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Minutes of the Meeting of Spratton Parish Council

held on **Tuesday 16th February 2016** in the **Upstairs Function Room, The King's Head, Manor Road, Spratton at 7:30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllrs: John Hunt, Harry Mallinder, Jay Tindale, Janice Holmes and Paul Vellam (5 members)
In attendance: 6 members of the public.

14.16 Sandra Cottterill – Group Leader for the East Midland Ambulance Service in the Brixworth area advised on what was required in setting up Defibrillators in the village. It was suggested two would be required – one in the King's Head area and another in the REC area. Grants could be applied and one source was the British Heart Foundation.

15.16 Open Forum –

- a) Mr Barry Ward complained that the hinge on the large entrance gate to East View Cemetery had been broken for the past six months and was a Health and Safety issue. CCOS to follow up.
- b) It was also voiced that some dog owners were being irresponsible and not picking up their dog's mess.
- c) The dog mess bin outside the Eastview Cemetery Gate was overflowing. The Refuse people to be made aware of the problem. In the meantime Council will ensure the bin is taken to the bottom of Rolly Bank for collection.
- d) A member of the public said that the dog bin was not a pleasant sight and suggested that the dog bin be moved nearby to a less conspicuous position.

16.16 Resolution to approve apologies for absence – Clerk-Sue Porter and Cllr Blowfield (Abroad)

17.16 Members' declarations of interests/dispensation requests for relevant items on the Agenda – Nil

18.16 Resolution to sign and approve Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 19 January 2016 and the Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday, 28 January 2016. Cllr Hunt proposed that these minutes are signed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Vice Chairman- Cllr Vellam and seconded by Cllr Mallinder. All voted in favour.

19.16 Matters arising from previous Minutes

a) The new Councillors "Off to a Flying Start" - Training Course is to take place in the Upstairs Function Room, The King's Head on Monday, 21st March starting at 6.30pm. The proposed new co-opted Councillor to be invited to attend and also the new Clerk-Mrs Emma Gibson to attend and gain overview of how parish councillors are expected to operate.

20.16 Updates from Committees/Advisory Groups Resources Staffing and Strategy (To be discussed in closed meeting)

To resolve who is Chair of all committees and their members

Resources, Staffing and Strategy – Chair- Jay Tindale, Janice Holmes, Craig Chivers, Graham Bandy, Janine Spence

Planning – Chair - Paul Vellam, Graham Bandy, Craig Chivers, Janine Spence

Highways – Chair ? , Paul Vellam,

Natural Spratton – Chair-John Hunt, Janine Spence

CCOS – Chair – Bill Blowfield, John Hunt, Janine Spence

CCOS – Broken Memorial Cross in Pocket Park. To be inspected and report on by the Village Handyman. Family to be sourced and then costings to whom to be defined.

Cemetery Footpath

- a) To be inspected and if possible an estimate drawn up to repair the path where roots are breaking through at bottom of path by Village Handyman.
- b) Cllr Hunt to try and maintain who legally is responsible for the footpath through the church yard and its repair?

Natural Spratton

- a) **Jubilee Wood** – On 12th March Woodland Trusts are delivering 405 saplings to create for a hedge which will be parallel to the footpath and Teeton Road. Any help will be appreciated to plant the saplings and tidy up Jubilee Wood.

Street Lighting

Two streets lights are still out, they have been reported to Peacocks and the company have said they will come out and repair.

Community Wellbeing & Engagement

Nothing to report

21.16 Annual Village Litter Pick

This year the Annual Village Litter Pick will include “Clean for the Queen” in the celebration of her 90th birthday.

Chris Saul is organising this event on Sunday, 20th March at 10.00am outside the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served at 12.00noon. All are welcome.

22.16 Brixworth Road Telephone Box

We have the option of buying it for £1 when it can be used for anything we like. The electricity is left in situ. There is a website which gives suggested uses for telephone boxes.

23.16 The Travelling Community in General

Cllr Vellam went to a meeting held by DDC where they discussed the travelling community and the sites that are available to them in the district of Daventry. It was thought best to have a number of small sites as travellers usually travel in small family groups which consist of approximately 5 caravans. There is a statutory right to provide such sites and the Daventry area is at present three caravans short. DDC are looking at various brown sites where water and drainage etc is more easily available. Green Grass Sites to provide stopovers for ten caravans are also required. It was thought that this would not in any way affect Spratton.

24.16 Parish Notice Board

As the Clerk lives outside the village it is in the interest of both Clerk and Councillors that a Councillor will hold a key to the noticeboard and the container in the REC.

25.16 Finance

Payments made since 18 February 2016

Chq 2947 Café Doris - Lunch Club	485.65
Chq 2948 Jim Pye	91.60
Chq 2949 Clerks Salary/Expenses	663.30

Clerk to come over to Spratton for the signing of outstanding cheques on a date to be agreed.

26.16 Planning

DA/2015/1124 (AMENDED) Construction of detached dwelling and detached garage (revised scheme) Land Adj 19 Holdenby Road, Spratton, Northamptonshire NN6 8JD. Spratton Parish Council are still objecting to this development and the decision remains in the hands of DDC.

Planning Application Refusal

DA/2015/0866 – Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, construction of 6 stables, feed room, hay barn and ménage (revised scheme) -Land at Yew Tree Lane, Spratton.

27.16 Date of next meeting -Tuesday, 15th March 2016 at 7.00pm

28.16 Confidential Business – Meeting Closed for the Public and Press

Signed: Cllr J Tindale in absence of the Clerk/RFO

Chairman Signature...G Bandy..... Dated:.....15/03/2016.....