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|  | **Minutes of The Sproughton Parish Council Meeting held in the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7:30pm**  **ATTENDEES:** Cllr King, Maxwell, Davies, Powell, Pateman-Gee, Barber and Jermyn.  **AGENDA:**   1. **OPENING INCLUDING PUBLIC FORUM**    1. No public were present. 2. **APOLOGIES AND TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ABSCENCES**    1. Cllrs Curl and Booth provided apologies. All Cllrs approved the absences. 3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**    1. All councillors declared an interest in the following planning developments: - Chantry Vale, Pigeon, Hopkins Homes & Sproughton Enterprise Park. 4. **TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS OF INTEREST**    1. None received 5. **MINUTES**    1. Councillors to consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2025   5.1.1 These are an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Pateman-Gee proposed, Cllr Powell seconded all Cllrs agreed to the Parish Council minutes of the 8th January 2025.   * 1. Review of actions from previous minutes   5.2.1 All actions completed   1. **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**    1. Cllr Davies report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Davies outlined the points in her report. 2. **ACTIONS & PROJECTS**    1. Playing Fields- Councillors to discuss   7.1.1 Cllrs discussed that now the PC has become the sole trustees of the playing fields what would be the next steps. Cllr King proposed that Cllr Maxwell become chairman of the playing field committee. Cllr Davies seconded all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Maxwell to arrange a meeting.   * 1. CIL- Councillors to discuss and approve a list of CIL application items.   7.2.1 Cllrs discussed projects that we could apply for Neighbourhood CIL.  Tithe Barn – Toilets, Barn Floor, Outside paving, Kitchen, Barley room Cupboard  Community Hub - WG1  Playarea   * 1. Barn Hire Charges- Councillors to consider approval of an increase in barn fees.   7.3.1 Cllr Pateman-Gee updated Cllrs on the hourly/daily/weekly cost of running the barn.   * 1. Internal Audit 2024/2025- Cllrs to consider and approve internal auditor.   7.4.1 Cllrs discussed appointing SALC as our internal auditor. Cllr Barber proposed to approve SALC as our internal auditor, Cllr Jermyn seconded all Cllrs agreed.   1. **FINANCE**    1. Monthly Payments – Councillors to consider approval of monthly payments.   8.1.1 Cllr Powell proposed to approve the monthly payments, Cllr Jermyn seconded, all Cllrs agreed. (Cllr Pateman- Gee abstained from the vote)   * 1. Bank Reconciliation - Councillors to consider approval of monthly bank reconciliation.   8.2.1 Cllr Barber proposed to approve the Bank Reconciliations, Cllr Jermyn seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Beer Festival- Councillors to consider underwriting the 2025 beer festival for £15,000.   8.3.1 The Beer Festival committee have requested for the council to consider underwriting the beer festival for £15,000. Cllr Barber proposed to agree to the sum of £15,000, Cllr Maxwell seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. Beer Festival Grants- Councillors to agree the release of funds.   8.4.1 Cllrs were advised that the beer festival propose to issue funds to the following:  Sproughton Tennis Club - £493.93  All Cllrs agreed for the funds to be released. Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Pateman-Gee seconded, all agreed.   * 1. Benches on the Green- Councillors to consider the purchase/approval of new benches on the green   8.5.1 Cllrs discussed purchasing new benches for the green on Lower Street. All Cllrs agreed to purchase 3 x Wirksworth seats £474.00. It was agreed these would be purchased from CIL funding.   * 1. Litter Bin - Councillors to consider the purchase/approval of new litter bin on the green   8.6.1 Cllrs discussed purchasing a new bin for the green on Lower Street. Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Jermyn seconded all Cllrs agreed.  It was agreed it would be purchased from CIL funding.   * 1. Emails addresses- Councillors to consider and approve to move over to a gov.uk domain   8.7.1 Cllrs discussed correspondence received from CAS on the cost/benefits moving over to gov domain. All Cllrs agreed to instruct CAS to set up PC with Gov email addresses at a cost of £25.00 pa for domain name and £2 per mailbox per month.   1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS**    1. **ALLOTMENTS**       1. Better places grant.   9.1.1.1 The grant was submitted on the 7.2.25   * + 1. Movement of community plot   9.1.2.1 It was requested by the Sproughton Allotment Group for the communal plot be relocated to plot 44 equalling 7.5 rods. All Cllrs agreed.  Cllrs discussed how it was great to hear that the group is now starting to take shape and have arranged their first meeting. Cllrs expressed they were enthusiastic for its success   1. **TO AGREE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**   10.1. Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7:30pm Barley Room, Lower Street, Sproughton.   1. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**   11.1 Any items to be sent to Kirsty via the agenda item request sheet.   1. **AOB**    1. Cllr King advised:   Asked if our zoom subscription can be cancelled. All Cllrs agreed.  Could the closing time of the barn be extended.  CJ Electrical- works have been completed in the barn, we are awaiting the reports for any remedial works.  Cllr Jermyn advised:  Cllr Jermyn is still working on the conservation area document and hopes to submit a draft form to BMSDC for consideration.  Cllr Davies advised:  Traffic exhibition - data has been collated and will be distributed to residents.  Locality budget - £260.00 remaining and will pass over to local charity groups to offset fees for meetings (£10.00 per meeting) in the Barley Room.  FAB Sproughton- To ask parishioners what events they would like to see in the village and also, we would contact local organisations to see how we could work with them.  Cllr Pateman-Gee advised:  Bollards on Green Lower Street – Are looking very tired, do we own these and if so, could we look at replacing them.  Tithe Barn- Would consideration be given to extend closing time, depending on licence. (Will investigate)  Advertising in the door that the barn is available to hire, when barn not being used.  Cllr Powell advised:  Could the speed indicator not show the speed which is being travelled. As having the speed displayed could encourage speeding.  Village Sign – Look to hire a cherry picker to enable the sign to be dismounted. (Add item to next Meeting)   1. **CLOSE OF MEETING**    1. Meeting closed at 21:30pm   Jenni King  Jenni King, Chairman, Sproughton Parish Council |  |
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