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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SPROTROUGH
& CUSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 21 NOVEMBER,
2024 AT THE GOLDSMITH CENTRE, SPROTROUGH**

Present: Cllrs. T. Nicholson (Chair), L. Hempshall, T. Rawlings, J. Rodgers,
L. Chipp, S. Swift, C. Ransome, A. Curtis, F. Calladine.

In attendance: Clerk, R.F.O. Deputy Clerk.

5162. **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN
ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (item 1)**

Apologies received from Cllrs. M. Greenhalgh, G. Bluff, P. Haith
(business) and L. Bluff (personal) were approved.

5163. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllrs. L. Chipp and C. Ransome declared an interest in item 14 of the
agenda (library).

5164. **MATTERS RISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 3)**

None.

5165. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17.11.24 (item 4)**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a
true record.

5166. **PLANNING MATTERS (item 5)**

New applications

24/1877/FUL : Ravenglass, 5 Park Drive, Sprotbrough

24/1920/FUL : 25 Park Drive, Sprotbrough

24/1915/FUL : 24 New Lane, Sprotbrough

24/1897/FUL : the Stable, Main Street, Sprotbrough

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

24/2046/TCON : 21 Rectory Mews, Sprotbrough

Would query as to why this needs to be filled.

5167. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 6)**

Grant applications

A request had been received from Richmond Hill school for financial assistance towards their christmas lighting installation. It was agreed that £350 be granted.

Draft budget/precept for 2025/26

The draft budget was considered at length. The R.F.O. would review the budget and provide a break even point for the precept. This would be discussed further in December.

Bank reconciliation verification to October 2024

The bank verification was received and approved.

5168. **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (item 7)**

The haloween pantomime had been very successful and a further one had been booked for Easter and Haloween 2025. Poppies had been placed on lampposts in the parish and the Stay Warm at Home events were held at the Goldsmith Centre and Scawsby C.C. on the 13 November. The christmas light switch on in the village would take place on 30 November and the christmas Fair at the Goldsmith Centre on the 8 December.

5169. **RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 8)**

Newlands Park

The last of the tree copse clearance had now been completed. Annual maintenance clearing of all copses would take place next year.

Anchorage Lane

There had been cases of anti social behaviour when rubbish was burned on the field and quad bikes had damaged the football pitch.

Scawsby C.C.

One of the caretakers is currently on sick leave and the Clerk was in the process of employing a relief caretaker with the centre manager.

5170. **ROAD SIGNS IN THE PARISH (item 9)**

Advice from Doncaster Council highways confirmed a sign for Cadeby Road could not be erected due to the verge not being wide enough and the proposed sign on Sprotbrough Road near K.F.C. was not viable in this location. The signs for the other locations at Spring Lane, Back Lane at Cusworth and Melton Road were possible subject to further investigations regarding the exact location and size of the sign. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain costs for including additional signage 'Sprotbrough welcomes careful drivers' and the Clerk would look at obtaining a grant for this. Details on the locations, size of sign and installation costs were awaited from Highways before finalising the quotes. The Parish Council would also be required to enter into a licence agreement with Doncaster Council for the responsibility of the signs. The Clerk would check the position regarding insurance before proceeding.

5171. **CASUAL VACANCY – STONE CROSS WARD (item 10)**

Cllr. Glover had given his resignation as a Councillor. After advertising the vacancy an insufficient number of residents requested an election therefore we are able to co opt. It was agreed to leave this vacant. It was also noted that Cllr. Metson had not attended or given apologies for 6 months and would now be disqualified. Doncaster Council would be informed accordingly.

5172. **UPDATE FROM THE CLERK (item 11)**

The designation of the footpath at Nursery Lane was now going to a Public Enquiry following an objection received.

The millenium cross in the village had been cleaned by the Victoria Cross Trust. Thanks were given for this.

The installation of the ground heat pump was near completion at Richmond Hill Primary School. It was proposed that Councillors attend the school once complete again to see it in operation.

5173. **ACTION PLAN 2024/25 (item 12)**

There was nothing of any significance to note.

5174. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 13)**

Cllr. Hempshall reported on a drive around with Street Scene, a reference group meeting and the miners 40 year anniversary strike event at Cusworth Hall. Also the reopening of the Corn Exchange in the city centre.

Cllr. Ransome reported on the remembrance service wreath laying on behalf of Sprotbrough, the party for the history group and a community engagement meeting at the Goldsmith Centre.

5175. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (item 14)**

A report on the last Y.L.C.A. meeting had been circulated to members by Cllr. Chipp.

5176. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 15)**

Resolved: That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of £24,208.41, be received and approved.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed Chair of Council

Date