

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SPIXWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT
7:30 pm ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020 BY REMOTE ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM
VIDEO CONFERENCING

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: Mr P Rowe (Chairman)
Mr V Barrell (Vice Chairman)
Mr S Cullington
Mr K Harkin-Perry
Mr M Knight
Mrs S Holland (District Councillor)
Mrs M Kiddell

CLERK: Mrs C. Lake– Parish Clerk

Reports and Parishioner's Question Time

Broadland District Council: Councillor Holland reported that Broadland will be holding an overview and scrutiny panel, looking for topics for consideration in the coming months.


Green home grants are now up and running, £5000 will be put towards insulation anybody who wishes further information to contact councillor Holland. Clerk to add information to website and social media pages.

In the White Paper, the Government have proposed radical changes to the planning system and sought to simplify the role of Local Plans, so that they focus on identifying land under one of three categories: Growth Areas, Renewal Areas and Protected Areas. The proposed response to the frontloading of the local plan process was to ensure that there was significant community engagement at the development allocation stage. In addition, housing numbers would no longer be set locally, but by Government.

Norfolk County Council: Councillor D Roper sent his apologies and provided a report via email to the clerk.

A key area of concern has been the increase in Covid cases reported in Great Yarmouth. This is not a workplace outbreak but appears to be general population spread. The increase initially jumped from 25 to 49 per 100,000 of population and is now at 95. This compares to 19 in Broadland. However, the Great Yarmouth level is still below the national average.

The budget next year will see another 3.99% Council tax increase. At the moment this is on top of £35m of cuts but this could increase if more government funding does not materialise. At the moment the books are showing that despite the cuts and tax increase the Council will still be £15m short.


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One area where I will be following up is that there is a drop in customer satisfaction recorded in recent months. With changes in working arrangements it seems we have not yet got it right in terms of people being able to get the right answers from the right people.

In better news work on the new recycling centre off the NDR will start in January next year, work on the new access road will start in four weeks. The Centre is due to open in September 2021.

The hazardous waste days were once again popular but with big queues at peak times, the question has been raised about a possible booking system next year.

I am still following up on school transport. I have been assured that all children within catchment for a school who do not receive free transport should now have access to purchasing a spare seat. If anyone hears of any further problems, please let me know. I am aware that the staggered starts at some schools have also caused issues.

AGENDA

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor D Roper

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nothing to report.

3. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mrs M Kiddell was co-opted to serve on the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed in presence of the clerk after the meeting due to it being held remotely.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1st September 2020, were agreed, and signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING (NOT COVERED BY AGENDA)

Councillor Rowe confirmed that the village hall no dog signs had been ordered.

6. TO DISCUSS CHANGE OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Barrell expressed that he wishes to step down from the vice chairman role due to health reasons. He will continue to serve as a parish councillor. Councillor Holland offered to carry out the role on a temporary basis, however Councillor Knight offered to take the role on permanently. The council agreed to Councillor Knight taking the vice chair position.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Balances were noted. The following cheques and payments were authorised for payment in accordance with the budget as per tabled schedule 6th October 2020.

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proposed by Councillor P Rowe.

7.2 There was an error with Bank Reconciliation spreadsheet up to the 30th September 2020. The clerk explained that the accounts spreadsheet was showing that it had £928.55 more than what was stated on the bank statement. This cost relates to an EON streetlight energy payment minus VAT. Councillor Rowe and Councillor Holland offered to investigate the error.

7.3 The clerk advised the council that both the cycle speed way and the youth football club have asked if the parish council can help towards some of their costs and repairs in the way of a grant or donation. Councillor Holland advised that Spixworth Parish Council does not have a general power of competence and asked if the clerk could look at the finance regulations section 137 and to reinstate the donation policy. Due to it being public money the council have to abide to certain rules when it comes to donations. The council to reinstate the donation policy and bring to the next meeting.

Approved payments for September 2020

Expenses September 2020

11.09.2020	1&1 Webmail	Web hosting	DD	12.00
16.09.2020	EON	Streetlight Energy (September 2020)	DD	1114.26
16.09.2020	Site box	1 x dog bin Quaker Lane	BACS	113.40
17.09.2020	Amazon	3 x Hand Sanitisers for Village Hall	BACS	47.97
22.09.2020	WIX	Annual Payment for website hosting	BACS	86.40
23.09.2020	Clerk	September wages	BACS	1310.98
25.09.2020	Opus Energy	Office Electric	DD	51.71
30.09.2020	Village Keeper	September wages	BACS	284.00

Income September 2020

29.09.2020	Spixworth Village Hall	3 x Hand sanitisers	43.70
30.09.2020	Broadland District Council	2nd Precept instalment	44,000.00
02.09.2020	Spixworth Village Hall	Invoice Repayments	12,344.47

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OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS- agreed on the 6.10.2020 Parish Council Meeting

07.10.2020	Cozens	50 x LED streetlight (annual upgrade for 2020/21)	£18,000
07.10.2020	Mr K Harkin-Perry	Copy of key for filing cabinet	£5.10
07.10.2020	Norfolk Pension Fund	September Pension Contribution	£457.91
07.10.2020	HMRC	September Tax Payment	£374.95
07.10.2020	Mayday	Overdue services amount	£18.20
07.10.2020	Norfolk County Council	Village Gateway signs x 3 Parish Partnership Scheme 20/21	£2,500
07.10.2020	Ashton Legal	Crostick Lane Amenity Land	£744.00
07.10.2020	Ashton Legal	Allotments & Section 106 advice	£672.00
07.10.2020	Cozens	Streetlight Maintenance (August)	£450
07.10.2020	Garden Guardian	Grass Maintenance (September)	£1163.59
23.10.2020	Clerk	October Wages (inc overtime)	£1460.00
30.10.2020	Village Keeper	October Wages	£280.00

8. PLANNING MATTERS

The following Planning Applications were discussed by the Council:

8.1 Ref: 20201517

Location: Moorsticks, Buxton Road

Description: Change of use from 4-bedroom B&B to residential house

No comments or objections were received

8.2 Ref: 20201600

Location: 36 Crostick Lane, Spixworth

Description: Re submission of previously approved application

(ref 20200209) No comments or objections were received

8.3 Ref: 20201584

Location: 121 Crostick Lane, Spixworth

Description: Two storey rear extension

No comment or objections were received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.) Letter-Anglian Water Information about works
- 2.) E-mail-Norfolk Police Newsletter
- 3.) E-Mail-Norwich Western Link consultation reminder
- 4.) E-Mail CPRE Planning White Paper



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10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

None

11. AMENITY MATTERS

11.1 The clerk reported that a resident from Russell Avenue had complained about vehicles parking directly outside his property to access Greg's Meadow. Originally there was a gate to stop vehicles, but this has since gone. The resident asked if the council would put up no parking signs and install some posts. Councillor Holland commented that this issue has been raised before and people still parked in front of Greg's meadow despite the gate. If a vehicle is blocking the resident's driveway then this is an obstruction matter that only the police can enforce. If the council were to put yellow lines down the question was raised as to who police would this. As Russell Avenue is Highway land Norfolk County Council have the authority to put signs up.

11.2 Councillor Roper had previously reported via email to the clerk that there will be no problem with the parish council taking on the amenity land on Crostwick Lane. Councillor Holland said that the parish council should agree to the section 38 once Hopkins Home have cut back the hedge. The council agreed to this and asked the clerk to advise Hopkins Home and Nigel Harris at Broadland District Council.

12. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 3rd November 2020, to be held by Zoom video conferencing.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47 pm



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