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Minutes of a Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

Held on **Tuesday 15th January 2013** in the Village Hall, School Road, Spratton at **7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Barry Frenchman, (Chair), Cllr Liz Tee (Vice-Chair), Cllr Rachel Baillie, Cllr Bill Blowfield (arrived 8.05), Cllr Michael Heaton, Cllr John Hunt and Cllr Jay Tindale

Cllr Hugh Willson (7) **In attendance: 3** members of the public and Lynne Compton, Parish Clerk

134.12 PUBLIC FORUM members of the public and press are invited to address the council at its open forum (15 mins)

There were 3 members of the public present and the following was discussed:-

a) Broomhill Care Home

Residents pointed out that the revised planning application for an extension to Broomhill Care Home was almost identical to the previous application but that because it had been slightly revised, the 200 letters of objection would have to be revised. Cllr Frenchman reported that he had received a response from DDC outlining that the following changes had been made to the application (extract from DDC email):-

"The car park layout has been amended to take account of comments raised by the County Highways Officer and a tree has been removed as advised by DDC Landscape Officer. DDC has also received confirmation that the applicant are willing to agree to a sect 106 to secure transport provision (as requested by NCC Highways). In all other respects, the application remains the same." Author: C Phillips, DDC Case Officer

Residents informed the Parish Council that there were still concerns over security of the proposed development and the impact it would have on the landscape.

135.12 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Frenchman proposed acceptance of apologies from Cllr McDonald Walker, Cllr Willson and Cllr Pacey, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Noted: Cllr Blowfield had sent apologies that he would late in arriving.**

136.12 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Tues 18th December 2012

Cllr Frenchman proposed deferral of this item to the February meeting due to the Clerk having been on annual leave immediately after the meeting and over the Christmas break, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved to be deferred by Parish Council.

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

a) Brixworth Road Cemetery Pocket Park Project (124.12 f) – It was reported that Heritage Lottery Fund have given permission to commence the project.

138.12 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS for relevant items on the agenda

Cllr Frenchman declared a **personal** interest in point 140.12 b) Planning Application DA/2012/0956 due to being resident adjacent to the premises.

139.12 RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Chair: Councillor Michael Heaton

a) Update (if any) – There was nothing further to report.

b) Income received for December 2012/January 2013– to report – There was no income to report.

- c) **Payment of invoices** for December 2012/January 2013 - Parish Council resolution to approve Cllr Heaton proposed approval of payment of the following invoices, seconded by Cllr Frenchman and resolved to be approved by Parish Council

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	CHQ NO	ACCOUNT
15/01/2013	LYNNE COMPTON	December Salary 662.09 + Exp £12.60 + Office £20	£694.69	2503	Salaries/Mileage /Office
15/01/2013	HMRC ONLY	PAYE	£22.95	2504	Salaries
15/01/2013	NCC LGPS	Clerk pension	£202.12	2505	Salaries
15/01/2013	SUPASKIPS	Skip for BRC	£115.00	2506	Pocket Park
15/01/2013	EON	Streelighting Elec	£128.14	2507	Streetlighting
15/01/2013	GARY ASHTON	Re-imburement for YC Equip	£55.29	2508	Youth Activities
15/01/2013	JIM PYE	Maintenance Dec	£70.40	2509	Maintenance
15/01/2013	SPRATTON VILLAGE HALL	Hire of hall 15th and 16th Jan	£36.00	2510	Meetings
15/01/2013	MR & MRS A SIMONS	1st prize for completion of NP Questionnaire (Localism Act 2011 and LGA 1972 S.145)	£50.00	2511	Neighbourhood Plan
15/01/2013	MRS J MASON	2nd Prize for completion of NP Questionnaire (Localism Act 2011 and LGA 1972 S.145)	£25.00	2512	Neighbourhood Plan
TOTAL			£1,399.59		

- d) **DDC New arrangements for Parish Precepts** – to report and discuss if necessary. Cllr Heaton outlined the revised arrangements for Council Tax benefits which had just been confirmed by DDC (12th Jan) and circulated to Parish Council. Cllr Heaton reported that he had the RFO had discussed the changes at length, discussions were summarised as follows (circulated prior to the meeting):-

- SPC decided at December meeting to raise £36,000 (anticipated expenditure c. £37,500).
- SPC also decided to future-proof this against the uncertain background of potential future grants and possible caps after 2013/14.
- The amount precepted for 2012/13 was £34,000 and the tax base 464.02, dividing the one by the other comes up with a Band D amount of £73.27.
- For 2013, the figures are £36,000 and a reduced tax base of 432.42 (just received by DDC), which gives a Band D amount of £83.25 – if the precept amount had remained unchanged it would have been £78.63. Thus the £10 increase splits as to £5.50 on account of the reduced tax base, which results from Government change approach to Council Tax, and £4.50 on account of the 6% increase in precept amount.
- SPC will receive a grant of £1508 to offset this change in Tax Base. There was no guarantee that this grant would be received in future years.
- Future proofing of the precept could be put in jeopardy if the grant was not taken in addition to the precept.

Cllr Frenchman proposed that the grant should be requested in addition to the £36,000 precept, (on the grounds that the transition grant was unlikely to continue), seconded by Cllr Heaton, voted on, and resolved by a majority of 5 to 1 (Cllr Blowfield was not present for the vote). Cllr Tindale objected on the grounds that she was concerned about the vulnerable residents

140.12 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Chair: Councillor Liz Tee

- a) **Update on Planning Applications (if any)**
b) **Applications received** (previously circulated)- to consider (if any)

Application No: DA/2012/0956

Description: Removal of Condition 5 of planning permission DA/1999/0426 (for two storey rear extension) relating to provision of parking area

Location: The Kings Head 23, Brixworth Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8HH

Respond by: 25 January 2013

Case Officer: E Buchanan on 01327 302566 or email ebuchanan@daventrydc.gov.uk.

8.05 pm Cllr Blowfield arrived

Cllr Frenchman withdrew from discussions

It was reported that the Pub owner was unable to attend the meeting but had sent an email outlining his plans which would also help move the smoking area further away from the main entrance. Cllr Hunt read out a letter from a resident (the letter was also being sent to DDC). The resident supported the pub but wanted some protection against people coming too close to his boundary plus maintenance of the fence and hedge. After some discussion, Cllr Tee proposed the following response

“Spratton Parish Council objects to the **complete** removal of Condition 5 of planning permission DA/1999/0426 but is happy for the conditions to be varied to allow for a small reduction in car parking spaces and thereby maintaining the conditions imposed on DA/1999/0426.”

Seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to send in response to DDC.**

Application No: DA/2012/0953

Description: Extension to existing care home to create 84 new bedrooms and ancillary accommodation (revised scheme)

Location: Former Broomhill Hotel, Holdenby Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8LD

Respond by: 24 January 2013

Case Officer: C Phillips on 01327 302579 or email cphillips@daventrydc.gov.uk.

See also “Public Forum”. Parish Council noted comments and emails from residents on the revised application. After lengthy discussion and clarification that neither “due diligence” or sewerage were “material planning considerations”, Cllr Frenchman proposed sending a repeat of the response to DA/2012/0514 (as it had been reported that there had been no significant changes) with the addition of the details about the inclusion of Broomhill in Pevsener (a respected authority on significant buildings), a note about the impact of the proposed development on the new Jubilee Wood and the removal of references to sewerage, seconded by Cllr Heaton and unanimously resolved to be approved by Parish Council. Parish Council further resolved that the website and Facebook should be updated with the up to date information and that when possible an email should be sent to residents informing them of the updates.

Action: Clerk to draft paragraph on Jubilee Wood, re-circulate to Parish Council for approval on wording prior to submitting. Clerk to update planning information on Facebook and Website asap plus email residents. Clerk to inform residents that they could send in their observations/objections directly to DDC.

c) **Planning application decisions received (if any)**

Application No: DA/2012/0514

Description: Extension to existing Care Home to create 84 new bedrooms and ancillary accommodation

Location: Former Broomhill Hotel, Holdenby Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8LD

18th December 2012 – DDC informed “The application has been withdrawn”

Application No: DA/2012/0820

Description: Addition of porch to extension under construction

Location: 24, High Street, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8HZ

Respond by: 29 November 2012

Case Officer: G Perks on 01327 302578 or email gperks@daventrydc.gov.uk.

Parish Council response: No observations

DDC Decision: Planning permission granted 20th December 2012

141.12 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP –

Chair: Councillor Bill Blowfield

To agree: date for CCOS advisory group meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that a CCOS meeting was not necessary at present. The following was reported:-

- a) **Brixworth Road Cemetery** – 2 quotes had been received for the fence but they had unfortunately been done on different specifications. Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should obtain set specifications from BRC Advisory Group and contact the companies involved to request new quotations. **Action: Clerk**
- b) **Fence adjacent to Spratton Village Stores** – it was reported that this had fallen down. Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should investigate and send an “Improving Village Matters” letter to the owner. **Action: Clerk**

- c) **Jubilee Wood** – Cllr Hunt reported that, subject to the weather, there would be a mulch spreading on Sunday 19th January (organised by Natural Spratton).

142.12 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP – Chair: Councillor Mark Pacey

To agree: date for Highways advisory group meeting. **After some discussion, it was agreed that a meeting was not necessary at present. The following was reported:-**

- a) **Speedwatch** – Details had been circulated from NCC regarding the re-vamped Speedwatch initiative, this would now cost Parishes £450 to join. NCC required a response by 28th January. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved to send in an expression of interest but could not commit to spending £450 until the requisite number of volunteers had been found. **Noted: Residents were still very concerned about the speed of traffic entering the village from the Brixworth Road. Action: Clerk to send in expression of interest.**

143.12 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) – not a Parish Council meeting

To agree: suggested date of Weds 8th May and discuss publicity. Cllr Frenchman proposed the date for the APM as Weds 8th May, subject to availability of the Village Hall, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. It was further resolved that light refreshments should be served at the event and suggested that a speaker should be invited to attend to talk on a specific subject to encourage attendance e.g. Speedwatch. **Action: Clerk to organise speaker, publicity (eg posters, letters to Village organisations etc.).**

144.12 ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

To agree: suggested date of Sunday 24th March and discuss publicity. Parish Council approved 24th March for the Spring Clean. Cllr Heaton reported that Mr Saul (Sauls the Butchers) had kindly agreed to run the event on the day. Parish Council resolved that the School and village organisations should be involved. Action: Clerk to organise publicity eg notifying village organisations, an article in the Newsletter plus risk assessment in liaison with Mr Saul and Cllr Heaton.

145.12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Project Manager Cllr Michael Heaton

To discuss: next steps.

Cllr Heaton had circulated a revised questionnaire, proposed next steps and details of DDC's appointment of a "preferred consultant" prior to the meeting for discussion. After lengthy discussions, Cllr Heaton proposed acceptance of the following next steps, seconded by Cllr Frenchman and resolved to be approved by Parish Council:

1. *It is agreed that a bulletin and new consultation questionnaire should be sent out at the end of February, with the content of these being agreed at the Council meeting on Tuesday 19th February. Councillor Baillie agreed to work on the rough draft prepared by Councillor Heaton, with much of the detail being not included but available from the Council website (or by printed copy on demand), so as to reduce the wordiness of the bulletin. Councillors were asked to let Councillor Heaton have any comments on the new questionnaire by 31st January at the latest. It was noted that the new consultation questionnaire would include questions on "how much market housing residents would like to see*
2. *The opinions of the authors of the Village Design Statement (which would be hopefully approved by DDC at the end of January) in respect of developments to the east of the village were noted and it was agreed that their opinions should be included in the final document.*
3. *The bulletin would be informed by feed-back (following an invitation to submit proposals) from landowners of all relevant sites. And from a meeting with the headmaster and chair of governors of Spratton Hall School to ascertain the viability of the possibility for a relief road, which Councillors Frenchman and Heaton would attend on 15 February (together with the Clerk).*
4. *The consultation would, apart from the questionnaire, involve three consultation meetings with a seated audience, presentation and Q & A session. These would take place week beginning Sunday 17 March, with a meeting in the Church at 3.00 pm that day, a meeting at 6.0 pm ahead of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 19 March, and a meeting in the Sports & Social Club, probably Thursday 21 March subject to availability. **Action: Councillor Heaton to book these venues and to arrange attendance by our chosen consultants at either or both of the first two sessions.** The consultation would close on 7 April 2013.*
5. *It was agreed to appoint Chris Boden of Navigus Planning as consultant for the village's Plan. It was noted that Navigus (as part of a consortium, CamPlan), had been one of seven consultants who tendered to Daventry District Council for Neighbourhood Plan services to parishes, in response to a countrywide procurement exercise. They had reached the final 2 and passed all Daventry's tests but came second to another consultant solely on account of their quoting a slightly higher daily rate. The Parish Council had already formed a working relationship with Navigus, and Councillor Heaton recommended them on the basis that he considered that their overall cost for the job would be no greater and, based on cost indications, would come well within the £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant that the Council had secured.*

In addition, Cllr Frenchman reported that HMG had indicated that contrary to previous reports (originally District/County Council would retain the **Community Infrastructure Levy** - CIL), villages might be allowed to keep 25% of the **Community Infrastructure Levy**

- 146.12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION – not already on agenda (previously circulated), to discuss and agree action/response**
The correspondence (circulated via email) had been noted and there was nothing that required action.
- 147.12 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED For Information – (Members file circulated via email)**
- 148.12 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)**
 - a) Daventry Calling** – Cllr Frenchman invited Councillors and the Clerk to meet at his house in order for Daventry Calling to take photos for an article on villages doing Neighbourhood Plans.
- 149.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tues 19th February 2013, 7.30 pm, Village Hall, School Road, Spratton**

Meeting Closed 10.40 pm

Chairman Signature.....

Date:.....

2013 Meeting Dates

Tues 19th March 2013
 Tues 16th April 2013
 Tues 21st May 2013 – Annual meeting of Parish Council
 Tues 18th June 2013
 Tues 16th July 2013

August – No meeting
 Tues 17th September
 Tues 15th October
 Tues 19th November
 December - tba