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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPROTBOUGH & CUSWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JULY 2022 AT THE GOLDSMITH CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: T.Nicholson (Chair), P. Haith, F. Calladine, A. Curtis, T. Rawlings, L. Chipp, M. Greenhalgh, C. Ransome, S. Swift, L. Hempshall.

In attendance: 9 members of the public.

4865. **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL IF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Cllrs. J. Rodgers, G. Bluff, L. Bluff, F. Cahill, D. Glover (all personal) and L. Hogg (business).

4866. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllr. L. Chipp declared an interest in item 11 of the agenda.

4867. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 3)**

Resolved: That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of £16,447.57, be received.

4868. **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 4)**

Residents expressed concern at various traffic issues within the parish in particular speeding. It was stated that the Parish Council were not the highways authority and have little jurisdiction in such matters. We are working with Doncaster Council Highways and the police on these issues and who were responsible for them. Cllr. Ransome would pursue these concerns as ward member.

4869. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.6.22 (item 5)**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

Page 4,

item 4860, 2nd paragraph delete 'repaired' and insert 'prepared'.

Page 5,

Item 4863 delete 'Rupert Sucking' and insert 'Rupert Suckling'.

Matters Arising:

Minute 4855 – Matters raised by the public

It was agreed that Cllr. Ransome represent the Parish Council in the Cusworth Hall Garden Trust Committee.

Minute 4856 – Allotment

The Clerk had discussed the matter with the Parish Council solicitor and the costs involved in turning the land back to an allotment. It was his view that the cost of possession proceedings may be disproportionate to the value of the dispute. The first aim would be to get possession back after the sale of the house then clear the site and try and recover the cost through the small claims court as it would be less than £10,000. Appropriate action would be taken once the house was sold.

Minute 4859 – External notice board

The external notice board had now been ordered with 6/8 weeks delivery.

Minute 4863 – Correspondence

Arrangements for the summer festival on 20th August were doing well with various entertainments, stalls and children's events booked. Thanks were extended to the clerk for her efforts.

Minute 4864 – '20 is plenty' speed campaign

The proposal put forward by Cllr. Chipp and seconded by Cllr. Curtis was discussed at length. It was noted that Doncaster Council Highways was hoping to achieve this provision within

the next three years and it was also pointed out that the reference to traffic matters included in the Neighbourhood Plan was only a recommendation. With 5 votes in favour and 5 votes against it was agreed, with the casting vote of the Chair, to invite the '20 is plenty' representative to a special meeting in September with the Doncaster Council Highways and police representatives in attendance.

4870. **PLANNING MATTERS (item 6)**

New applications

22/1293/TPO : 4 Park Drive, Sprotbrough
22/1379/FUL : 28 Hamilton Park Road, Cusworth
22/1442/FUL : 165 Melton Road, Sprotbrough
22/1193/FUL : 44 Westmorland Way, Sprotbrough
22/1093/FUL : Apple Tree Nursery, 62 Main Street, Sprotbrough
22/1513/FUL : Unit 1, Sprotbrough Road, Sprotbrough
22/1718/FUL : Bernina, 97 Park Drive, Sprotbrough

Resolved: That no observations be made in respect of the above applications.

22/1530/FUL : 49 St. Giles Gate, Cusworth

The proposal is not in keeping with the current street scene. Work has already commenced before the grant of planning permission is made.

Application 22/0467/FUL : 35 Cromwell Drive

It was noted that the applicant was appealing the decision.

4871. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 7)**

Section 137 donations

A request had been received from the NCT Playgroup for financial assistance towards the provision of a breakfast club and reading club which they could not self fund.

Resolved: That a Section 137 donation of £350 be made.

A request from the Don Gorge community group for £191 to cover insurance costs had been received.

Resolved: That a Section 137 donation of £191 be made.

Internal Audit Report

The internal audit report was noted.

Members were informed that a new internal auditor was being pursued by the Finance Officer.

4872.

RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 8)

New Lane

The part for the swing was still awaited.

Newlands Park

The tree stumps were being ground down to ground level which would hopefully deter fires in the wood.

Goldsmith Centre

A grant application had been made to the lottery by the Finance Officer for the installation of new fire doors. As these were a legal requirement the Parish Council would have to have them fitted whether the grant application was successful or not and a quote of £8,824 from Doncaster Joinery had been received with a start date of September. It was agreed that the Parish Council finance this work if the grant application had not been forthcoming by 26th September.

The Finance Officer was also pursuing grant funding for the upgrade of the toilets and a quote of £36,000 had been received from Denton & Nickels. A questionnaire had been provided for existing users to complete regarding improvements to the centre to support the grant application and also to aid decision making.

Two quotes of £2,105 and £4,490 had been received from Victoria Carpets and Kleenz Group for the re sanding and coating of the hall

floor. The Deputy Clerk would ascertain if these quotes included repair of any damage.

Following a suggestion by the Climate Change Working Group that a bicycle repair station be installed outside the centre next to the bicycle rack the Clerk had obtained two quotes of £1,900 and £ 1,795. The Clerk would check with Doncaster Council whether grant funding was available for this.

Barnsley Road playing field

A bid had been submitted for the play area and the result known by the end of September.

Scawsby C.C.

Interviews were to take place for a new caretaker and a summer fair was to be held on 24th July.

4873. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 9)**

Cllrs. C. Ransome and L. Hempshall reported that a community engagement meeting was to take place on 25th July.

4874. **ACTION PLAN 2022/23 (item 10)**

Everything was moving in the right direction and local walks were being included on social media.

4875. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (item 11)**

A written report on the last meeting of the PC/JCC was presented by Cllr. Curtis.

4876. **CORRESPONDENCE (item 12)**

A letter had been received from a resident expressing concern at traffic issues within the parish and the forthcoming application relating to the bio lagoon and associated smell. It was noted that some Councillors had visited Re Food when the first application had been submitted and had established that there would be an increase in lorry traffic along

Sprotbough Road. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council object to this application when submitted.

A large number of emails were received following a post on social media by Cllr Chipp. It was agreed that the same response would be sent to all emails received setting out the Parish Council's jurisdiction in such matters and what we have agreed following the issues raised by residents earlier on in this meeting.