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Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 in Spratton Village Hall, Spratton at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs John Hunt (Chair), Lydia Crawford, Colin Donnelly, Denise Fry and Sally Wilkes.

In attendance: Emma Gibson Clerk and RFO, PCSO Miller and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: None.

01.20 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.

- Up-date received from PCSO Miller. The crime has reduced in the area. PCSO Miller will continue to monitor issues such as speeding within the village. He has found the sharing of his time between the participating villages is working well. He aims to visit each village at least once per shift, but generally he visits twice. He will be arranging a talk at Spratton Primary School this year. There is now a new PCSO single point of contact (SPOC) Cllr Lydia Crawford. Her contact details along with Neighbour alerts sign up details to be published in next newsletter edition.
- Speed signs in the village discussed and an up-date received from Cllrs Wilkes and Donnelly. Cameras continue to be moved. New poles for Smith Street and Brixworth Road have been applied for at NCC Highways, once approval given poles will be added and camera moved to these positions also.

02.20 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

03.20 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR: No applicants at this meeting although member of the public expressed an interest in joining in the future.

04.20 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 17TH DECEMBER 2019. Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

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

06.20 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

To receive

1. Non-pecuniary : None
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest : None

07.20 RESOURCES (STAFFING AND STRATEGY) COMMITTEE

a) Income received: None.

b) Payment of outstanding invoices. Parish Council resolution to approve those listed plus additional received between 15th January 2020 and 21st January 2020 (if any)

DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ AMOUNT
27/11/19	Merland	Newsletter printing	Bank transfer			£265.50
21/01/20	Wildlife Trust	Pocket Park award entry	3326			£5.00
06/01/20	J Hunt	Pocket park paint	Bank transfer			£26.75
22/01/20	Merland	Poster printing	Bank transfer	£1.45	£0.29	£1.74
22/01/20	NCALC	Training	Bank transfer			£36.00
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22/01/20	E.On	January Streetlighting electricity	Bank transfer	£220.50	£44.10	£264.60
22/01/20	O2	Office phone	DD	£31.98	£6.40	£38.38

24/01/20	E Gibson	Jan salary	Bank transfer		£762.70
24/01/20	E Gibson	Jan Home working allowance	Bank transfer		£18.00
22/01/20	NEST	Pension	Bank transfer		£56.37
22/01/20	DACT	Annual affiliation fee	Bank transfer		£30.00
22/01/20	E Gibson	Stamps	Bank transfer		£7.32
22/01/20	J Pye	December greenworks and maintenance	Bank transfer		£397.00

c) **Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 31st December 2019:** Council to **RESOLVED** to approve.

d) **Council website:** Council considered the current website provider, the overall service they are currently receiving, and whether they should add a security certificate to the website. Council discussed changing to a gov.uk website and a more modern looking website that complies with security settings and accessibility. Current website and two new providers considered. Council **RESOLVED** to make some further enquiries regarding current website, but general view is to move website. To be discussed further at February meeting.

08.20 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):**

DA/2019/0974 Unit 1 and 4, Hawthorne Park, Spratton: Permission granted subject to conditions.

DA/2019/1024 Backstone Pastures, Brixworth Rd, Spratton: Permission granted subject to conditions.

c) **Planning appeals for information: DA/2019/0629 Evend 32, St Lukes Close, Spratton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8HS**

d) **Planning Committee for information: None.**

09.20 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 – Memorial tree request memorial East View Cemetery. Council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to approve.

c) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any):** Millennium sign. Council discussed whether there is a need for some remedial work to the sign. Council **RESOLVED** to get a carpenter to quote for what work maybe required.

d) **Pocket Park:** Application for Pocket Park 2020 award considered. Council **RESOLVED** to support the application and fund the application fee.

e) **Tree Brixworth Road:** Concerns raised regarding tree in churchyard over hanging phone wires. BT Openreach were contacted by Clerk and attended. They assessed that they would not take any action and Council **RESOLVED** to leave any maintenance for the tree until when the road is closed for repairs to the churchyard wall. Silver Birch by phone box also discussed by Council. DDC to be contacted to request this is cut as pedestrians are complaining about being hit by the branches.

f) **Defibrillator:** Up-date received.

10.20 HIGHWAYS ADVISORY GROUP (including Street Lighting Advisory Group)

a) **Streetlighting:** Up-date received. Clerk presented Council with quote from Zeta lighting. Council discussed the pros and cons of a full lighting upgrade. Energy savings and maintenance savings discussed. Concerns regarding light pollution and stark change of lighting tone also discussed. Council **RESOLVED** to invite Zeta representative to meet with them, so they have an opportunity to ask questions. Council discussed putting an article in the newsletter so parishioners are aware of any proposed changes.

b) **Speeding cameras:** Up-date received as discussed in public section of the meeting.

c) **Buses:** Update received. Council have previously **RESOLVED** to continue to support the bus service. Currently awaiting confirmation from some parishes. Council to undertake an inventory of the bus stop signs as some need replacing and get quotes for replacements.

d) **Double yellow lines on Church Road and Brixworth Road:** Buses in the village are having difficulty getting around the corner due to parked cars. Proposal to extend the double yellow lines by a few yards to help with this. Council considered and **RESOLVED** to contact NCC Highways to apply for this.

11.20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

a) **PCSO –SPOC:** Clrs discussed any priorities for the PCSO that can be passed on. Discussed at the public section of the meeting.

b) **DACT Bus:** Affiliation renewal due £30. Council **RESOLVED** to pay the fee.

12.20 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR):** Up-date received. Structural Change Order to create the unitary authority has been delayed until late February early March. Reminder of websites with information on the LGR <https://futurenorthantswest.org/> or <https://futurenorthantsnorth.org/> .

13.20 **CONSULTATIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE:** Council to consider any additional consultations received between 15th January 2020 and 21st January 2020. None.

**14.20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated).
Correspondence from Parishioner received highlighting some issues within the village.**

- **Ditch on Welford Road:** Clerk to report to NCC Highways.
- **Path on Welford Road between Holdenby Rd and Brixworth needing siding:** Clerk to report to NCC Highways.
- **Organic Farm planning permission:** Council have previously discussed with DDC. DDC are dealing with this matter.
- **Lorries churning up verges:** To be reported to NCC Highways.

15.20 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. None.

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

17.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 25th February 2020 7.30 pm, Spratton Village Hall, School Road, Spratton.

9.13pm meeting closed.

**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 J Hunt Chair to Spratton Parish Council

Date:

2019-20

Meeting dates

Tuesday 25th February 2020

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Tuesday 21st April 2020

Tuesday 19th May 2020

Annual Village Meeting (to be agreed)