

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SPIXWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT SPIXWORTH VILLAGE HALL ROOM 84 AT 7:30 pm
ON TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2022**

PRESENT

PARISH

COUNCILLORS: Mr Paul Rowe (Chairman)
Mr V Barrell
Mrs S Holland
Mr S Cullington
Mr K Harkin-Perry
Mr J Holman
Mr P Daly

COUNTY

COUNCILLOR: Mr D Roper

CLERK: Mrs C. Lake– Parish Clerk

1 Member of Public was in attendance

Reports and Parishioner's Question Time

Public Question: In relation to the Broadland energy £150 grant rebate scheme a member of public wanted to view their concerns about energy impact on residents and rising household costs especially for single parent families and wondered if there was any kind of scope the Parish Council could run where they could ask if households were willing to forfeit their grant to people who are in need of it based on a means testing situation. The parish council advised it is unlikely something they could do but worth investigating. Councillor Holland advised people to contact her direct if they are struggling so she could look into the matter further.

Norfolk County Council: Councillor Roper reported that Norfolk County Council cancelled free school meals during the easter break and has urged that anyone who is in need to apply to the Norfolk Assistance Scheme.

The payment scheme for foster carers is being tweaked for carers looking after children who have more complex needs.

There will be a report coming to cabinet in June on the Western Link.

Broadland District Council: Councillor Holland reported that the 'Click it local' scheme is no longer running due to the company that started it are unable to financially continue. There is however another scheme councillor Holland will send further details to the clerk to advertise this.



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Broadland Council's Big Litter Pick 2022 will be launching from 14 March to 30 June 2022 they are asking local residents and community groups to help keep the district looking tidy. 2022 will be the first year this scheme has run.

Ukraine situation, South Norfolk, and Broadland District Councils, like many other local councils, have been asked to identify safe and legitimate ways for how residents can help those fleeing the fighting in Ukraine. They are working closely with Norfolk County Council and other district councils across Norfolk to support sponsors in the region. You can find out more about the support available for refugees and sponsors in Norfolk on Broadland District Council website or by calling them.

Councillor Holland reported that the council tax rebate will be paid directly into bank accounts of people who pay by direct debit, however if you do not pay this way then you still receive the payment.

Councillor Holland is still waiting for a response from Nigel Harris at Broadland District Council Planning regarding the allotment delay in Spixworth. Councillor Holland suggested that the clerk put in a formal complaint to the managing director of Broadland about the situation.

AGENDA

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

K Vincent, M Knight, S Vincent, M Kiddell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nothing to report.

3. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

None

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st of March 2022 were agreed, proposed by Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Barrell, and signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING (NOT COVERED BY AGENDA)

None

6. FINANCE

6.1 Balances were noted. The following payments were authorised in accordance with the budget as per the tabled schedule 5th April 2022 were agreed by full council.


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6.2 Bank Reconciliation up to 29th March 2022 was noted and signed by the Chairman. Payments were approved by full council.

6.3 The clerk presented a revised version of the general and earmarked reserved for 2022/23 this was agreed by full council.

6.4 The council agreed to the National Joint Council 2021-22 parish clerk back pay increase.

6.5 The clerk presented to the council a revised quote from HAGS play for the play area upgrade which includes the entire play area having wet pour surface laid. The quote received was £95,990 + VAT. The parish council are still looking into various options for the play area and are seeking views and suggestions from parishioners.

6.6 The council agreed the quote for instillation of one new dog bin and two new waste bins.

6.7 The council agreed the internal auditor fee for 2021/22 audit.

6.8 The clerk advised that the new bus shelter on Park Road has now been installed and payment has been made.

APPROVED PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2022

EXPENDITURE

15/03/2022	Microsoft Office	Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription Fee	79.99
16/03/2022	1&1 Internet	Web Hosting	12.00
17/03/2022	Zoom	Zoom (Video Conferencing) Payment	14.39
21/03/2022	M & J Gall	Removal of Old Notice Board-Arthurton Rd	50.00
21/03/2022	Mayday	Maintenance Support	49.13
23/03/2022	Mrs M Orford	Clerk Assistant March Wages	291.82
23/03/2022	Mrs C Lake	Clerk Wages March 2022	1,402.60
24/03/2022	ENGIE	Parish Council Office Electric	65.69

INCOME No income received

Outstanding March 2022 Payments- agreed at the meeting of the 5th of April 2022

PAYMENT DATE	NAME	PAYMENT DETAILS	AMOUNT
24.2.2022	Microsoft 365	Annual Subscription (DD payment)	79.99
2.3.2022	HMRC	February Tax Payment	338.03

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2.3.2022	Norfolk Pension Fund	February Pension Contribution	578.52
2.3.2022 *	Cozens	January Streetlighting Maintenance	450.00
23.3.2022	Parish Clerk	February Salary	1370.00
23.3.2022	Clerk Assistant	February Salary	297.00
28.3.2022	Village Keeper	February Salary	286.00

7. PLANNING MATTERS

No applications were received prior to this meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 List of correspondence circulated to the council.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

9.1 The clerk circulated the latest SAM 2 Data to the council. Councillor Holman talked about getting a mirror installed along the Buxton Road when pulling out of the Ivy Road junction. He also suggested that there needs to be a Spixworth sign on the North Walsham Road, the council advised that this is known as Crostwick and that there is already sufficient signage.

Councillor Rowe was approached by Mr Ireson who carried out the speed watch and has asked if the issue of speeding could be mentioned in the next parish magazine.

10. AMENITY MATTERS

10.1 The Clerk is still waiting for feedback from Hopkins Homes as to when the land will be transferred to the Parish Council to manage.

12. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk will be writing a letter of complaint to the managing director of Broadland District Council regarding the delay in delivering the allotments to the parish.

13. RECREATION LAND OPEN SPACE CROSTWICK LANE

12. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5th April 2022, at Spixworth Village Hall. Room 84

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:36pm



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