

SPROSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14th October 2019 at 19:00.

Present: Cllr. J. McKechnie, Cllr. A. Ramshall, Cllr. J. Norbury, Cllr. D. Hurstfield, Cllr. C Sherwin, Kate Marsh (Clerk). Cllr. J. Sheldon arrives at 19.15.

Apologies:

Introduction of new clerk. Jim gave a short introduction to Kate for those councillors who had not yet met her.

No public speaking.

Minutes of previous meeting held on 8th July and accounts meeting 18th July agreed and signed.

Road Pollution: Air quality monitors on the A54. Jim and Kate to follow up and speak to Cheshire West. One supposed to be on lamppost 18. Nobody can find it. Kate to contact Environmental Health.

Middlewich Cemetery: Jim tried to follow up. Since the last meeting Jonathan Williams has passed away. He was in charge of the burial side. Jim would recommend not to send any money to the Middlewich Cemetery. All voted in favour.

Clerks Forum:

- Speed indicators. There had been an email from Nicola Smith at Cheshire Police. It was agreed to invite Nicola Smith to the next meeting in December. If this isn't possible then we would take her up on the report writing that she had suggested. SIDs indicator felt necessary on the A54. The existing crash sign is felt to have no value now. Jim to speak to AH to find out what the result of the previous research had been and what the cost would be for the . Cllr. Sheldon queried who would own the flashing sign. Cheshire West will own it but a maintenance company repair it. Jim to follow up.
- Training for Kate discussed. Introductory training can be done online via SLCC at £99 + VAT. This is done in five modules and will give up to date information on the core role, law and procedure, finance, management and community. Joining the SLCC will cost £63 per year. Proposed by Cllr. Norbury and seconded by Cllr. Ramshall for the training to be funded and the SLCC membership paid for.
- Facebook Page setup. Discussion as to whether this would bring in more interaction from the younger members of the community. It was agreed that Kate would ask Adam what he has found to be the best platform and whether he feels it is something that Sproston would benefit from.
- GDPR. Kate is going to do some research into producing a Privacy Policy for the website. A draft to be circulated before the next meeting. Kate to contact Jackie at CHALC for whether she has a template for a privacy policy and whether we need to

do anything now that we have a council laptop. It was agreed that all files and documents on the laptop should be password protected.

Planning: There were no comments to add.

Councillors Report:

Cllr McKechnie has had a meeting with Ian Lovett from Cheshire West re gully cleaning on the A54. He informed him that the road is crumbling. Since the meeting a small piece of land has been marked with white but no other action been taken. Cllr McKechnie to follow up again with Ian Lovett. Cllr McKechnie also mentioned to him that the pavements have been narrowed and the state of Broad Lane. He will also follow this up.

Cllr. McKechnie has shredded some outdated documents. £33 invoice for confidential shredding agreed to be paid.

Parish Council accounts now on the website for all to view.

Cllr. Norbury queried whether the defibrillator is being maintained, batteries etc. Cllr. McKechnie will follow up and find out whether batteries are needed.

Cllr. Ramshall stated that the Cheshire Fresh development site is still live. The Poachings Development went bust but rest still live. Opposite The Salt Cellar in Cheshire East is on the SHLA for the development of 70 houses.

Road sign at Brereton Lane. Cllr. McKechnie to follow up.

Councillor Sherwin asked for a letter to be sent to his milk collection company, Muller, following several complaints regarding noise and light pollution from late night collections. Chair to write to Muller Milk and Ingredients and report back to next meeting.

Kate to send an email to Cheshire West Enforcement Officer to ask them what their policy is on hoarding signs along the motorway. Can we have the advertising signs removed?

Meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed.....

Seconded.....

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