

**MINUTES OF THE SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016, AT 7.32PM**

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, Barry Gasper

District Cllr, Nicholas Ridley

140 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED

No apologies were received.

141 TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S.Curl, Cllr. K.Barwick, 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).

Cllr S.Curl advised he had a pecuniary interest re. agenda item no: 10, "appointment of Tithe Barn warden".

142 CONSIDERATION FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR A PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none to consider.

143 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

144 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

Re. min. no: 16/17/131 Cllr K.Barwick advised he is awaiting quotes for the Tithe Barn brickwork repairs and drainage works.

Re. min. no: 16/17/132 Cllr P.Powell advised a meeting is to be held in January 2017 with the P.F.M.C., to discuss the handover of the Play Area.

Re. mon. no: 16/17/135 The Clerk had circulated new information regarding issues with the locked defibrillator cabinets, and the question of grant funding for the project, to the Council prior to the meeting. The Council reaffirmed their resolution to purchase a locked cabinet, and to fully fund the project from Parish Council funds.

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

County Cllr, Dave Busby advised;

Trading Standards research has shown that not all healthy snack foods are as healthy as presumed, and that consumers should be aware of this.

There is a new proposal for First Buses to undertake the Martlesham and Copdock Park & Ride routes. The Sizewell 'C' Stage 2 consultations are being undertaken.

District Cllr Nicholas Ridley advised;

Babergh District Council's head office will be re-locating to Endeavour House, Ipswich.

There is likely to be an increase of between 2.5% to 3.5% on the 2017/2018 Babergh District Council portion of the Council Tax demands.

With respect to the recent court findings of the East Bergholt Judicial Review, if mistakes have been made in the Babergh District Council Core Strategy, it will be important to resolve the issues in the new Local Plan.

District Cllr, Barry Gasper advised a scrutiny process of neighbourhood plans is to commence; the process is to be spread over three scrutiny committees.

146 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.

147 FINANCE

(i) To Approve Payments and Budget Position

The statement of payments for November 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

The Council had received a request from Sproughton Tennis Club for a grant of £200.00, to pay for repairs to benches and a generic request for a grant from S.A.R.S..

The S137 budget has been allocated for the year 2016/2017, and there are no further available funds. Cllr S.Curl proposed, and the Council unanimously agreed, the Council will introduce a process by which grant applications will be considered at the April and October meetings.

**Action: Cllr S.Curl is to publicise the introduction of the system by which grant applications will be considered by the Parish Council.**

**Action: The Clerk is to incorporate the system by which grant applications will be considered into the Parish Council Financial Regulations.**

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

The Council unanimously agreed to set the 2017/2018 budget at £54,320 and to submit a precept demand for £50,139.00; a 0% increase.

**Action: The Clerk is to submit a precept demand for £50,139.00 to Babergh District Council.**

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

The Council unanimously agreed to grant the request for a memorial to be erected in memory of the late Michael James Frank Sanderson.

The Clerk advised she had received a report of missing floral memorials, presumed stolen, from a grave at Sproughton Burial Ground; she will report the matter to the Police Authority.

**Action: The Clerk is to submit a report regarding the missing floral memorials to the Police Authority.**

149 TITHE BARN MATTERS, INCLUDING COURTYARD FLOOD PROTECTION, EXTERNAL BRICK REPAIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF TITHE BARN WARDEN

8.12pm Cllr S.Curl, Cllr D.Busby & Cllr B.Gasper left the meeting, and the room.

The Council considered the appointments previously made of the Tithe Barn warden, and deputies.  
8.20pm The Clerk, Mrs S Frankis left the meeting, and the room.  
8.30pm The Clerk, Mrs S Frankis returned to the room, and the meeting.  
The meeting entered a Confidential Session.  
The Confidential Session ended.  
8.33pm Cllr S.Curl, Cllr D.Busby & Cllr B.Gasper returned to the room, and the meeting.

150 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Cllr H.Davies advised she had attended the P.F.M.C. A.G.M., and subsequent meeting. Cllr H.Davies and Cllr P.Powell are due to meet with the P.F.M.C., in January 2017, to discuss the handover of the Play Area.

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

There were no updates.

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

Cllr P.Powell advised that the shop had asked that if there might be logistical issues regarding the beer festival, they be notified as soon as possible.

153 REVIEW OF BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL STREET NAME AND NUMBERING SERVICE

The Clerk advised that Babergh District Council is currently reviewing their street name and numbering service. In 2010, it was decided that the Parish and Town Council, not the developer, be invited to suggest new road names, as these tend to have local historical or geographical significance. This process can delay the street naming and numbering workflow as decisions can take some time to reach. Babergh District Council is therefore asking for a list of appropriate street names to be forwarded, which can be kept on file and referred to when a new request from a developer is received.

**Action: The Clerk is to use the parish tithe map to draft a list of street names for the Parish Council to consider.**

154 SPROUGHTON ALLOTMENTS – ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Cllr S.Curl advised that Babergh District Council has accepted the Parish Council nomination, submitted under the Community Right to Bid, to list the agricultural land used as Allotment Gardens, at Bramford Road, Sproughton as an asset of community value. The land has been added to the list of Assets of Community Value w.e.f. 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.

155 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, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.

156 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Cllr P.Powell advised he had received an email from the River Gipping Trust (RGT) advising they have met with Ben Gummer MP, who in turn has asked them to put forward costings to restore the river from Stowmarket to Ipswich; the estimate put forward by the RGT is £10.7million.

Summary of Actions

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The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

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