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Minutes of a Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

Held on **Tuesday 16th July 2013** in the Village Hall, School Road, Spratton at **7.30 pm**

Present:- Cllr Barry Frenchman (Chair), Cllr Liz Tee (Vice-Chair), Cllr Bill Blowfield, Cllr Michael Heaton, Cllr Tim Forster, Cllr John Hunt, Cllr Mark Pacey, Jay Tindale **8 members**

In attendance – Lynne Compton, Clerk and RFO and Mr Andrew Taylor-Cooke, Resident Priest, Uplands Group

- 48.13 PUBLIC FORUM** members of the public and press are invited to address the council at its open forum (15 mins) – There was one member of the public present who introduced himself as the new priest resident in Spratton Vicarage who shared the interests of the community and those issues affecting it. Cllr Frenchman welcomed Andrew to the village and said he was welcome to stay for the meeting (which he did).
- 49.13 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Frenchman proposed acceptance of apologies from Cllr Baillie and Cllr Ruairaidh McDonald Walker, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.
- 50.13 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18th June 2013** – proposed by Cllr Frenchman, seconded by Cllr Pacey and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.
- 51.13 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – For Information only**
 - a) VDS – It was reported that the final amendments had been made and DDC confirmed a notice would be issued plus a copy of the VDS would be uploaded onto the DDC website.
- 52.13 MEMBERS’ DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS** for relevant items on the agenda
There were none.
- 53.13 RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Chair: Councillor Michael Heaton**
 - i) Update – Cllr Heaton reported the following:-
 - i) Brixworth Road Cemetery – originally £7,000 had been budgeted for from SPC funds, this would now be £7,500 due to the additional coping stones needed. The contractor had not charged any additional labour for fitting the stones.
 - ii) Bank Balances – to receive and approve. Cllr Heaton proposed approval of the bank balances as at the 30th June 2013, seconded by Cllr Frenchman and resolved to be approved by Parish Council:-

Community A/C	£200.00
Reserve A/C	£58,053.79
TOTAL	£58,253.79

iii) Income received for May/June 2013 – to report (if any). The following was reported:-

Date	Details	Amount	Comments
29/04/2013	DDC Precept	£19,508.00	
08/05/2013	BIFFA Final instalment	14,330.02	
15/07/2013	PALS PARTY CLUB Hire of marquee	£200.00	Not yet paid in
15/07/2013	B.HOLLOWELL & SON Burial B Toombs	£196.00	Cheque incorrectly addressed – Action: clerk to inform funeral directors
	Total	£34,234.02	

iv) Payment of invoices for June/July 2013 Parish Council resolution to approve (previously circulated). Cllr Heaton proposed approval to pay the following invoices, seconded by Cllr Frenchman and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.:-

DATE	PAYEE	DETAILS	CHEQUE NO.	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	POWER TO PAY
04/07/2013	BT	Office Phone	DD	£30.90	Office	LGA 1972 s111
05/07/2013	LYNNE COMPTON	Clerk Salary (Month 3 to 28th June 2013)	2576	£708.90	Salaries	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	T FOSTER	Midshires Masons (additional coping stones necessary - agreed via email)	2577	£1,300.00	Salaries	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9
16/07/2013	NCC LGPS	Clerk pension June	2578	£216.19	Salaries	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	CGD	Verge mowing Inv 13/134 1st July	2579	£1,476.00	Greenworks	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9
16/07/2013	JIM PYE	Maintenance june	2580	£250.40	Maintenance/GW	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9
16/07/2013	SPRATTON VILLAGE HALL	hire of hall 16th July May	2581	£18.00	Meetings	LGA 1972 s111
16/07/2013	NORTHANTS CALC	Code of Conduct Training - Total £29 split between 3 PC's	2582	£9.67	Training	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	MAY GURNEY LTD	Pocket Park sign - Nordis signs	2583	£27.00	BRC Pocket Park	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9
16/07/2013	EON	Streetlighting Electricity July 2013	2584	£544.82	Streetlighting Elec	PCA 1957 s3
16/07/2013	MERLAND COPY SHOP LTD	Newsletter June	2585	£330.90	Newsletter	LGA 1972 s142
16/07/2013	MR T FORSTER	Refreshments for NP meeting	2586	£36.80	Chairman's Allowance (new)	LGA 1972 s142
16/07/2013	HMRC Only	PAYE	2587	£113.92	Salaries	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	AUTELA PAYROLL SERVICES	Payroll	2588	£31.50	Office	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	LYNNE COMPTON	Expenses to 16th July 2013	2589	£35.64	Mileage/Training /NP	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	LYNNE COMPTON	Clerk Salary (Month 4 to 28th July 2013)	2590	£728.61	Salaries	LGA 1972 s112
16/07/2013	NCC LGPS	Clerk pension July	2591	£216.19	Salaries	LGA 1972 s112
		TOTAL		£6,075.44		

v) Receipts and Payments report and Bank Reconciliation – Parish Council resolution to approve. Cllr Heaton proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Frenchman and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Attached Paper A.**

vi) **Review of Hours – Following extensive discussions Cllr Frenchman proposed increasing Clerks hours from 15 to 20 per week with effect from 1st September 2013.** (based on the amount of overtime done over the last year and time off in lieu owed) plus the fact that there were several new projects planned for 2013/14 which would incur additional time for the Parish Clerk. **This was reinforced by the Internal Auditor's report.** The cost to the Parish Council would be approximately £3,000 per annum. The motion was seconded by Cllr Heaton, voted on and unanimously resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to inform Autela Payroll services and amend contract of employment**

vii) NCALC Internal Audit Report – It was reported that there were no issues arising with the audit, however the Internal Auditor recommended the following:- “As you are aware from our discussion I do have concerns that the hours allocated to you for a parish of your size and activity are inadequate and I would urge the Council to review them as a matter of some urgency.” Parish Council resolution to adopt report and discuss recommendations plus make resolution(s). After some discussion, Cllr Heaton proposed adoption of the report seconded by Cllr Frenchman, voted on and unanimously resolved to be approved by Parish Council. BDO – Letter requesting clarification of points – to discuss and make resolution - the Clerk reported that although the

Bank reconciliation was correct, for some obscure reason, on the Audit Return, the un-cleared cheques had been added back into the receipts figure. The Clerk apologised for the error (which hadn't been picked up at internal audit either). The revised audit figures (which now agreed to the bank reconciliation figure rather than the bank balances as at 31st March) were proposed by Cllr Frenchman, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. – **attached Paper B**

- viii) Millenium Garden – Parish Council resolution to approve spending up to (vire) £300 (Open Spaces Act 1906 s9) from the Parish development and Property reserve to make improvements and replace the roses with shrubs (report circulated with agenda. Note: this was not included in the budget for 2013/14. Cllr Heaton proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr Frenchman, voted on and unanimously resolved to be approved by Parish Council.

54.13 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Chair: Councillor Liz Tee

- a) SPC Planning Executive Committee – make resolution to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tues 9th July 2013 (**attached Paper C**). – Cllr Heaton proposed approval of the minutes and resolutions therein, seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved to be approved by SPC Planning Executive Committee
- b) Planning applications received - to consider
Application No: DA/2013/0475
Description: Work to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order DA291
Location: Roseholme 14, School Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8HY
After some discussion, Cllr Heaton proposed that the application (which included plans to fell a mature Horse Chestnut at the front of the property – not subject to a TPO) should be strongly **objected** to and that Mr Venton (DDC Planning Case Officer) should be asked to apply an emergency TPO on the Horse Chestnut Tree, the motion was seconded by Cllr Frenchman, voted on and unanimously resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to respond and organise.**
- c) Planning application decisions (if any)
Parish Council noted the following:-
Application No: DA/2013/0377
Description: Construction of dormer to front elevation (retrospective)
Location: 15, Gorse Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8JQ
Respond by: 25 June 2013
Case Officer B Allen on 01327 302575 or email ballen@daventrydc.gov.uk.
Cllr Frenchman proposed “no observations”, seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.
DDC Planning permission approved: 11th July 2013
- d) Update on Planning Applications
i) **Application No: DA/2011/0197 (revised)**
Description: Construction of new dwelling and detached double garage
Location: Land Adjacent Copt Oak 15, Yew Tree Lane, Spratton, NN6 8HL
Cllr Frenchman reported that the DDC Case Office (Choung Phillips) had explained to the owners the issues with the application and was awaiting a revised planning application.
- e) Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document – to discuss
A draft response which had been advised on by Navigus Planning had been circulated and approved in an email exchange (and subsequently submitted by the Clerk). Cllr Frenchman proposed approval (retrospective) of the Parish Council response (attached Paper D), seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.

55.13 CHURCHYARD CEMETERIES AND OPEN SPACES (CCOS) ADVISORY GROUP – Chair: Councillor Bill Blowfield

- a) Update
i) **A Tobbutt** – Cllr Blowfield reported that part C of the form had not been received by the registrars. The clerk reported that it had been sent and copies were not kept. **Action: Clerk to send a confirmation letter that the burial had taken place.**
- ii) **Annual Maintenance Fee** – Cllr Frenchman reported that several other Parish Councils levied an annual maintenance fee for burial plots. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that this should be discussed at the next CCOS meeting on Weds 7th August, 7.30 pm, Café Doris (Spratton Community Coffee Shop).
- iii) **New Bench for Churchyard** – Cllr Blowfield (also Chair of the PCC) reported that the Archdeacon had given permission for the bench (style also approved) to be located at the South Door. Parish Council resolved that the optimum way of fixing the bench would be with concrete pads. The wording for the inscription had not yet been approved. **Actions:**

Clerk to contact family and ask about wording. Cllr Blowfield to inform PCC of the Parish Councils opinion on fixing the bench and write an article for the newsletter.

iv) EVC Plan – Cllr Blowfield reported that he had a colleague that could produce a bespoke system to link the map to a database at a cost of £250 (this would not include entering the data. Parish Council resolved that this should be investigated further and discussed at the next CCOS meeting on Weds 7th August 2013. **Action: Cllr Blowfield.**

b) Burial/Memorial applications to approve. Cllr Blowfield proposed approval of the following:-
B. Hollowell and Son – pre-purchase and burial - Brenda Dorothy TOOMBS – Plot C.233 – 10th July 2013
Blenkharns – Memorial – E M Wilson (subject to spelling mistakes on application being corrected)
RGR Memorials – Memorial J Troop
Barham Stone – Memorial J C Attwood

Action: Clerk to send confirmation letters, invoices and inform Blenkharns of mistakes

c) Village Handyman - To consider any additional work necessary for August 2013. Cllr Blowfield proposed the following additional works:-

- To do a walk around the village weed spraying and clearing areas of path where weeds showing through e.g. Old Post Office
- Corner of Gorse and Holdenby Roads – grass growing through kerbs – weed spray
- Weeds on corner of School Road and Brixworth Road – spray and clear
- Bottom of High St and Smith Street – clear shrubs encroaching on the road
- Foliage on Speed signs – clear

Seconded by Cllr Heaton and resolved to be approved by Parish Council.

d) Improving Village Matters – To report

- i) Yew Trees (land adjacent to 14 School Road, Spratton) subject to a TPO – these were reported as looking very poorly. Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should contact Mr Venton (DDC Tree Officer) to ask if a letter could be sent to the owners asking them to arrange for the necessary works to be done to save the trees.
- ii) Seat in East View Cemetery – this had still not been repaired and represented a health and safety hazard. **Action: Clerk to do IVM letter to the owner**

e) Village Mowing/Maintenance – To report any issues arising (if any) and agree action (if any)

- i) Contractors missing areas - Cllr Blowfield reported that the contractors had missed several areas e.g. The Pound and a triangle of green adjacent to Blackthorn Close. **Action: Cllr Blowfield to discuss with contractor.**
- ii) Contractors not texting/emailing Clerk – Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should send a letter along the following lines:- “Parish Council will be unable to authorise further payments unless you comply with the contract and inform the Clerk when you are in the village doing verge-mowing/greenworks.” **Action: Clerk to draft letter**
- iii) Request from Contractors for greater flexibility – CGD had asked if they could mow when it was needed rather than on a strict 2 weekly basis. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that this was a good idea but it would need to be strictly monitored. **Action: Clerk to draft letter in liaison with Cllr Blowfield.**

f) 2nd Phase of Playground – opening ceremony – to discuss – The Recreation Field Committee had discussed having this after the August Bank Holiday possibly on a Monday afternoon at about 4 pm in order for any dignitaries attending to be able to incorporate in their working day. They suggested that members of the Rec Field Committee and Parish Council form an advisory group to organise this event. **Action: Cllr Baillie**

g) Recreation Field Committee – Feedback from Cllr Baillie (previously circulated) to discuss – the following suggestions had been received:-

- i. CCOS/Recreation Meeting – Joint meeting to discuss re-location of Skip (to reduce vehicles going across playing field and damaging the turf and suggestion that there should be an annual meeting between Rec and CCOS to share plans and ideas, shared hedge, kids cycling on rolly banks and various other issues.
- ii. Track around outside for running – this would also be damaged by vehicles accessing the cemetery.
- iii. Opening of Playground – after August bank holiday – maybe a Monday afternoon at about 4 pm – any dignitaries invited can attend in their working day – no firm ideas yet – perhaps members from Rec and PC to form an organising group – any volunteers?
- iv. ROSPA inspection done – awaiting result
- v. New Playground issues - Further to Clerk’s advice that Miracle had confirmed they had carried out the “snagging” list requests. **Action: Cllr Baillie to check for evidence that work has been done. Noted:** Cllr Baillie confirmed that it is on maintenance schedule for the zip wire to be tensioned on a monthly basis by volunteer Rec Field committee members.

56.13 NATURAL SPRATTON INCLUDING SPRATTON POCKET PARK ADVISORY GROUP

Chair: Councillor Hunt, Project Manager BRC Pocket Park – David Cooke

a) Natural Spratton update (if any)

- i) Saplings (belonging to Guides) – Cllr Hunt reported that the majority of the saplings would be needed to infill spaces round the guide site (adjacent to the allotments) but that the Guide Leader did not want a JCB used (as suggested by Cllr Hunt) to remove some of the remain saplings for use at Jubilee Wood as it was felt that damage might be caused to the allotments. They were happy for any remaining saplings to be used in Jubilee Wood. There was no rush as the trees could not be moved until Oct/Nov. It had been suggested that a meeting to discuss the issues should be held. **Action: Cllr Hunt to organise (to be attended by Guide rep and Mr D Cooke)**

b) Spratton Pocket Park

- i) Notes and Proposals from Spratton Pocket Park Advisory Group meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 (circulated with agenda) to discuss and make resolutions. After some discussion, Cllr Hunt proposed the following from the Pocket Park Advisory Group, seconded by Cllr Tindale and resolved to be approved by Parish Council:-
- Additional Coping Stones – cost £1,300 – **Action: Clerk to order from Tim Foster**
 - Community Involvement – **Action: Clerk to contact Linda Fletcher (Guides/Town and Land Charity) plus Graham Smith (Scouts) to see if they would like to paint the railings/make bird boxes and ask if ok to pass details on to NCC Pocket Parks officer. Rose Little to follow up with a phone call.**
 - Purchase NORDIS Sign for Pocket Park (£30). **Installation to be done by Dave Cooke and Cllr Michael Heaton. Install on first Public Lamp Post at the entry to the village on the Brixworth Road.**
 - Name of Group – After some discussion, Parish Council agreed that to have Brixworth in the title would be misleading. Resolved: Name of Park:- Spratton Pocket Park
 - Wrought Iron Railings – remove to paint and store securely. **Action: Clerk to ask adjacent resident if he had room to store (Cllr Pacey kindly agreed to be a back-up if this wasn't possible). Cllr Pacey to investigate cost of sand blasting and powder coating. In addition, Cllrs Forster, Tindale, Heaton and Blowfield offered to paint the railings.**
- ii) Complaint received about Brixworth Road Cemetery – a resident had complained that it looked a mess and was advised that it takes a long time to create a balanced habitat plus anyone who still tended a grave had been asked if they wanted it cut around. Parish Council resolved that an article should go in the next newsletter about Brixworth Road Cemetery. **Action: Cllr Hunt/Dave Cooke to write an article.**

57.13 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP – Chair: Councillor Mark Pacey

a) Update on Highways Issues (if any) – to receive a report and agree action

- i. Footpaths – it was reported that some of these were overgrown. After some discussion, Cllr Hunt (Footpath Warden) said he would check all the footpaths and assist the Clerk in drafting a suitable letter to the landowner(s) where it was the landowner's responsibility to keep the footpath accessible. It was reported that the Tice Way had just been cut this evening. **Action: Cllr Hunt/Clerk**

b) Community Enhancement Gangs – It was reported that the following jobs had been agreed to be done (in an email from NCC on 21st June) on Weds 3rd July:-

- Cleanse signs throughout village.
- A5199, Welford Rd – side out footway from Holdenby Road to garage.
- Clear vegetation on Brixworth Road – heading towards cemetery (Pocket Park).
- Cleanse bus shelter near top of Brixworth Road.

To discuss and agree action. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that the Community Enhancement Gangs should be asked to return and side out the pathway to BRC.

Action: Clerk to organise.

c) Parking on pavements – It was reported that a complaint had been received about a fast food truck blocking the pavement. The Clerk subsequently reported to the Police who dealt with the situation.

d) Wall underneath footpath (opposite Sauls the Butchers) – this was reported by Midshires Masons (who have been working at BRC) as looking unstable – The Clerk reported this to Highways (who are responsible for this part of the wall) and Mr I Smith (NCC Highways) confirmed that it would be assessed and repaired.

e) Traffic Survey Reports – previously circulated – These would be discussed at a Highways advisory group on Weds 7th August 2013, 7.30 pm at Café Doris (St Andrews Community Coffee Shop)

f) Streetlighting Steering Group – to receive an update (if any).

1. Quotation from Allan Peacock for provision of Streetlighting Maintenance (on an ad hoc basis) plus replacement of streetlights – to discuss and make resolution. Cllr Frenchman proposed that lights should be replaced in twos when they failed, seconded by Cllr Pacey and resolved to be approved by Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to liaise with Dave Cooke and organise replacement lights when necessary plus check Allan Peacock's quote against EON's.**

2. Formation of a consortium with other local parishes for Streetlighting Electricity and/or maintenance. – to discuss – Parish Council resolved that the Chairman should discuss initially with Chairs of other local parish councils. **Action: Cllr Frenchman (Clerk to give contact details to Cllr Frenchman)**

58.13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Project Manager: Cllr Heaton

- a) 1st Draft Plan - Project Management meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2013 – to discuss and make recommendations (if necessary) – Cllr Heaton went through the two proposals for development (using the projector) and outlined that they were purely visual impressions of what a development could be like. Cllr Heaton re-iterated that whichever development was chosen by the village it would need to blend into the rural aspect of the village and that the Parish Council was not here to be too prescriptive and try and design at this stage. After a lengthy discussion, Parish Council resolved the following:-
 - Door Drop – this would not happen until AFTER the consultation in the hope that it would encourage participation at the consultation event. Instead a flyer advertising the event along the lines – “Your opportunity to have your informed say!” **Action: Cllr Heaton**
 - Consultation – This would be held 11-4 on Sat 12th and Sunday 13th October and would be advertised as a “Site Choice and Plan Exhibition”. This would be followed by Cllrs going door to door to ascertain opinions. **Action: Cllr Heaton**
 - Meetings with landowners – further meetings to be held with landowners to discuss progress – **Action: Clerk to organise**
 - Refreshments to be served – 1st drink free – raffle ticket to be issued on entry. **Action: Clerk to organise Temporary Event Notice Licence (TENS) plus purchase refreshments for the event with Chairman.**
 - Site Choice – after lengthy debate and concerns that the ultimate choice should not be a “Beauty contest”, Parish Council resolved that Navigus Planning should be consulted on the best way to formulate the questionnaire and ensure a fair consultation. **Action: Cllr Heaton**
 - **NP Summary for Newsletter – Action: Clerk to email to Councillors for agreement in an email exchange**
- b) Report from meeting with landowner (agents) on 15 July – Cllr Heaton reported the following:-
 - **Deliverability** – the point was made that initially the plan was an aspirational, fairly detailed heads of terms. Until the detail and evidence base e.g. ecology, drainage, hydrology, utilities, traffic impact assessment had been fully costed the deliverability of the development would not be known. LS said that for large developments this work would normally be done beforehand but because of the element of risk, it was proposed that the detail would be done after the choice of site was known i.e. after the results of the October consultation were known.
 - **Agents/landowners attendance at consultation** – the agents felt it would be improper for either to attend the consultation
 - **Incubator Office space** – the agents questioned the evidence base for this and generally did not think it a good idea for office space to be within a residential development.
 - **Next Steps** – 2 agents for 1 plot to liaise and firm up on proposal for inclusion in the consultation.
- c) Proposal for how landowners will be invited to display their proposals on 12/13 October. – to discuss – After lengthy discussion, Parish Council resolved the 3 sets of landowners (for the 2 schemes) to be written to and asked to list the benefits to the community of their respective schemes. Due diligence would then be done by consulting with Highways and other interested parties. The benefits would then be put on boards at the consultation event. **Action: Clerk**

59.13 ANNUAL VILLAGE WALK AND RISK ASSESSMENT – Tues 20th August, meet Brixworth Road Cemetery – to agree any additions to usual list. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that this should revert to 7.30 pm (originally 6 pm) to allow greater participation. Cllr Blowfield to lead the walk, Cllrs Forster and Pacey to attend.

60.13 COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY GROUP – Chair: Councillor Tim Forster

- a) Newsletter contents list – request for input and discuss – Parish Council agreed that the contents list was an excellent idea. After some discussion, the following was agreed:-
 - Copy date – 9th September, publication 2 weeks later
 - Spratton Primary School editorial – **Action: Cllr Forster to contact before the holidays**
 - Youth Clubs – good idea to get different elements of the 2 youth clubs in the village. **Action: Cllr Forster to contact clubs**
- b) Inaugural Meeting – It was reported that this was in the process of being organised.

61.13 STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

- a) SPC Renewable Energy Policy – It was reported that NAVIGUS (NP consultants) would be drafting a policy for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan
- b) Inaugural Meeting – It was reported that this was in the process of being organised. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that this should be held on **Tues 27th August, 7.00 pm, in Café Doris (Spratton Community Coffee Shop in St Andrews)**. Parish Council further resolved that

the Clerk should attend and participate in the inaugural meeting. **Action: Clerk to produce calendar of meetings and circulate**

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

- a) Congleton Civic Society – **petition – if you feel that the NPPF needs to be amended, go to the petition <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49495>** - several councillors indicated that they had already completed the petition.
- b) New Proceeds of Crime Act Fund Launched - The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire has launched a small-grants programme aimed at preventing crime and supporting victims of crime. Grants of 1 x £5,000, 10 x £1,000 and 10 x £500 are available to community groups in Northamptonshire. The closing deadline for applications is 13 September 2013. After some discussion, Parish Council resolved that the clerk should draft the application and ask for a grant towards VAS signs in the village (in liaison with Highways Advisory Group).
- c) Woodland Trust – Free Trees to community groups and schools – It was reported that the Clerk had forwarded this onto relevant organisations and Spratton Hall School said they were interested.
- d) ACRE – Energy Saving presentations from the warm homes project. **Action: Clerk to advertise**
- e) WI Invitation from WI 90th birthday celebrations Saturday 22nd September 2013 – Cllr Tindale to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk to respond**
- f) ACRE Community website evening about content and social media – 24th July 7-8.30 – **Action: Cllr Forster or Clerk to attend**
- g) NCALC – July to October Training calendar - noted
- h) CPRE - You are invited to the West Northants Summer Event – 26th July 2013 6-8 pm which is to be held at:
The Old Rectory, Greens Norton, Towcester NN12 8BL
by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Edward Woods
- i) POLICE - ASB
26 Jun: High Street – report of youths inside building site, with alcohol. Police attended, no trace.
CRIME:
o/n 07-08 Jun: St Luke’s Close, Glebelands, Gorse Road - catalytic converter taken from vehicles.

63.13 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information – Members file for circulation)

64.13 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)

65.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tues 17th September 2013, 7.30 pm, Village Hall School Road, Spratton

Meeting Closed 10.30 pm

Chairman Signature.....

Dated:

Dates of 2013/14 Meetings – all held 7.30 pm, Spratton Village Hall unless stated otherwise

August – No meeting
Tues 17th September 2013
Tues 15th October 2013
Tues 19th November 2013
Tues 17th December 2013

Tues 21st January 2014
Tues 18th February 2014
Tues 18th March 2014
Tues 15th April 2014

Tues 20th May 2014 Annual Meeting of Parish Council
Weds 7th May 2014 Annual Parish Meeting