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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 in Spratton Village Hall, Spratton at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Hunt (Chair), Lydia Crawford, Denise Fry and Sally Wilkes.

In attendance: Emma Gibson Clerk and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Colin Donnelly.

18.20 PUBLIC FORUM: Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at its Open Forum. 15 minutes. Speakers have up to 3 minutes each.

- Presentation from the REC Committee regarding their grant application submission. Council agreed it would be on the March agenda for full consideration now the paperwork had been received. Council emphasised that the PC does support the REC considering that the PC must always consider budgetary constraints and competing interests for funds.
- Wheelie Bins on the REC still required. Clerk agreed she needed to chase this with DDC.
- **Concerns raised by public regarding the West Northamptonshire Strategic Land Availability Assessment Methodology (SLAA) – Technical Consultation Document.** Council urged to consider it fully and respond.

19.20 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies received from Cllr Donnelly. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

20.20 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR: No applicants at this meeting.

21.20 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 21ST JANUARY 2020. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

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

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

To receive

1. Non-pecuniary : None
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest : None

24.20 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE

a) **Income received:** None.

b) **Payment of outstanding invoices.** Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 14th February 2020 and 25th February 2020 (if any)

DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
26.02.2020	Hunt	Mileage PC Meeting	BT			£11.25
26.02.2020	Gibson	February salary	BT			£762.70
26.02.2020	E Gibson	Homeworking allowance	BT			£18.00
26.02.2020	NEST	Pension contributions	DD			£56.37
26.02.2020	Peacocks	Streetlighting repairs	BT	£82.50	£16.50	£99.00
26.02.2020	E.On	Streetlighting electricity	BT	£220.50	£44.10	£264.60
26.02.2020	O2	Office phone	DD	£31.98	£6.40	£38.38

c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 31st January 2020:** Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

d) **Council website:** Council considered current website provider the overall service they are currently receiving, and whether they should add a security certificate to the website. Council **RESOLVED** to instruct Parish Council Websites to build a new website and move to a .gov.uk address.

e) **REC Grant application:** Application for grant and supporting documents (if submitted prior to meeting) to be considered by Council. Council received documentation on the afternoon of the meeting therefore in sufficient time to consider prior to the meeting. Council **RESOLVED** to consider application at the March meeting.

25.20 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Planning Applications to consider and make resolution:

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer
DA/2020/0077	Work to tree subject to TPO	33 Brixworth Road, Spratton	02.03.2020	M Venton

DA/2020/0077, 33 Brixworth Road, Spratton, Work to tree subject to TPO. Council **RESOLVED** to support the application. Cllr Wilkes to draft a response.

DA/2019/0888, Reconstruction of stone pillar to church yard entrance from Brixworth Road, St Andrews Church Spratton. Application received after agenda completed. Council confirmed it was the PC's own application, to make repairs to the stone pillar and therefore the Clerk could respond on the Council's behalf using the powers delegated to her. The Council had no objections to the application.

b) Planning application decisions to report (if any):

DA/2019/1033, 19 Welford Road, Spratton, Permission granted subject to conditions.

DA/2019/1030, Five Chimneys, Spratton Grange, Permission granted subject to conditions.

c) **Planning appeals for information:** APP/Y2810/W/20/3244975, Land At 25, Holdenby Road, Spratton.

d) **Planning Committee for information:** None.

26.20 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP

a) **Village Handyman:** Up-date to be received. Additional work (if any) – None.

b) **East View Cemetery Issues:** (if any) to discuss and make resolution -

c) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any):**

d) **Defibrillator:** Up-date. Cllr Wilkes and Cllr Crawford to check defibrillators over the weekend and report back to Clerk.

e) **Bins in the village:** Concerns received regarding theft of bins in the village, one at the bottom of Roly Banks and another on Church Road. Council discussed and resolved to contact NCC to see if they had any second-hand stock of bins before purchasing new bins. **ACTION:** Clerk to make enquiries.

27.20 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP (including Street Lighting Advisory Group)

a) **Streetlighting:** Council discussed presentation by Zeta lighting. Mr Mark Wood of Zeta lighting met with Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllrs raised questions regarding light pollution, energy efficient savings, warranty of the product, and direction of the light. Council discussed the tone of the lighting in the village and concerns that the lighting maybe too stark. Council also discussed with Mr Wood options such as dimming lights between midnight and 5am. Council felt their concerns had been addressed and the benefits of reliable more cost-effective lighting in the village were clear. Council **RESOLVED** to make enquiries regarding any loan available and review the budget and energy savings new lights will bring. Council would look to replace all the lights at once (subject to accounts) and have the lights dimmed by 50% between midnight and 5am.

b) **Speeding cameras:** Up-date received. Cameras are still being moved around the village. Cllr Wilkes still chasing NCC for the new poles to be installed so cameras can be moved to other areas of the village. Hopeful this will be soon. PC would like to extend their thanks to Mr Wilkes and Cllr Donnelly for their time spent on this.

c) **Buses:** Update received. Parishes to pay for the period between April and July 2020 until decision about service continuing past July 2020 is received from NCC. Some Parishes are still considering their position which may then make a difference to the participating Parishes figures. Council **RESOLVED** to allow Cllr Hunt up to an extra £1,000 to secure the bus service.

d) **Double yellow lines on Church Road and Brixworth Road:** Up-date received. NCC advice sought regarding extension of yellow lines. It will take a year for this to be done unless Council want to pay £4,000. Council agreed to wait for it to be done, but to ask villagers to park away from this corner to allow the bus to safely make the turning.

28.20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

a) **PCSO –SPOC:** Cllr to discuss any priorities for the PCSO that can be passed. Council discussed and nothing to report to PCSO this month. Cllr Crawford to liaise with PCSO Miller as required.

b) **Litter-pick:** Community Litter-pick being arranged for 15th March 2020.

c) **Citizens Advice financial support request:** Request for support received from CAB forwarded to Cllrs. Council considered and **RESOLVED** not to donate.

- d) **Armed Forces Community Covenant:** The Ministry of Defence, is approaching councils and business around the country with a request that they support the Armed Forces Community Covenant. This is an initiative by which any business or organisation can sign up to try to help the forces veterans and families to obtain employment or receive other help. Cllrs discussed and **RESOLVED** to sign up to the covenant.
- e) **Newsletter adverts:** Council discussed who could manage newsletter advertisements and will consider further at next meeting as no decision could be made.

29.80 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR): Up-date received.

30.20 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE: Council to consider any additional consultations received Between 14th February 2020 and 25th February 2020.

- a) **West Northamptonshire Strategic Land Availability Assessment Methodology (SLAA) – Technical Consultation Document.** SLAA will be an assessment of land availability to help identify future supply of land for housing and economic development over the plan period covered by the proposed West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan. A draft methodology for undertaking the SLAA has been produced and NCC are inviting comments on the methodology. Comments can be submitted online via the consultation website <https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/SLAAConsultation/> or email: westnorthantsjpu@northampton.gov.uk. The deadline for comments is 5.00pm on Friday 27th March 2020. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to look at before the March 2020 meeting so a joint response may be submitted if required.

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

32.20 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. None.

33.20 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting). None.

34.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17th March 2020 7.30 pm, Spratton Village Hall, School Road, Spratton.

- Council discussed July 2020 meeting **RESOLVED** that this date would be changed from Tuesday 21st July 2020 Tuesday 14th July 2020.
- Council also discuss Annual Village Meeting Council **RESOLVED** that this would be held prior to the PC May meeting on Tuesday 19th May 2020 at 7pm.

9.25pm meeting closed.

Signed.....
Cllr J Hunt Chair to Spratton Parish Council

Date:

2019-20

Meeting dates

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020

Tuesday 19th May 2020

Annual Village Meeting Tuesday 19th May 2020 7pm