised he had been granted a dispensation which permitted him to take part in any discussions and decisions relating to the anticipated development by Ipswich Borough Council of the former British Sugar site (Sugar Beet Factory).

124 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none to consider.

125 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2016, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

126 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2016

There were no matters arising.

127 PUBLIC FORUM/PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr, Dave Busby advised;

A review of the refuse collection system had been undertaken, and comparisons made between the present scheme with alternatives, particularly options for kerb-side sorting; it was concluded the present system is the best and most economical for councils. He advised that four months into the Connecting Communities contracts, the five lead operators have managed the changes extremely well. Work has commenced on making the services sustainable through the development of feeder points to buses and trains. He asked that community groups, schools and local residents be encouraged to publicise and use community transport.

Subject to the weather, the A14 eastbound, between junctions 55 and 57 will be closed, in order to undertake repair works to the Orwell Bridge, 11th to 13th November 2016.

A vote to accept, or otherwise, on the devolution deal is likely mid/late November 2016. Not all councils are on-board – four Norfolk councils, including Norwich, voted not to participate.

Suffolk County Council is seeking parents' views on the proposed school admissions policy for the 2018/2019 academic year. The policy aims to ensure school places are offered to children in a fair way. The consultation runs from 1st November to 13th December 2016.

County Cllr, Dave Busby made a plea for funds on behalf of 'Greenways'; the Clerk advised that if they submitted a request to the Council, together with the requisite information, the Council would consider any request for a grant.

District Cllr Nicholas Ridley advised;

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have approved the recommendation of a cross party Joint Appointment Panel to name Arthur Charvonia as their preferred candidate for the post of Joint Chief Executive. He officially starts in his post on 1st January 2017.

Babergh District Council is optimistic there will be a Suffolk scheme regardless of the overall 'devolution' outcome.

It is likely that Babergh District Council will set the maximum Council Tax increase allowed which would not trigger a referendum.

7.50pm Cllr H.Davies left the meeting.

Cllr S.Curl asked what the likelihood of a unitary authority would be; District Cllr Ridley considered it would be unlikely.

128 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.

129 FINANCE

(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position

The statement of payments for October 2016 was 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

There were no requests to consider.

(iii) To Consider the 2017/2018 Budget and Precept

Due to variables not having yet been set by Babergh District Council, final figures could not be set at this time.

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

There were no requests to consider.

131 TITHE BARN MATTERS, INCLUDING COURTYARD FLOOD PROTECTION, EXTERNAL BRICK REPAIRS AND STORAGE OF THE SCHOOL'S STAGE

Cllr S.Curl had researched options of 'flood board' protection for the Barley Room. The Council discussed the viability of installing a direct link to the existing drainage system.

Action: Cllr K.Barwick is to provide a draft proposal of works and obtain quotes for the drainage work to be undertaken.

The Clerk advised the Tithe Barn brickwork, along the road-side, was badly deteriorating and needed to be repaired.

Action: Cllr K.Barwick is to obtain quotes for the brickwork to be repaired.

The Clerk advised that storage space was becoming limited in the Tithe Barn store room; the Council agreed to ask the School to accommodate the storage of their stage.

Action: The Clerk is to ask the School if they would be able to accommodate the storage of their stage.

132 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Parish Council had received the 2016 Annual Inspection Report of the Play Area; Cllr P.Powell advised there were only a few low risk matters to address.

The Council unanimously agreed that Cllr P.Powell and Cllr H.Davies should meet with the P.F.M.C. to discuss, initially on an informal basis, the handover of the Play Area, together with the balance of the associated reserve account balance.

Action: Cllr P.Powell and Cllr H.Davies are to meet with the P.F.M.C. to discuss the handover of the Play Area.

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

There were no updates.

134 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SHOP LIAISON COUNCILLOR AND RELATED MATTERS

Cllr P.Powell had advised the shop of the forthcoming change of electricity provider, and subsequent change of tariff.

Cllr S.Curl advised he had received notification that when he resigned from his position as a director of the community shop, all ties had been severed.

135 DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr P.Powell advised a quote had been received from Martin C.Gilbert Ltd for £270.00 + VAT, to fit and connect a defibrillator at the Tithe Barn. Re. minute no. 16/17 113, the Council had agreed to set a budget of £1,500.00 for procurement of a cabinet unit, key code and pads at an ~ cost of £1,275.00. The budget was short by £45.00, which the Council agreed to vire from the Queen's Birthday Celebration precept balance.

The Council considered the need to precept £200.00 per financial year for the future replacement of the defibrillator.

Action: The Clerk is to place an order the defibrillator.

136 TO CONSIDER HIRE CHARGE FOR SPROUGHTON EVENT'S USE OF TITHE BARN TABLES & CHAIRS

Cllr S.Curl advised that Sproughton Events had been unable to offer the Parish Council a donation for the use of the Tithe Barn tables and chairs at their recent fete but that they would be willing to pay a hire charge in the future. The Clerk had researched local hire company charges which would equate to a charge of £296.50. The Council unanimously agreed to offer the hire of the Tithe Barn tables and chairs for use by Sproughton Events, at their annual fete, for a nominal charge of £50.00, to be held in a renewal fund for the future replacement of the defibrillator, and to hold a £200.00 damage deposit.

Action: The Clerk is to notify Sproughton Events.

137 TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARD FOR THE HADLEIGH ROAD SITE

The Council unanimously agreed to set a budget of £750.00 for the purchase and installation of a new notice board.

Action: The Clerk is to arrange for a new notice board to be bought and installed at the Hadleigh Road site.

- 138 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, 14th December 2016, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.
- 139 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS
Cllr K.Barwick advised a tap needs replacing at the Sproughton Garden Allotments.

Summary of Actions

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Chairman : _____

Date: _____