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Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 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 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Colin Donnelly.

99.19 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.

- Residents of Yew Tree Lane attended to discuss their concerns with the development of Yew Tree Cottage. The concerns are regarding the roof line of the new building. The plans submitted at application stage indicated that the roof line would be the same as the previous building. However, residents state that the building does not reflect the application plan and the roof line is 4-5ft higher than depicted on the plan. The residents informed the Council that had the plans at the time of the application been accurate they would have raised objections to the application. Residents will be attending the DDC planning committee and were seeking the support of the PC.
- Members of the REC Committee in attendance and requested the following:
The REC Committee have submitted a new grant application. The REC Committee's reserves have been exhausted and they do not have sufficient reserves for the necessary insurance or mowing. The Council confirmed the application would be considered later in the meeting.
- Concerns raised about vehicles driving over the REC to reach the cemetery. It was agreed that the aim in the future was to replace the barriers at the REC, however at present the more pressing issues are the day to day running of the facility.

100.19 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Apologies received from Cllr Donnelly due to being away on holiday. Council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

101.19 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUES 21st MAY 2019. Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

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

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

1. **Non-pecuniary** – Cllr Hunt declared an interest in item 105.19 (f).
2. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** – None.

104.19 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE

a) **Income received:**

Youth Club Funds £609.78
Memorial Fee £170
Parish Bus Contribution £1683.19

b) Payment of outstanding invoices. Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 12th June 2019 and 18th June 2019 (if any)

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
22/05/19	Peacocks	Streetlighting upgrade	BT	£452.33	£90.47	£542.80
22/05/19	J Pye	Greenworks	BT			£248.00
22/05/19	Café Doris	Village meeting hire	Bank transfer			£30.00
19/06/19	R & G	May Mowing	BT	£854.52	£170.90	£1025.42
19/06/19	Merland Copy	Newsletter printing	BT			£385.00
19/06/19	E Gibson	Mileage	BT			£9.90
19/06/19	Merland	Newsletter printing	BT			£385.00
19/06/19	Amazon	Competition prize	Debit card			£20.00
19/06/19	Sainsburys	Plants for phone-box opening	Debit card			£36.00
19/06/19	Extracare Retail	Stock for phonebox	Debit card			£36.51
22/06/19	H Peterson	Plants Millennium Garden	3319			£6.00
22/06/19	O2	Office Phone	DD	£31.98	£6.40	£38.38
22/06/19	HMRC	PAYE Q1	BT			£67.35
22/06/19	Merland	Printing poster	BT	£2.20	£0.44	£2.64
25/06/19	E Gibson	June salary	BT			£762.70
25/06/19	E Gibson	Homeworking allowance	BT			£18.00
25/06/19	NEST	Pension contributions	DD			£56.37
25/06/19	Autela	Payroll	BT			£52.69
19/06/19	E.On	June electricity	BT	£180.83	£36.17	£217.00
19/06/19	J Pye	Greenworks	BT			£198.00
19/06/19	Crown Building	Phone-box conversion	BT	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00

c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report 30th May 2019: Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

Council **RESOLVED** to bring forward item 106.19 (d) (1) : Memorials in the Garden of Remembrance. The Burials Warden Mr Blowfield has been approached for a plot in the garden for the interment of ashes. The applicant would like a small headstone with an integrated flowerpot, however at present SPC burial regulations do not provide for this. Council **RESOLVED** they would visit the area to get a sense of the size of each plot, the applicant should make their application, and then the Council can make decision at the next meeting and also review and amend the burial regulations if appropriate.

d) REC Grant application: Grant application submitted to Parish Council to be considered. Council considered the application and commented that the PC always wants to support the REC. Council **RESOLVED** to give part of the amount requested, on the understanding that the REC Committee will also make efforts to secure funding from other avenues such as DDC, charities, lottery fund etc. REC Committee confirmed that the Spratton Town and Charity Land had also been approached for a grant and they are exploring other options. Parish Council agreed to pay a grant of £1000.00 to the REC Committee. **ACTION:** Clerk to pay the REC £1000.00 by bank transfer.

105.19 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) **Planning Committee for information:** None.
- e) **Home Grown Farm:** An application is being made for planning permission it is at the early stages at present.
- f) **Yew Tree Lane:** Concerns received from residents that the height of this development does not correspond with the buildings plans. Council discussed and agreed that the application was made and approved, based on the drawing showing the building roofline being in line with the previous property. Council agreed that had the residents raised concerns regarding the roof line then the Council would have considered supporting the residents' objections. Council **RESOLVED** to write to DDC advising that they support the resident's concerns.

106.19 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. Discussed earlier in meeting.
- c) **Churchyard Maintenance:** Council to discuss the maintenance of the Churchyard. Allowing a section of the churchyard dedicated to wildflowers has been proposed. Council advised some of the members of the PCC were agreeable to this and the PCC will be discussing it at their next meeting. Council **RESOLVED** to allow and review it.
- d) **Defibrillator:** Up-date both have been checked.
- e) **Roly Banks** – Review of the maintenance responsibility for the Roly Banks. Council considered and **RESOLVED** that they would no longer undertake any maintenance in this area. Mr Matts would take over responsibility for this. Cllr Hunt confirmed that the handyman has been informed he is no longer to complete any work in this area.
- f) **Dog bins-** Review of dog bins in the village. Council discussed the cost of additional bins in the village as DDC now charge for the new bin and an annual fee for emptying it. Clerk to look into the charges for emptying the bins.

107.19 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.

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

- a) **Streetlighting:** Up-date to be received. Council discussed the emergency call out charge from Balfour Beatty. Clerk confirmed that Peacocks do not have an emergency 24 hour service that we could have used. Therefore, Council **RESOLVED** to pay the call out charge on this occasion, subject to getting a contrary advise from NALC. Council **RESOLVED** that they should have some stickers made for the lampposts which give Council contact details to try to prevent this in the future.
- b) **Speeding cameras:** Up-date regarding the purchase of new speeding cameras in the village. Cameras are on order.

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

- a) **PCSO** – Cllr discussed any priorities for the PCSO that can be passed on to the SPOC Mr Peter Hunt. Council **RESOLVED** to advise Mr Hunt that they are awaiting a date for when PCSO Miller might attend the village with the radar gun to monitor the speeding.
- b) **Millennium garden-** Up-date regarding the work to be done to the garden. Options for benches still being considered. This will be discussed again at next meeting when bench options have been narrowed down.
- c) **Phone-box** – Up-date. The phone-box was unveiled at the open gardens event and has been warmly received.
- d) **Youth Club** – Up-date. Council advised the Youth Club will be on the second Wednesday of every month between 6-8pm commencing on the 10th July 2019.

110.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR):

- a) Up-date was placed in the most recent newsletter. Shadow elections will be taking place in 2020 with the new authority in force 2021.

111.19 CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE: None.

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

- a) **Tesco Bus:** Concerns raised by Parishioners that the Tesco bus service will be ceasing. Tesco have confirmed that this service is to end. Cllr Hunt trying to speak with the Managing Director, but so far the response has been that this decision will not be reversed.

113.19 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED- None.

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

115.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16th July 2019, 7.30 pm, Spratton Village Hall, School Road, Spratton.

116.19 To resolve to move in to a Confidential Session to discuss Separate Business, pursuant to s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Standing Order 3d: The public and press should leave the meeting during the consideration of: Parishioner Complaint.
Council discussed the matter and their decision is recorded in the Confidential minutes.

Meeting Closed 9.23pm

**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.....
Cllr John Hunt
Chair

Date:

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Meeting dates

- Tuesday 18th June 2019
- Tuesday 16th July 2019
- Tuesday 17th September 2019
- Tuesday 15th October 2019
- Tuesday 19th November 2019
- Tuesday 17th December 2019
- Tuesday 21st January 2020
- February 2020 (to be agreed)
- Tuesday 17th March 2020
- Tuesday 21st April 2020
- Tuesday 19th May 2020
- Annual Village Meeting (to be agreed)