

# SPARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.**

*Sparham Parish Council welcomes the public and press to its meetings.  
You may address the Council during the public participation session  
but standing orders do not allow you to join in the debates.*

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## AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.
2. To receive any declarations of interest.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
4. To consider the co-option of a new member to fill the one Council vacancy.
5. County & District Councillor Reports.
6. Meeting open for public participation.
7. Planning issues:
  - a) Applications for consideration.
    - Any applications received following the publication of the agenda.  
(<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>)
  - b) Decisions to note.
    - 3PL/2024/0638/HOU – 1 Sparham Hill - install replica tiled roof extension to the side of the property – APPROVED.
  - c) To receive an update regarding the Breckland Local Plan.
  - d) To consider the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Publication of proposed Main Modifications and Additional Modifications – closing date 13/12/2024.
8. Highway & Footpath issues.
  - a) To receive an update speeding issues on A1067 and the need for a lower speed limit, including an update on the PPS application for Village Gates.
  - b) To receive an update to the request for an additional bus stop at Sparham Hill.
  - c) To receive an update re the request to NCC to enlarge the current stop on the A1067 (westbound).
  - d) To receive an update to the request for a 30mph speed limit within the village.
  - e) To receive an update regarding the flooding issues arising from water draining onto the highway from the field adjacent to the bus shelter.

- f) To receive an update regarding any issues reported to Highways and to report any new highway issues.
- Damaged Whitwell Road sign – reported to Breckland.
9. The Village Green
- a) To receive an update regarding the wildflower project.
  - b) To receive an update regarding repairs to the wall.
  - c) To receive a report regarding land registration of the Village Green.
10. To receive a maintenance report and consider alternative uses for the Phone.
11. To receive an update regarding the Permissive Pathway agreement.
12. To review the grass cutting contract for 2025.
13. To consider a change to the constitution of the Sparham Village Hall Charity.
14. To consider an application to the RWE Community Fund.
15. To consider joining the CPRE Alliance re mega solar farms.
16. Finance & Governance Matters
- a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.
  - b) To consider the draft budget and set the precept for the year ending 31st March 2026.
  - c) To consider approval of a e-valuation of the Old School Room at a cost of £145.00.
  - d) To authorise financial payments as set out below and note any receipts.

Ref	Payee	Amount
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
P23	Wall Repairs	£1,065.00*
P24	Wall Repairs	£1,000.00*
P25	Weed Spray/Strim Wall	£120.00*
P26	Bus Shelter Clean	£18.00*
P26A	Wall Repairs	£1,000.00*
P27	Clerk (Salary & Allowance) October	£tbc (SO)
P27	HMRC PAYE	£tbc*
P28	Clerk (Salary & Allowance) November	£tbc (SO)
P28	HMRC PAYE	£tbc
P21	Grass Cutting – Village Green (Sept)	£90.00*

*\*, (SO), or (DD) indicates payment has been made.*

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	£45.63
Breckland – Precept	£3,500.00

17. Correspondence for circulation

*(anything received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)*

- Rural England Prosperity Fund – Briefing Note.
- Breckland – Community Orchards Grant

18. To receive any new items for the next agenda.

19. To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024