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Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 17th July 2018 in Spratton Village Hall, Spratton at **7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs John Hunt (Chair), Jay Tindale (Vice Chair), Lydia Crawford, Louise Smith, Paul Vellam, Barry Ward and Sally Wilkes.

In attendance: Emma Gibson, Clerk, Cllr John Shepard DDC and 1 member of the public.

Apologies: None.

111.18 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.

- The public had no comments.

112.18 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- None

113.18 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR. Cllrs to make resolution regarding the co-option of a new Parish Councillor if required. Not required on this occasion.

114.18 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUES 19th JUNE 2018. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

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

116.18 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: To receive

- 1. Non-pecuniary** – Cllr Hunt declared interest in item 124.18 (b) as he was a trustee on the Town and Land Charity until last year.
- 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** – None.

PROPOSAL TO MOVE FORWARD ITEM 117.18 (d) – Agreed

117.18 (d) PCSO: Up-date regarding PCSO initiative was discussed. Agreements have now been received and copies forward to Councillors. Cllrs considered agreements and asked questions regarding PCSO absences, and deployment which were answered by Cllr Shephard. Council **RESOLVED** that in common with all other parish councils in the Spratton Ward of Daventry District Council, Spratton will sponsor a Police Community Support Officer on the terms set out in the two agreements. The Council authorises and instructs the Chairman to sign the said agreements on behalf of the Council. Cllr Hunt signed the agreements. The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the PCSO was identified as Mr Peter Hunt neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. Mr Hunt's contact details were passed to Cllr Shephard.

117.18 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE

a) Income received –

06.07.18 – Burial Fee £250.00

b) Payment of outstanding invoices. Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 12th July 2018 and 17th July 2018 (if any)

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
25/06/18	E Gibson	June Salary	Bank transfer			£778.54
17/07/18	Autela	Q1 Payroll	3199	£51.00	£10.20	£61.20
17/07/18	R & G	Mowing	3200	£854.52	£170.00	£1025.42
17/07/18	E.ON	July Streetlighting electricity	3201	£171.62	£34.32	£205.94
22/07/18	O2	July office phone	DD	£31.20	£6.24	£37.44
17/07/18	J Hunt	Newsletter delivery	3202			£30.00
25/07/18	E Gibson	July Salary	Bank transfer			£752.56
25/07/18	NEST	Pension contributions	DD			£34.36
17/07/18	J Pye	June green works	3203			£250.00
17/07/18	Peacocks	Lighting up-grade	3204	£2,928.57	£585.71	£3,514.28

- Invoice received from St Andrew's Heritage Society for the Annual Corporate Membership Fee of £100. Council discussed this at length and after careful consideration **RESOLVED** not to make this contribution on this occasion due to the potential future pull on the Council's resources.
- c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments report to 30th June 2018:** Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- e) **Asset register:** Up-date regarding the storage container on the Rec received. The Council had a lengthy discussion which concluded that after inspections of the container a lot of the electrical equipment appears unsalvageable due to water damage. The Council **RESOLVED** to gift the container and the contents to the REC. The REC Committee could then sell any contents that were in reasonable condition for the good of the REC so that work such as securing the REC could be undertaken.

118.18 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) **Planning Applications to consider and make resolution – None**

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer
DA/2018/0546	First floor rear extension	Dalesville, 17 Gorse Rd, Spratton	27/07/18	D Jordan

DA/2018/0546 Council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** Cllr Wilkes to look at the application and draft a response to be considered by Cllrs before sending.

- b) **Planning application decisions to report (if any)-**
DA/2018/0379 – 12 Gorse Road, Spratton. Permission granted.
- c) **Planning appeals for information:**
DA/2017/1252 – 32 St Lukes Close, Spratton.

08.14 PM Cllr Wilkes left the meeting due to a prior commitment.

119.18 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP

- a) **Village Handyman:** Additional work (if any) – Council raised two issues with the handyman's invoice the emptying of EVC bin and the litter pick. Clerk advised that the litter pick was probably done as and when necessary and that the EVC bins may have needed more emptying and we are still awaiting the bin sticker. Clerk to clarify with handyman the "as required work".
- b) **East View Cemetery Issues** (if any) to discuss and make resolution. Memorial application received. Councillors discussed and **RESOLVED** to approve the application. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform memorial company that the application has been approved.
- c) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any) –**
 - 1. The verge at Smith Street.** Cllr Smith is looking into the possibility of dragon's teeth being installed. Council **RESOLVED** that they were in favour of something like dragon's teeth being installed and happy for further investigations into this to be undertaken.
 - 2. St Andrews Churchyard Maintenance** – Level of maintenance provided by the Council within the churchyard was discussed. Council commented that the level of maintenance that they should provide to the Churchyard is to be of "satisfactory standard".
 - 3. Pineapple tree Brixworth Road** – The tree has been cut and is on NCC Highways land. Council discussed the damage and ways forward, the matter has been passed to M Venton at DDC and S Gilder at NCC Highways.

120.18 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 – Up-date received.
- b) Spratton Pocket Park – Up-date received.

121.18 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP (including Street Lighting Advisory Group and Northampton Northern Orbital Consultation Sub-Committee)

- a) **Streetlighting:** Up-date regarding replacement MBFU lights. The work on the lighting has been completed. One light is outstanding as it was deemed unsafe by the contractor. **ACTION:** Light to be reported to electricity company.
- b) **Buses:** Update regarding future of bus service in Spratton. DDC have agreed to fund the bus service until March 2019. The timetable has been added to the Parish Council website. Council to continue looking at alternatives post March 2019. Cllr Hunt still liaising with possible partners and the other local parishes.
- c) **NCC'S winter maintenance programme:** The gritting routes and salt bin provisions are being reduced. If a parish council wants to retain any of these bins and fill them at its own cost, it can do so. All the information, along with maps of the gritting routes and grit bins is available at <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk>. Council discussed and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Vellam will look into the possibility of Spratton filling its own bins and find out how much it would cost to fill them.

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

- a) **Phone-box:** Council received an up-date regarding this. Mr Adrian Baker has volunteered to paint the phone-box for which the Council are very grateful. There has been some delay in this due to the Tree Preservation Order in place on a tree overhanging the phone box. It is hoped this will be resolved soon.

123.18 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE:

a) **Community Governance Review (CGR)**– DDC have resolved to carry out a Community Governance Review throughout the Daventry District Parishes. The review process began on the 17th May 2018 Parish Councils are invited to make representations until Wednesday 18th July 2018. Council discussed and **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to respond as per the discussions, in the main the Council would like the Parish Council to remain in its current form which the same number of Councillors.

b) **Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire** – Town and Parish Bulletin No 1- Bulletin regarding the potential local government reforms have been forwarded to all Cllrs. There will be a public consultation commencing on 13th June 2018 and it will run until 27th July 2018. There is a list of FAQs on DDC's website. Cllr Vellam attended the briefing event, Council to receive feedback. Councillors discussed and **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to respond as per the Councils discussions. The Council has concerns that when the new Unitary Authority is formed that Northampton will have two thirds of the power which may led to bias and unfair decision making. Concerns were also raised regarding a possible increase in Council tax and planning applications for Spratton and the Daventry district.

c) **DDC Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation – Enhanced Dog Control Powers** – Cllrs have been forwarded details of the consultation taking place between 29th May and 24th July 2018. Details of the consultation have been added to the Council website. Council discussed the consultation and **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to respond on the Council's behalf as per the discussions. In main there should continue to be enforcement of irresponsible dog owners and dogs should be kept under control in public spaces and parks.

124.18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated)-

a) **Resident email regarding the Youth Club** – Ms Madeline Alice George has just been appointed as a youth worker for Clubs for Young People and will be running the monthly club in Lilbourne. Ms George wondered if the council would look in to a similar arrangement whereby the clubs running is outsourced. As a resident of Spratton, Ms George is keen to be part of reinstating a club which enriches the lives of local young people. Ms George suggested that it would be very beneficial bring in an organisation of 70 years' experience with professional expertise to run clubs for the young people as they do across the county. Council to considered and asked the Clerk to invite Ms George to the next meeting so they could find out further details. In principle the Council would support the reinstatement of the Youth Club.

b) **Town and Land Charity Committee(T&LCC) Parish Councillor nomination** – After nominating Cllr Smith at the Parish Council's annual meeting as the Council's representative, the T&LCC has contacted the Council advising the Council that a nomination is not necessary, Cllrs do not agree that this is correct. Councillors discussed and **RESOLVED** to invite the T&LCC to a meeting with the Parish Council on either the 24th or 25th July 2018. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact the T&LCC's Clerk.

125.18 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED-

a) Spratton Sands Bridge- Work to the bridge is likely to commence on 24th September 2018 for a period of 4 weeks. A diversion route will be in place due to the road closure. If there are any queries regarding this project prior to the commencement of the work please contact Josh Moorhouse on 01604 883413 jmoorhouse@kiersp.co.uk

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

127.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th September 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.....
John Hunt, Chair to Spratton Parish Council

Date:

2018/19 ORDINARY MEETINGS

August	NO MEETING
September	Tuesday 18 th September 2018
October	Tuesday 16 th October 2018
November	Tuesday 20 th November 2018
December (T.B.C)	Tuesday 18 th December 2018
January	Tuesday 15 th January 2019

February	Tuesday 19 th February 2019
March	Tuesday 19 th March 2019
April	Tuesday 16 th April 2019
May	Tuesday 21 st May 2019
(Annual Meeting of Parish Council)	

Annual Parish Meeting (NOT a Parish Council meeting): T.B.C