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## Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Spratton Village Hall, Spratton at 7.30 pm

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

**In attendance:** Emma Gibson, Clerk and RFO, and 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllrs Blowfield, Chivers and Holmes.

**151.17 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. - No Comments received.

**152.17 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** Council **RESOLVED** to approve the apologies received from Cllrs Blowfield, Chivers and Holmes.

**153.17 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUES 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017** – Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**154.17 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – For Information only –**

**Item 147.17 (4) Rec Fencing** Cllr Hunt asked for an up-date on the fencing around the REC. Cllr Vellam confirmed the REC Committee were in the process of securing funding.

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

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

**156.17 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE**

**a) Income received – to report –**

31/07/17	Bank Interest	£0.62
31/08/17	Bank Interest	£0.53
28/09/17	DDC Precept	£19,500.00
28/09/17	Bank Interest	£0.50

**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
29/09/17	Came and Co	Insurance renewal	Bank transfer			£757.52
17/10/17	DDC	EVC Business Rates	3127			£51.84
17/10/17	E.ON	October street lighting	3128	£171.43	£34.29	£205.72
17/10/17	Spratton Village Hall	Hall hire September meeting	3129			£18.00

17/10/17	J Pye	Green works and Maintenance September	3130		£334.00
17/10/17	BT	Adopt telephone kiosk	3132		£1.00

- c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliation and Receipts and Payments report to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017:**  
Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

#### 157.17 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### a) Planning Applications to be considered –

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Case Officer
DA/2017/0407	Demolition of existing house and garage. Construction of two detached dwellings (revised scheme)	Yew Tree Cottage, Yew Tree Lane, Spratton.	18.10.17	K Daniels
DA/2017/0884	Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension.	4 Glebelands, Spratton, Northampton.	30.10.17	S Cadman
DA/2017/0946	Conversion of garage to kitchen and first floor extension over garage to form en-suite bedroom.	Bramble Cottage, 5 Holdenby Road, Spratton	01.11.17	S Cadman

Council **RESOLVED** that they had no comments or objections for any of the applications and supported the applications. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform DDC.

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

**DA/2017/0708** Holly Rise, Holdenby Road, Spratton. Work to tree subject to TPO – Granted subject to conditions.

##### c) Planning appeals for information: None.

#### 158.17 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP

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.

1) **Memorial Application:** Application received for additional headstone inscription. Councils considered application and **RESOLVED** to approve the application. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform Memorial Company and issue invoice.

c) **St Andrew's Churchyard** – Letter received from St Andrew's PCC they have received their annual inspection report and the poor condition of the tarmac pathway through the churchyard has been identified. The PCC state this area of the Churchyard is the responsibility of SPC. Clerk has written to PCC in line with the resolution made at the September meeting. Council received an up-date from the Clerk that no response has been received from PCC yet. Council agreed to consider further once response from PCC received.

d) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any)** – to discuss and make resolution. **None.**

#### 159.17 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.** – The area is doing well; some new trees have been planted and general tidy and cut of nettles has been undertaken.

b) **Spratton Pocket Park.** – Waiting to hear from the churchyard awards taking place in November.

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

a) **Street lighting: Up-date – Gorse Road replacement lighting.** The Clerk informed Cllrs that approximately 6 complaints had been received from residents of Gorse Road about the Part-night lighting. Residents that had complained had been advised of this meeting and opportunity to attend and address the Council. Cllrs

discussed this along with the next phase of the replacement lighting in which the remaining obsolete lighting points would be up-graded. **ACTION:** Clerk to help Cllrs arrange a streetlighting advisory group meeting. This meeting will be advertised on the Noticeboard so residents have an opportunity to attend and give their views.

b) **Northampton Northern Orbital: Up-date** - Consultation period is ongoing.

**161.17 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP**

Parish Council to receive and consider any updated reports and Advisory Group recommendations.

a) **Youth Club Closure** – Youth Club closure- Cllr Hunt up-dated Cllrs on liaison with Crick Parish Council regarding the possibility of sharing a Youth Worker. Cllrs discussed ways of finding Youth Club workers. Suggestion to contact local colleges which provide youth worker qualification courses to see if any students would consider such work. **ACTION:** Cllr Smith to contact local colleges and write an article for the newsletter outlining the issues and possible solutions regarding the Youth Club.

b) **Social Media** – Update regarding Village use of social media such as a new Facebook page – Cllr Crawford it is setting up a village facebook page independent of the Parish Council.

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

a) **Phone-Box adoption contract:** Council **RESOLVED** to sign the contract for the adoption of the phone-box and issue a cheque for £1.00. **ACTION:** Clerk to sign contract and return with the cheque.

b) **Planning training:** DDC exploring options for planning training and have asked for responses from Parish Councils to identify training needs. Council discussed the questions asked by DDC. **ACTION:** clerk to respond to DDC accordingly.

c) **New Bus routes: Up-date:** All running well at present but Council to continue to monitor.

d) **DDC Planning enforcement: Up-date:** DDC has responded to the Clerk's letter requesting they consider whether there had been a breach in Broomhill's planning conditions regarding the change of use from a Class C1 hotel to a Class C2 Residential Care Home. DDC state that having considered all the information they have received they conclude that Broomhill is not being ran as a C2A Secure unit but continues to be classed as a C2 Residential Institution. DDC have therefore determined that in their view there is no planning breach to pursue. Furthermore, on the balance of information provided, there is no need for DDC to visit Broomhill regarding this. DDC have therefore closed their investigation. Council discussed DDC's response and complaints and concerns that had been received from residents. Council **RESOLVED** to continue monitoring, ensure the outcome of the CQC inspection being undertaken in November is considered by the Council. Council ask residents to report any concerns to them and the Clerk and keep the Council up-dated.

e) **Northamptonshire Highways Repairs** – Highways will be carrying out repairs to the bridge structure on the A5199 Welford Road, Chapel Brampton.

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

**164.17 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)- None.**

**165.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30 pm, Spratton Primary School, School Road, Spratton.**

Meeting closed 9.03pm.

Signed.....  
Cllr John Hunt – Chair

Date:

**2017/18 ORDINARY MEETINGS**

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Annual Meeting)

**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/>*

