

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SPIXWORTH PARISH**  
**COUNCIL HELD AT**  
**7:00 pm ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 BY REMOTE ATTENDANCE VIA**  
**ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS: Mr P Rowe (Chairman)  
Mr M Knight (Vice Chairman)  
Mr S Cullington  
Mrs S Holland  
Mr V Barrell  
Mrs M Kiddell  
Mr S Vincent  
Mrs K Vincent  
Mr D Roper (County Councillor)

1 member of public was in attendance.

CLERK: Mrs C. Lake– Parish Clerk

**Reports and Parishioner's Question Time**

**Broadland District Council:** Councillor Holland reported that police have issued 55 fixed penalties over the weekend to people who have breached Covid-19 government rules. Broadland District Council have released some of their staff to assist the NHS with vaccinations, 82% over 80 years old have now been vaccinated in Norfolk. 3 new vaccinating centres will open in Kings Lynn, Attleborough and North Walsham. The consultation deadline date for the Greater Norwich Local Plan is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, there are no sites within Spixworth.

**Norfolk County Council:** Councillor Roper reported that there will be a 3.99% increase in council tax for 2021. Norfolk County Council are well prepared for Covid-19 support, not all grants have been spent at this time. Free school meals will be provided during February half term, there will be a provision of meal vouchers issued. Councillor Roper has been made aware of a litter situation on Quaker Lane possibly caused by a lot more people who are walking and cycling in the area.

**AGENDA**

**1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

K Harkin-Perry

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nothing to report.

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

No applications were received.

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Chairman 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, were agreed, and signed off by the Chairman as a true record after the meeting.

Clerk to get a price of a Hi-Vis jacket for the village keeper as per the previous minute notes.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING (NOT COVERED BY AGENDA)

Councillor Holland reported that there were some nice comments relating to how clean and tidy Spixworth is on nextdoor.com.

#### 6. FINANCE

6.1 Balances were noted. The following payments were authorised in accordance with the budget as per the tabled schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.  
proposed by Councillor P Rowe, seconded by Councillor M Knight.

6.1 Bank Reconciliation as of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 was noted and signed by the Chairman. Payments were approved by full council.

#### Approved payments for January 2021

##### Expenses January 2021

13.01.2021	1&1 Webmail	Web Hosting	DD	£12.00
18.01.2021	EON	Streetlight Energy (January 2021)	DD	1114.26
22.01.2021	British Gas	VH & Social Club Electric (2.12.20-6.12.20)	DD	234.84
22.01.2021	C Lake	January wages	BACS	1319.67
25.01.2021	Opus Energy	Office Electric	DD	48.39

##### Income January 2021

19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	Norse Grounds Maintenance-Sep 2019	24.66
19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	Norse Grounds Maintenance-Nov 2020	246.92
19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	Norse Grounds Maintenance-Nov 2020	274.37
19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	British Gas VH & SC Electric-Oct 2020	323.17
19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	Norse Grounds Maintenance-Sep 2019	504.86

19.01.2021	Spixworth Village Hall	British Gas VH & SC Electric-Aug-Oct 2020	681.72
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### **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS- agreed on the 2-2. 2021 Parish Council Meeting**

29.1.2021	C Chaney	January wages	279.00
3.02.2021	HMRC	January Tax Payment	374.95
3.02.2021	Siemens	Printer Lease Rental Feb-May 2021	136.15
3.02.2021	Cozens	December 2020 Streetlight Maintenance	450.00
3.02.2021	Norfolk Pension Fund	January Pension Contribution	457.91
3.02.2021	Mayday	Printer Maintenance 6mth	126.00

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

The following Planning Applications were discussed by the Council:

### **(1) Ref 20210044**

**Location**-321 Buxton Road, Spixworth

**Description**-Single storey rear extension. 2 no rooflights within existing annex. 2 no front first floor windows resized.

Councillor Kiddell viewed the planning documents online for the above application. As there was nothing around this area it was reported back as not being an issue. No comments were received from the public.

## **8. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL SHOP WITH CONFIDENCE CAMPAIGN.**

Prior to the meeting, Councillor S Vincent had reported to Broadland Council that the hand sanitisers installed within Spixworth by them were empty and some had bags over them. Councillor Holland also reported that one of the dispensers had broken on Crostwick Lane. The Co-op, and Spixworth Dentist advised Councillor Holland that they are not used as they have their own inside the business. The clerk asked Broadland District Council to remove the dispensers.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

E mail-Police Newsletter  
E mail-Greater Norwich Local Plan Update  
E mail-Greg's Meadow Subsidence information  
E mail-SAM 2 camera Update

## **10. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**10.1** The clerk had recently sent out a message via social media that Norfolk County Council Highway inspectors were due to be visiting Spixworth in February and asked for any highway issues to be reported back. The main issues reported were flooding due to blocked gully's and bad road and footpath surfaces. The clerk reported all issues back to Norfolk County Council for works to be programmed. Councillor S Vincent reported that the drains along Buxton Road located near the lodge are always flooding. Councillor Roper had also reported the grass verge damage at the end of Quaker Lane.

**10.2** The clerk had received complaints from two residents concerning the buses and bus layby on Ivy Road. It was reported that First buses are blocking accesses or waiting in the layby too long. The buses have also been mounting and damaging the kerb and leaving cigarette ends on the pavement. Residents were concerned for the safety of children having to use the footpath to walk to school. Councillor Roper noted that due to the current pandemic the bus journey had been a lot quieter resulting in them waiting in the layby longer than usual due to it being the last stop. The clerk reported the issues of kerb damage and leaving cigarette ends to First Buses. The residents suggested that the bus layby is moved elsewhere but there is no other suitable location. Councillor Holland noted that the layby was installed before the bungalows were built which are owned by Clarion Housing. None of the bungalows had driveway access at the time so it was assumed that some properties had had these installed at a later date.

## **11. AMENITY MATTERS**

The clerk had received reports of subsidence and flooding on Greg's Meadow. Councillor Knight and Councillor Barrell went to inspect the area and taken photos. The issue of flooding was due to the current bad weather recently. Greg's Meadow is marsh land with a high-water table and is always prone to flooding during heavy rainfall. The property gardens located around the meadow were built higher to prevent any flooding to the properties. The parish council have seen a rise in issues reported during the pandemic that have not been reported before.

## **12. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, to be held by Zoom video conferencing.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm