

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
7:30PM on TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2022 at SPIXWORTH VILLAGE HALL ROOM**

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PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: Mr P Rowe (Chairman) (PR)
Mr M Knight (Vice-Chairman) (MK)
Mr V Barrell (VB)
Mr S Vincent (SV)
Mrs S Holland (SH)
Mr S Cullington (SC)
Mr K Harkin-Perry (KHP)
Mr J Holman (JH)

CLERK: Mrs C. Lake

COUNTY

COUNCILLOR: Mr D Roper

Two members of public

A note of the items raised in the Public Speaking session is attached to the signed copy of these minutes.

Reports and Parishioner's Question Time

Norfolk County Council: Councillor Roper reported that Mr Richard Pearson is the new highway engineer covering Spixworth and surrounding areas.

Highways reported back to Mr Roper that the drains on Buxton Road have come to the end of their life span, NCC Highways will be drawing up a plan to renew the drains. The flooding issue on St Peters way is being dealt with by contractors.

There will be a 2.99% budget tax increase, NCC is facing a gap of £60million.

Councillor Roper confirmed that he can use his members ward grant to help pay for next lot of replacement pads on the defibrillator located on Crostwick Lane located at the Longe Arms Pub. The council agreed to Councillor Roper paying the ward member grant to the parish council so they could then purchase the necessary replacements directly with the company.

Broadland District Council: Councillor Holland talked about Community Connectors; Community Connectors are working from many GP surgeries across the districts delivering social prescribing. This is a non-medical solution to social, emotional, and practical issues that may be causing health problems or making them worse. It is a way to access extra services and support through a GP, nurse, or health care professional, to improve your health and wellbeing. They can also put you in touch with

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activities and groups in your area, or support you to start your own project, group, or event.

The budget is underway and will soon go to cabinet with a recommendation to increase the budget.

Spixworth Youth Football Club have received money from Councillors Holland Members ward grant.

Councillor Knight questioned the future closure of Spixworth afterschool club known as Kidz Klub, it is understood that a new club based at the junior school will take its place it will only be available to children who attend the school. Councillor Knight commented that the Club should be available to all children living in the surrounding area. It was suggested to put an article in the next parish magazine.

Councillor Barrell reported that the metal safety barrier outside the first school has still not been repaired by Norfolk County Council Highways.

1. **APOLOGIES** were accepted from Mrs M Kiddell and Mrs K Vincent

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

None

4. **THE MINUTES** of the previous meeting held on 4th January 2022, were agreed by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Knight, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Item 10. CIL Payment Letter

Due to the delay of Spixworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan referendum it meant that the parish council missed out on the CIL levy percentage increase. Councillor Holland drafted a letter to be sent to the Director of Place, Phil Courtier at Broadland District Council to dispute this. It was confirmed at the meeting that Spixworth will be receiving the extra money, thank you to Councillor Holland for her help with this.

6. **FINANCE**

6.1 Balances were noted. The following payments were authorised in accordance with the budget as per the tabled schedule 1st February 2022 proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor M Knight and agreed by full council.

The council agreed to cancel the monthly Zoom Payment.

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6.2 Bank Reconciliation up to 27th January 2022 was noted and signed by the Chairman. Payments were approved by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Barrell and agreed by full council.

6.3 The council agreed to the final 80 streetlight LED upgrade at a cost of £24,000 which will be carried out in the new financial year 2022/23. The clerk was asked to speak with the contractor about the current payment for monthly streetlight maintenance and whether this will now be reduced due to all streetlights now having LED lights.

Clerk

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Ref: 20212339

Location: 1 A Elvina Road, Spixworth, NR10 3PF

Description: Two storey rear and side extension with new porch

Comments: No comments received

Ref:20212275

Location: 10A Ivy Road, Spixworth, NR10 3PX

Description Alterations to roof including increase in height and installation of new rooflights and windows at first floor level.

Comments: Council would like clarification on how many off road parking spaces the property has. Clerk to send comment to planning.

Ref:20220030

Location: 11 Ivy Road, Spixworth, NR10 3PX

Description Conversion of detached garage into self-contained annexe replacement of garage door with window

Comments: Council questioned whether the annex would stay as part of the main property and not a separate dwelling. Clerk to send comment to planning.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council asked if the Norwich Airport Limited Consultative Committee meeting time could be changed to enable a member of Spixworth Parish Council to join the meetings.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

9.1 The clerk received information from Norfolk Police regarding a report they had received about buses mounting the kerb at the Ivy Road bus stop. The council advised that this would need to be investigated by the bus company and any additional safety measures would need to be agreed by Norfolk County Council Highways.

Councillor Barrell advised that the speed data recorded by the SAM 2 camera was being passed to the local police station, but he has been informed that they do not need to receive this data as they also monitor speeding around the local area.

Clerk
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10. AMENITIES MATTERS

The clerk informed the council of a new grant scheme that Broadland District Council have launched for community tree planting. The council discussed possible locations of where new trees could be planted. It was agreed to set up an open day in March and invite Spixworth residents to come along and talk about various amenity matters including ideas on where people would like to plant new trees. The clerk was asked to set up a date and liaise with the chairman to be discussed further at the next meeting.

**PR
Clerk**

11. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk informed the Council that Broadland District Council Planning has confirmed that the developer has now engaged in discussions with them to arrange a meeting on site to discuss what is required to bring the allotments up to their original agreed specification. The Council expressed their views that the allotment transfer should have been completed in 2019. Clerk to request a meeting with Nigel Harris and Helen Mellors at Broadland District Council for an update.

Clerk

12. RECREATION LAND OPEN SPACE CROSTWICK LANE

The clerk informed the council that their solicitors dealing with the transfer have now had to withdraw themselves from acting for the Parish Council because they are acting for a number of the residents on the highway's easement matter. Hopkins Homes have informed the parish council that the current situation is, that the process is being progressed by their legal team and has taken longer than expected. The parish council asked the clerk to request a meeting with Nigel Harris at Broadland District Council Planning and stress that they need to take enforcement action against Hopkins Home for the delay in transferring this piece of land.

Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm

