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|  | **Minutes of The Sproughton Parish Council Meeting held in the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7:30pm**  **ATTENDEES:** Cllr King, Maxwell, Davies, Powell, Booth, Barber and Jermyn.  **AGENDA:**   1. **OPENING INCLUDING PUBLIC FORUM**    1. No public were present. 2. **APOLOGIES AND TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ABSCENCES**    1. Cllrs Smith and Curl and Clerk Webber provided apologies. All Cllrs approved the absences. Cllr Maxwell agreed to take the minutes. 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 11th December 2024   5.1.1 These are an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Maxwell proposed, Cllr Powell seconded all Cllrs agreed to the Parish Council minutes of the 11th December 2024.   * 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**   Millennium Green- Cllrs to receive report from the MGT on the FAB event.  **7.1** Cllr Davies stated that the final numbers had been delayed and would appear in due course, but it was thought the MGT would break even on the event.   1. **FINANCE**    1. **Monthly Payments – Councillors to consider approval of monthly payments**.   8.1.1 Cllr Barber proposed to approve the monthly payments, Cllr Booth 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 Booth seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. **Quarterly Bank Reconciliation**- Councillors to consider approval of quarterly bank statement.   8.3.1 Cllr Barber proposed to approve the Bank Reconciliations, Cllr Booth seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. **EICR Certificate**- Cllrs to consider and approve quote of £1642.50 +vat (CJ Electrical) to carry out works.   8.4.1 Cllr Maxwell proposed to approve the quote, Cllr Davies seconded all Cllrs agreed. Clerk to contact CJ Electrical.   * 1. **Budget 25/26**– Councillors to consider approval of annual budget.   8.5.1 Cllr Powell proposed to approve the budget, Cllr Pateman-Gee seconded all Cllrs agreed.   * 1. **Precept 25/26**- Councillors to consider approval of annual Precept.   8.6.1 Cllr Barber proposed to approve the precept, Cllr Powell seconded all Cllrs agreed. It was noted that the precept was 0% increase.  **8.7**. **Village Sign**- Councillors to consider approval of quote for maintenance to the village sign.  **8.7.1** Cllr Booth proposed to approve the quote, Cllr Powell seconded all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Jermyn offered to investigate taking the sign down.  **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RELEVANT GROUPS**  **9.0** None received  **10. TO AGREE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  10.1. Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7:30pm Barley Room, Lower Street, Sproughton.   1. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**   Any items to be sent to Kirsty via the agenda item request sheet. Kirsty sent her apologies.   1. **AOB**    1. Cllr Barber advised that the traffic meeting was to be rescheduled.    2. Cllr Booth passed on the Headteacher of Sproughton schools’ thanks for the grant for the books.    3. Cllr Jermyn advised that conservation area is still to be finished with Cllr Davies. Cllr Jermyn and Davies to complete.    4. Cllr Davies asked for some Parish Councillors to help look at the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Jermyn to liase with Cllr Davies and other members of the PC willing to help.    5. Cllr Davies advised that CIL money is available from Babergh and that attention is needed to act quickly.   All Cllrs to forward to Clerk ideas of what the Parish needed. To be discussed at the next planning meeting. Cllr Powell said A Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan is needed. PIIP. Cllr Davies said the best way would be to telephone BDC for additional advice. Clerk to provide a list also. Cllr Barber to put together a quote for the toilet and kitchen upgrade.   * 1. Cllr Davies advised that David Brennan from Red House had offered to collate the traffic information.   2. Cllr Booth added that Terry and Jane had offered to run another Race Night.   3. Cllr Maxwell advised of the upcoming event at the Tithe Barn, on 1st February. A quiz with nibbles and BYO drink with background music.   4. Cllr Pateman-Gee asked about bin stickers. Clerk to obtain quotes.  1. **CLOSE OF MEETING**    1. Meeting closed at 20.20   Jenni King  Jenni King, Chairman, Sproughton Parish Council |  |