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**Appendix 1: DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SPROTROUGH  
& CUSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 18 OCTOBER,  
2024 AT THE GOLDSMITH CENTRE, SPROTROUGH**

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

In attendance: Clerk, R.F.O., Deputy Clerk and 1 member of the public.

5144. **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. L. Chipp (personal) and G. Bluff (business) were approved

5145. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllr. Ransome declared an interest in item 17 of the agenda (library).

5146. **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 3)**

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident looking to purchase land at Sprotbrough Flash to run a wild camping and woodland experience for schools. To do this they would need to apply for planning permission to change the use of the land from agricultural to recreation/commercial. The resident outlined his plans and would retain the relationship with the angling club as well as providing parking and toilet facilities.

It was agreed to reserve comments until the planning application was received but it was also noted that this initiative fell into the Conisbrough Parks parish.

5147. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.9.24 (item 4)**

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

5148. **PLANNING MATTERS (item 5)**

New applications

24/1714/FUL : 6 Dean Close, Sprotbrough

24/1745/FUL : 131A Melton Road, Sprotbrough

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

5149. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 6)**

Grant applications

It was agreed that a grant of £500 be made for the Sprotbrough Christmas lights switch on event to assist with the costs for road closure and first aid.

A request for financial assistance towards out of season training facilities from Sprotbrough Crusaders football club. It was agreed that £250 be granted for the boys teams and £250 for the girls teams.

5150. **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (item 7)**

The Halloween pantomime was to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and all tickets sold. The Stay Warm at Home initiative was to be started again on the 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Goldsmith Centre and a drop in event was to take place at Scawsby community centre. Poppies would be going on lamp posts on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. The Christmas lights were being switched on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the Aurora Christmas fair was on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

5151. **RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 8)**

All signs had now been erected and specially coated.

Anchorage Lane

The picnic tables have been ordered along with Spring bulbs and the bench had been delivered and would be erected shortly.

Goldsmith Centre

Five double fruit trees had been planted on the playing field.

Newlands Park

The copse clearance would be carried out at the beginning of November. The resident requesting reduction on the copse trees outside his home had now been informed this would not take place following advice.

New Lane

Nothing to report.

Scawsby C.C.

The budget would be looked at this month. Work was required on the Committee room fire door that was not compliant at the moment.

5152. **FIXED ASSETS VALUATION POLICY (item 9)**

The fixed assets valuation policy was approved.

5153. **VEHICULAR RIGHT OF WAY – NURSERY LANE (item 10)**

The proposed vehicular right of way over land at Nursery Lane, owned by the Parish Council was agreed. The Clerk would contact Doncaster Council and our solicitors to progress matters.

5154. **VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS (item 11)**

The Clerk has been in touch with sign companies regarding options for the welcome signs. Numerous options were available with associated costs. After viewing these options it was agreed that the 'Welcome to Auckley' was favoured with the Parish Council logo included at the top of the sign. The Clerk would seek a cost for this for the next meeting, It was proposed to ask Doncaster Council regarding locations on Melton Road, Spring Lane, Cadeby Road and Cusworth Back Lane, also the entrance to Sprotbrough Road near KFC.

5155. **SUBSIDISED COMPOSTER SCHEME (item 12)**

As part of the climate change activities it was proposed to offer subsidised composters to local residents along the same lines as the water butts/fruit trees. It was proposed to use £500 from the climate change budget and offer them to residents at half the cost. The individual number required would be left to residents. This course of action was agreed.

5156. **NEW PLAY AREA – GOLDSMITH CENTRE (item 13)**

The Clerk had circulated some examples of play areas of a similar size/cost to that of the Goldsmith Centre play area. Members were asked to look at these and agree broadly what items they would like to see at the site including access.

5157. **UPDATE FROM CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (item 14)**

The Clerk and the R.F.O. had been working on the budget for 2024/25 with a view to presenting it to members in November for agreement in December with the precept and hire charges. This included the Scawsby C.C. budget and contribution which needed to be agreed with Brodsworth Parish Council.

5158. **ACTION PLAN 2024/25 (item 15)**

There was nothing significant to note.

5159. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 16)**

Cllr. L. Hempshall reported on the Community Engagement Meeting at Scawthorpe and the Choose Kindness event.

Cllr. Ransome reported on the meeting for bus services, the walled garden at Cusworth Hall and problems with intruders in the Pickburn areas. It was agreed to put details of this on the web site.

5160. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCE ATTENDED (item 17)**

None.

5161. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 18)**

Resolved: That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of £16,054.06, be received and approved.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed ..... Chair of Council

Date .....