

# NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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To members of the Council:  
You are hereby summoned to attend a

## Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

To be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Spratton Village Hall, School Road, Spratton at **7.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

**Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at its Open Forum from 7.30 pm to 7.45 pm**

### AGENDA

#### 145.18 PUBLIC FORUM:

- This is an opportunity for Parish Residents, and members of other Councils, once recognised by the Chairman, to make brief representations or ask questions of the Parish Council. Each will be allowed three minutes to address the Parish Council.
- Although the Parish Council will endeavour to answer all questions put to it, persons asking questions should not expect immediate answers, but rather a formal written response in due course.
- Those who wish to comment on an agenda item should do so at this time
- All speakers will normally be asked to introduce themselves and address their remarks to the Chair
- The minutes will not show names of representatives or be a verbatim report of the Public Forum.

#### 146.18 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

#### 147.18 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018.

#### 148.18 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – For Information only: None.

#### 149.18 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

##### To receive

1. Non-pecuniary
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

#### 150.18 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (GPOC): The GPOC gives councils the power to do anything that individuals generally may do, as long as it does not break the law. In order to use this power certain eligibility criteria and conditions apply. The eligibility conditions are set out in The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. To become eligible a council must:

- 1) Resolve at a full council meeting that it meets the criteria for eligibility, and a further resolution must be passed at every subsequent annual meeting.
- 2) At the time that the resolution is passed at least two thirds of the Council must hold office as a result of being declared elected. ***Spratton Parish Council has 7 elected Councillors out of a possible total of 10.***
- 3) At the time of the resolution being passed the Clerk must hold a relevant qualification, such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA). ***The Clerk has successfully completed the CILCA qualification.***

In light of the above criteria being satisfied the Council are to consider passing a resolution to this effect, and formally adopts the General Power of Competence.

**151.18 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE****a) Income received -**

DDC Precept second payment - £20,500.00

**b) Payment of outstanding invoices.** Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (if any)

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
16/10/18	PKF Littlejohn	External audit	3277	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
08/10/18	O2	Office phone	Direct debit	£31.20	£6.24	£37.44
16/10/18	Merland copy and print	Newsletter printing	3278	£389.40	£0.88	£390.28
08/10/18	Came and Co	Annual insurance renewal	Bank transfer			£798.42
16/10/18	R & G	September mowing	3281	£854.52	£170.90	£1025.42
16/10/18	J Hunt	Newsletter delivery	3279			£30.00
16/10/18	E.ON	October streetlighting	3280	£171.82	£34.32	£205.94

**c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018:** Parish Council to make resolution to approve.**d) Insurance renewal:** Up-date to council.**e) Resources meeting:** Date to be arranged for a Resources meeting to complete budget review and Precept planning for 2019/20**152.18 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****a) Planning Applications to consider and make resolution – None**

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer

**b) Planning application decisions to report (if any)- None****c) Planning appeals for information: None****d) Future Development and planning in Spratton:** Council to consider the future of development and housing, in particular social housing within Spratton.**153.18 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP****a) Village Handyman:** Additional work (if any) – The fence and rails leading to the churchyard. Up-date from Cllr Vellam. Council to discuss and make a resolution as to whether to instruct handyman to fix.**b) East View Cemetery Issues** (if any) to discuss and make resolution. None**c) Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any) –****1. Ash tree at the pound-** The Ash tree at the Pound will need trimming in the coming months. Council to discuss and make resolution regarding this work.**154.18 NATURAL SPRATTON (including Spratton Pocket Park Advisory Group)**

Parish Council to receive and consider update reports and Advisory Group recommendations in respect of the following: -

**a) Jubilee Wood –** Council to receive up-date.**b) Spratton Pocket Park -** Council to receive up-date.**155.18 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP (including Street Lighting Advisory Group and Northampton Northern Orbital Consultation Sub-Committee)****a) Streetlighting:** Up-date to Council.**b) Buses:** Council to receive an up-date and make any resolution as necessary.**c) Grit Bins:** Up-date, Clerk has informed NCC that the Council are willing to take ownership of the grit bin on Smith Street. Clerk is awaiting paperwork from NCC.**d) Spratton Sands Bridge repairs:** Council to receive up-date.**e) Speeding Brixworth Road:** Council to discuss the speeding on Brixworth road and make any resolution as necessary.

**156.18 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP:** Parish Council to receive and consider any updated reports and Advisory Group recommendations.

- a) **Youth Club-** A quote of £150 has been received from Gemma Johnstone-Smith from Clubs for Young People Northampton (CYPN) to carry out a survey of the young people in the area. This survey is to ascertain the need and type of a youth club going forward in Spratton. CYPN have contacted Brixworth to try to share the survey with them as the young people will be attending the same Secondary School for example. If shared this will then reduce the cost of the survey for Spratton. Council to consider and make resolution regarding the survey.
- b) **Town and land charity (T&LC)-** Clerk has contacted NCALC for advice regarding the concerns raised about the management of the T&LC, and the Council's responsibilities and powers in relation to this. The Clerk was strongly advised that the Parish Council should not take any further action as this could be deemed as interfering with the Charity Commission's investigation. NCALC confirmed that if concerns had been reported to the Charity Commission the Council will have fulfilled any obligations. Clerk also asked for advice regarding individual members of the Council acting as individuals (such as leafleting or arranging meeting etc) NCALC again advised against this. NCALC advised it would be difficult to show that a Cllr was acting as an individual outside of the Parish Council.
- c) **PCSO –** Cllr to discuss any priorities for the PCSO that can be passed on to the SPOC Mr Peter Hunt. Council to discuss Mr Hunt's role as SPOC and the responsibilities and decisions he can make on behalf of the Council and village. Council to discuss and make resolution as necessary.
- d) **SPECIAL MOTION in accordance with SPC standing orders s7 and 9 a, adopted on May 2018.**  
The following Special Motion has been proposed by Councillors Wilkes and Donnelly. Spratton Parish Council should reconsider their decision regarding the location of the Memorial Bench Commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War. Council to consider this motion and make a resolution regarding this decision.
- e) **SUBJECT TO A RESOLUTION BEING MADE UNDER ITEM 155.18 e –** Council to reconsider the previous decision regarding the location of the Memorial Bench Commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War and make a resolution as necessary.
- f) **Phone-box :** Up-date and council to make any resolution as necessary to progress project.
- g) **Litter:** Litter around the village. Councillors to discuss and make resolution as necessary.

**157.18 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE:**

- a) **Proposed relocation of Daventry Library –** It is proposed to relocate the current library to the Abbey Advice and Resource Centre (The Abbey Centre). Daventry Library currently occupies a former school building in the town centre which is owned by Daventry District Council (DDC). The current site is in a poor condition and is no longer an ideal venue for Library Services. DDC would like to develop the site, which has led to the need for NCC to look for alternative premises for the library. DDC has offered NCC the use of most of the ground floor of the Abbey Centre which is less than half a mile away from the current library building. The Abbey Centre is a purpose-built facility which is shared by voluntary sector partners who provide services that could be complimented by the services offered in the library. Although the floor space at the Abbey Centre is slightly smaller than the current site the layout will be planned by a professional library designer to maximise usage of the space. DDC believe the relocation to the Abbey Centre will be beneficial and will be better than the current location. The public library area will be in one open, brighter space which will be more easily accessed. DDC have offered to pay for the refit and refurbishment of the propose new library space within the Abbey Centre. Moving to an alternative location would mean that NCC would have to fund any refit or refurbishment to make it fit for purpose to be used as a library. Views on this consultation can be given via Northamptonshire County Council's website or by their online questionnaire. Closing date at **5pm on 11 November 2018**. Council to consider and make a resolution regarding the response.
- b) **Community Governance Review -** Daventry District Council is carrying out a Community Governance Review. This is the process that allows the Council to make changes to parishes, such as boundaries and the numbers of Parish Councillors. The Council has invited Daventry Town Council, together with parish councils in the Daventry District, to submit proposals for change and people living in the parishes concerned are now invited to comment on those proposals during a nine-week public consultation. Closing date **16 November 2018**. Council to discuss and make a resolution regarding their response.

**158.18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated)-**  
None.

**159.18 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED-** None.

**160.18 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting).**

**161.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30 pm**, Spratton Village Hall, School Road, Spratton.

*\*Papers attached available on website but unfortunately, due to lack of space cannot be displayed on Noticeboard. Please contact Clerk if you would like to see any of the attached papers.*



Signed.....  
Emma Gibson, Clerk to Spratton Parish Council

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**2018/19 ORDINARY MEETINGS**

October Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
November Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
December (T.B.C) Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
January Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
February Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
March Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
April Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

May (annual meeting) Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
**Annual Parish Meeting** (NOT a Parish Council meeting): T.B.C