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**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SPROTBROUGH & CUSWORTH  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON LINE ON 18 MARCH, 2021**

Present online: Cllrs: D. Holland (Chair), J. Rodgers, K. Rodgers, S. Holland, A. Curtis, L. Chipp, S. Gallagher, M. Greenhalgh, P. Haith, T. Nicholson, T. Rawlings, F. Cahill, D. Longley.

In attendance online: 7 members of the public.

4634 **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

No apologies were received.

4635 **DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST (Item 2)**

Cllr. L. Chipp declared an interest in item 11 of the agenda (library).

4636 **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (Item 3)**

**RESOLVED:** That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of £23,697.02 be received.

4637 **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (Item 4)**

None.

4638 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.2.21 (Item 5)**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a true record subject to the following amendment:- Page 1, attendance, delete 'S. Greenhalgh' and insert 'M. Greenhalgh'.

Matters arising:

Minute 4621 – New Lane- A starting date for the path was awaited.

Minute 4621 – Newlands Park. The ponds for the great crested newt project had now been completed. The CCTV scan on the drain had indicated a partial blockage and the pipe was compromised in places. A quote for remedial work was awaited. It had also been established that two access points to the pipe were not secure and pose an immediate health and safety risk. A quote of £1805 + VAT had been received for this work. This quote was agreed.

Minute 4623 – Planning matters.

The Planning Committee meeting to consider the pig farm application was not taking place on the 30 March 2021. The Parish Councils comments had already been conveyed in writing. The Clerk was asked to attend the meeting when arranged.

Minute 4630 – Pantomime. It was agreed that tickets would go on sale in September/ October.

#### 4639 **PLANNING MATTERS (Item 6)**

New applications;

- 20/2632/FUL : 37 Laurel Avenue, Cusworth.
- 21/0406/FUL : 4 Mulberry Close, Cusworth.
- 21/0337/REM : 57 Spring Lane, Sprotbrough.
- 21/0386/FUL : 8 Cusworth Lane, Scawsby
- 21/0616/TPO : 85A Park Drive, Sprotbrough
- 21/0604/FUL : 111 Challenger Drive, Sprotbrough
- 21/0510/FUL : 6 Dean Close, Sprotbrough

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

21/3177/FUL : 115 Melton Road, Sprotbrough  
Erection of 5 bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling (being resubmission of 20/0565/FUL refused 28.8.20).

Whilst not objecting it was agreed that the Climate Change Working Group could consider how best to deal with issues of heating and carbon off set in new development.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

The examiner had submitted his draft report to check for factual and typographical items. This had been checked by the Clerk, Neighbourhood Group and DMBC and returned to the examiner and the final report received.

**RESOLVED:** That the final report from the examiner is agreed and the matter proceed to referendum.

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**RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (Item 7)**

Vandalism had taken place at New Lane when a bench had been ripped out from Copley school and taken onto the playing field. This bench had rotted at the base and a new one was required. A quote of £637 + VAT for a metal/ wood bench had been received from Doncaster Council or £493 plus VAT for a wooden one. Options for seating was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would look at options/ costs.

At Anchorage play area there had also been a lot of broken glass and the caretaker had done an excellent job of clearing this up the mess. The Fire Brigade had also been called out twice to fires on the basketball court at Anchorage Lane which had badly damaged the surface. DMBC had been asked for assistance along with the fire service in combatting this issue. It was agreed that Ridgewood school be made aware of the problems being encountered on all sites. Residents continue to be encouraged to report any problems to the police. The Clerk was also undertaking training on CCTV in April and would report back on the possibility of having CCTV in the play areas.

It was reported that the sign for the Stephen Platt trail at Anchorage Lane had graffiti over it and arrangements would be made to have this removed.

The tree survey of all sites had taken place and prioritised for attention. A quote of £8,300 had been received to cover all work identified but payments would be staggered over the year depending on the urgency of the work. It was agreed that a further quote be obtained if practical.

Covid 19

It was noted that outdoor gyms and football could commence on 29 March.

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS (Item 8)**Section 137 donations

A request for financial assistance of £1,000 towards the Health & Wellbeing project operated by Sprotbrough Library had been received. It was agreed that this be granted in principle but the Chair/Vice Chair and the Clerk would obtain further information from Mr. Walters before it was paid.

Risk Assessments 2021

There had been no significant changes and the assessments were noted.

Asset Register

All sites had now been valued and as a result the Asset Register had been updated. The Clerk would contact the Scawsby C.C. Clerk on the issue of the centre valuation. The register was noted.

4642 **ACTION PLAN 2020/21 (Item 9)**

There was nothing to report other than to note that there was still a lot of unspent budget for the community grants the current year. The grant to Sprotbrough Library would assist in moving towards meeting this target.

4643 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15 APRIL 2021 (Item 10)**

It was agreed that a meeting take place and that it be virtual.

4644 **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (Item 11)**

Cllr. A. Curtis gave a verbal report on a Y.L.C.A. branch meeting held on 24 February including a presentation from Friends of the Earth. It was agreed that the issues arising would be discussed at the Climate Change working group with any proposed actions being brought back to the Parish Council for consideration. It was noted that the quad bike problem was agreed and would move forward to the NALC Conference in the summer.

4645 **CORRESPONDENCE (Item 12)**

All items of correspondence were duly noted. The Parish Council supported the proposal for a community garden subject to the results of local consultation with residents living close to the garden. The Clerk had made the resident aware of Section 137 grants. Any request for financial assistance would be supported if necessary.

DMBC had been notified of a problem with cars being parked on the grass verge at the car sales business on Sprotbrough Road.

4646 **PROPOSAL TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION FOR THE NEXT ITEM – Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960 due to the confidential nature of business relating to item 14 proposed changes to the clerk's working hours and item 15 confidential items in the minutes of the PC meeting in February (Item 13)**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: That the meeting go into private session.

4647      **RESOLVED**: That page 5 of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18.2.21 were approved as a true record and the changes to the Clerk's working hours be agreed.

Signed .....

**Chair of Council**

Date.....