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Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 in Spratton Village School, Spratton at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Hunt (Chair), Jay Tindale (Vice chair), Lydia Crawford, Janice Holmes, Louise Smith and Sally Wilkes.

In attendance: Emma Gibson, Clerk and RFO, Judith Shepherd NCC Cllr and John Shepherd DDC Cllr and 13 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Vellam.

181.17 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.

- Cllr John Shepherd DDC addressed the Council and public regarding the PCSO initiative. He outlined the progress made so far and the next steps for the interested Parish Council's to take. Cllr Shepherd advised the Council to invite Sgt Sam Dobbs to a meeting to ask further questions. Expressions of interests are requested by the Police by 31st January 2018 with a view to the contract being signed by March. **ACTION:** Clerk to arrange for Sgt Dobbs to attend a meeting with SPC.
- Cllr Judith Shepherd NCC addressed the Council and public regarding the current NCC Budget Consultation. She reiterated that all the details were on the NCC website and outlined some of the reasons for the proposed cuts to services such as libraries, highways maintenance and buses. Many members of the public addressed Cllr Shepherd and the Council voicing their many concerns and anxieties regarding the proposed cuts. They had many questions and points to raise about the cuts to the local bus services, and that these cuts would lead to isolation on the local rural population. Cllr Shepherd was asked to feedback to NCC, the Council and Public's views and worries regarding the cuts and specifically the cuts to the local buses.

182.17 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Council **RESOLVED** to approve the apology received from Cllr Vellam due to illness. Cllrs Blowfield and Chivers have tendered their resignations. The Cllrs wished to extend their thanks to the Cllrs and in particular to Cllr Blowfield for his many years of service to the Council.

183.17 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ian Molloy as a new Parish Councillor.

184.17 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2017 – Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2017.

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

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

1. **Non-pecuniary** – None
2. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** – None

187.17 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION: Cllrs discussed NCC Cllr Shepherd's up date and the public view's and concern's. Possible action to take in the future is to contact all the other Parish Councils on the local bus route to try to organise and send a joint letter to NCC opposing any cuts to this service.

188.17 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE

a) Income received – to report –

Bank Interest	31.10.17	£0.67
Newsletter Colour Page Advert	29.11.17	£20.00
Bank Interest	30.11.17	£2.59
Newsletter advert	01.12.17	£20.00

b) Payment of outstanding invoices. Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
22/11/2017	E Gibson	Stamps	Bank transfer			£13.44
28/11/2017	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath and donation s137	3140			£50.00
28/11/2017	4 Counties	October Mowing	3141			£920.00
28/11/2017	J Hunt	Newsletter delivery	3142			£30.00
28/11/2017	Peacocks	Streetlight repairs	3143	£263.18	£52.64	£315.82
08/12//2017	O2	Office Phone	Direct Debit	£31.18	£6.24	£37.42
19/12/2017	E.On	Dec Streetlighting	3144	£171.43	£34.29	£205.72
19/12/2017	J Pye	Nov Greenworks and Maintenance	3145			£36.00
19/12/2017	J Pye	Nov Greenworks and Maintenance	3146			£250.00
19/12/2017	NEST	Dec Pensions contribution	Direct Debit			£13.36
19/12/2017	HMRC	Q3 PAYE Liability	3147			£58.82
22/12/2017	E Gibson	December Salary	Bank transfer			£728.84

- c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments report to 30th NOVEMBER 2017:** Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- d) RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUES 28TH NOVEMBER 2017.** Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- e) Resources meeting precept and budget planning –** Cllr Tindale Chair of the Resources Committee provided feedback to the Council and a summary of the meeting. Council considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the Resources Committee recommendations regarding the 2018-19 Budget and Precept request. A copy of the budget was previously sent to Cllrs, and is available on the SPC website. The Council **RESOLVED** that the precept should be raised for the year 2018-19 from £39,000 to £41,000 to begin to make provision for any additional spending that may be necessary, considering County Council cuts.
- f) DACT –** Clerk has received DACT invoices on a few occasions incorrectly, any clubs or societies using DACT must make it clear that they are to be invoiced directly. Council agreed the Clerk’s suggestion of putting a short article in the next newsletter explaining what DACT is and the process of booking and invoicing.

189.17 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Planning Applications to be considered – None

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer
DA/2017/1050	Conversion of stable/barn to self-contained dwelling	The Piggeries, Grange Lane, Pitsford	20.12.17	S Barnes
DA/2017/0274	Demolition of garage and construction of dwelling	10 Willow Close, Spratton	21.12.17	K Daniels

DA/2017/1050 Council **RESOLVED** that this application was not relevant to them and they had no comments.

DA/2017/0274 Council **RESOLVED** that this application did not make any improvement on previous applications and their previous comments and objections still stand.

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

DA/2017/0969 - Oriel House, Spratton, NN6 8HY: Single Storey front and rear extensions. Permissions granted subject to conditions.

DA/2017/0946 – 7 The Piece, Spratton NN6 8HL: Conversion of garage to kitchen and first floor extension over garage to form en-suite bedroom. Permission granted subject to conditions.

DA/2017/0884 – 4 Glebelands Spratton, NN6 8JG: Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey extension. Permission granted subject to conditions.

c) Planning appeals for information: None.

190.17 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP

Cllr Molloy expressed an interest in joining this advisory group. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda for approval and this group reviewed due to former Cllr Blowfield's resignation from the Council. Council reminded that former Cllr Blowfield is willing to continue working on the CCOS advisory group and manage the burials, but this will need formalising at the next meeting.

a) Village Handyman: Additional work (if any) – Parish Council to discuss and agree. None

b) East View Cemetery Issues (if any) to discuss and make resolution.

Issue with mowing contractors leaving headstones covered with grass cutting after strimming. Contractors have said this is due to SPC's contract with them and clearing headstones is not included. **ACTION:** Clerk to advise contractors of this in new cutting season and ask for headstones to be left as clear.

c) Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any) – to discuss and make resolution. Cllrs to discuss and review current mowing schedule. Cllrs **RESOLVED** to arrange meeting with former Cllr Blowfield if possible to review CCOS generally, including mowing and burials. The management of these can then be decided and where possible former Cllr Blowfield is willing to continue managing some of these areas.

d) St Andrews footpath repairs – Update. Cllr Vellam has got two more Council contractors to contact to obtain quotes for the work to the footpath. Contractors to be contacted in the New Year. Clerk has not heard back from the PCC since their meeting.

191.17 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 from Cllr Hunt. The wood is currently dormant due to the season.

b) Spratton Pocket Park – Up-date received. Suggestions for keeping photos and laminates secure at the Park sought.

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

1) Streetlighting: Quote received from Peacocks to replace remaining MBFU lights. Posters have been made for lights that are being replaced and changed to part night. These will be placed on the lights due to be changed for six weeks prior to any changes. Residents will therefore have an opportunity to make any comments before any work commences.

2) Northampton Northern Orbital: None.

3) Snow: Cllrs discussed who was current Snow Warden. Clerk advised that at the annual meeting Mr Barry Ward was nominated and accepted as Snow Warden. Council were advised that Mr Ward had helped clear Smith Street during the snow and the Council extended their thanks. Cllr Hunt also helped clear roads during the snow. It was suggested the Council may wish to consider asking a local farmer to be on an open retainer to clear roads for a fee. Council may consider this in the future especially considering proposed cuts from NCC to Highways.

193.17 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Parish Council to receive and consider any updated reports and Advisory Group recommendations- Village hall questionnaires still being collected and collated.

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

a) Sponsored PCSO – Email circulated to Cllrs regarding the sponsored PCSO to be shared between 5/6 local parishes. Cllrs now have details of likely total salary and salary related costs which would be £37,245 for 2018/19 to be shared between the Parishes. **ACTION:** Clerk to invite Sgt Sam Dobbs to a meeting in January to ask questions with a view to making a final decision at the next full Council meeting on 16th January 2018.

b) Parish and Town Council's meeting – Took place on Thursday 14th December 2017 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, DDC offices. Cllr Vellam to feedback to Council at the next meeting in January.

- c) **Daventry District Council Countryside Local Plan Part 2**- DDC is consulting on Emerging Draft Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) from 27th November 2017 to 26th January 2018. Clerk informed Cllrs she had the paper copy of the consultation. Given to Cllr Hunt so there is a copy held in the village. Cllrs to discuss any comments at next meeting
- d) **Email from a local resident**- Clerk has been contacted by a local resident that several people are crossing the A5199 from Broomhill every day. The resident wondered if the Council might consider a crossing application and footpath review for a footpath on the field side of the main road. Furthermore, they have noted that many cars are starting to overtake as the approach the crossing at Brixworth Road, the resident suggests extending the double lines towards Northampton could improve safety. Cllrs discussed and **RESOLVED** that this was not necessary at this time.
- e) **Daventry and District Forum AGM Chairs Report 2017**- Cllrs given copy of this report- No Comments.
- f) **Citizens Advice financial support request**- Letter received from CAB requesting financial support for the Daventry District in the form of a £300 financial contribution. Cllrs considered and **RESOLVED** that due to current and future financial pressures on Parish Councils, and the unlikely use of this service by Spratton residents they would not be making a financial contribution.

195.17 **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information)**- None.

196.17 **URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)**-
Dog fouling outside and around the village primary school. – This remains an issue. **ACTION:** DCC to be contacted for advice regarding signage regarding dog fouling and prosecutions.

197.17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16th January 2018, 7.30 pm**, Spratton Primary School, School Road, Spratton.

Meeting closed 9.32pm.

Signed.....
 Cllr John Hunt – Chair

Date:

2017/18 ORDINARY MEETINGS

- Tuesday 16th January 2018
- Tuesday 20th February 2018
- Tuesday 20th March 2018
- Tuesday 17th April 2018
- Tuesday 15th May 2018 (Annual Meeting)
- Tuesday 19th June 2018
- Tuesday 17th July 2018
- Tuesday 18th September 2018
- Tuesday 16th October 2018
- Tuesday 20th November 2018
- Tuesday 18th December 2018

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (NOT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING): TBC

**Please note; there maybe additional (Extra-ordinary) meetings to discuss matters of importance, these will be advertised on the Parish Council Noticeboard (opposite Spratton Stores), a minimum of 3 days before the meeting. SPC Planning Executive Meetings are called as necessary i.e. if Council needs to respond to a planning application prior to the next ordinary meeting. If you are interested in planning matters, you are welcome to join the SPC Planning Executive Committee (as a non-executive member with no voting rights), alternatively, you can view all upcoming planning applications on the Daventry District Council website <http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-and-building-control/search-comment-planning/>*