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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SPROTROUGH &
CUSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 18 JULY, 2024 AT
THE GOLDSMITH CENTRE, SPROTROUGH**

Present: Cllrs: T. Nicholson (Chair), F. Calladine, P. Haith, J. Rodgers, G. Bluff,
T. Rawlings, S. Swift, A. Curtis, C. Ransome.

In attendance: Clerk, Deputy Clerk. R.F.O.

5108. **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN
ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (item 1)**

Cllrs. L. Bluff, L. Hempshall, D. Glover (all personal)

5109. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllr. Ransome declared an interest in item 13 of the agenda.

5110. **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 3)**

A request had been made by a parishioner that the Parish Council consider erecting hanging baskets on the wall of the centre. This would be investigated.

Concern had again been raised that there was no footpath from High Melton to Sprotbrough.

There had been a request for road calming measures to facilitate safe crossing from the north side of Melton Road Orchard/Mallard school on the south side following a road traffic accident on Melton Road. The Clerk had contacted Doncaster Council Highways and the police and a response was awaited.

A resident of Ferndale View, Cusworth had raised concerns regarding the height of trees and their maintenance in the copse close to his home. He had been informed of the Parish Councils adopted tree management policy and that the Parish Council did not remove trees because they were tall.

The last tree risk assessment undertaken in 2023 indicated that no action be taken regarding this copse. The Chair and Deputy Clerk would meet with the resident and reiterate this point.

5111. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20.6.24 (item 4)**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a true record.

5112. **PLANNING MATTERS (item 5)**

24/1111/OHL : Sprotbrough flash nature reserve, Cadeby Road
24/1131/FUL : 36 Stone Cross Drive, Sprotbrough
24/1117/FUL : 79 Tennyson Avenue, Sprotbrough

Resolved: That no observations be made in respect of the above applications.

24/0111/FUL : Royal Blue Service Station, York Road

Concern that there could be dangerous liquids discharged into the drainage system.

5113. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 6)**

Grant applications

None.

Internal auditor for 2024/25

It was confirmed that the current internal auditor remain for 2024/25 to complete one financial audit which would include a written report.

5114. **LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME (item 7)**

The assessors for the award scheme had suggested two small amendments to the Parish Council's grants policy and budget headings.

All references to Section 137 grants should be removed and grants inserted for which the Parish Council's general power of competence allowed this. Also staff/Councillor training should be altered to just 'training'.

5115. **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (item 8)**

With regards to the proposed community cinema the company who installed equipment at Sherburn in Elmet had been to look at the space and had quoted a cost of just over £12,000 to include wall mounted screen, ceiling mounted projector, sound system, acoustic panels and base unit. Grants would now be sought to achieve this.

5116. **RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 9)**

The new signage for all sites had been received and had been painted with anti graffiti paint ready to be installed. The new bins at Anchorage Lane and the Goldsmith Centre had also been installed.

Goldsmith Centre

New floodlights were in the process of being installed on the front and side of the centre. Four fruit trees had been planted in the area next to the gardeners store and the external painting had been started on the 14th July by community pay back who had also carried out some minor repairs.

New Lane

The overhead power cable pylons had now been removed from the site.

Scawsby Community Centre

The water leak had now been rectified.

5117. **UPDATE FROM CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (item 10)**

The Clerk had spoken with the Parish Council solicitor regarding the New Lane access who had indicated that their costs for dealing with the matter would be around £850 plus VAT. The owner had been contacted for his thoughts and a response was awaited.

The Friends of Barnsley Road playing field had indicated that their Scarecrow festival would be in October and not at the same time as Sprotbrough's due to the schools being able to take part later in the year. Sprotbrough had asked if two parish Councillors would be able to judge the various sections of their festival on 7th September and Cllr. Ransome and Cllr. G. Bluff agreed to do this.

5118. **ACTION PLAN (item 11)**

Nothing significant to note and work was progressing as per actions listed.

5119. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 12)**

Cllr. Ransome reported on meetings with the police on rural crime, History Group, Walled Garden trustees, Sprotbrough library and the tour de Yorkshire route involving local communities.

Cllr. G. Bluff reported on the latest position with the footpath from Sprotbrough to Cadeby and the flood gates at the bottom of Nursery Lane.

5120. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (item 13)**

None.

5121. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 14)**

Resolved: That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of £19,620.10, be received and approved.

5122. **PROPOSAL TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION (item 15)**

This was agreed.

5123. **TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AT NEW LANE PLAYGROUND (item 16)**

Quotes had been received from three companies. These quotes were discussed at length and a preferred option be agreed. The Clerk would contact Doncaster Council with regard to next steps for the finance and s106 monies.

5124. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS (item 17)**

An update was provided on the Parish Council's current account and options moving forward, These would be looked at and decided upon at September's meeting and any updates provided to councillors via email beforehand.