

# Spurstow Parish Council

## Notice to Councillors & Residents

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at St Boniface Church, Bunbury on Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 20:00.

The Council welcomes attendance by members of the public.

### **Agenda - Quarterly Council Meeting**

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declaration of interests** – Members to declare any interests under the following categories: - Pecuniary interests, Outside body interests, Family, friend or close associate interests.
- 3. Approve the minutes of last meeting** - Matters arising and vote for acceptance
- 4. Open Forum (15 minutes).**
- 5. Constitution of the Council.** Following the recent exercise calling for possible Councillors, we have received the letter below from Cheshire East, therefore the following resolution will be proposed :

A resolution to invite Nell Jones, Chris Crompton and Gordon Whitehead to join Spurstow Parish Council with immediate effect will be put to the Council.

### *CASUAL VACANCY – SPURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL*

*I refer to the Notice of Vacancy dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

*As I have not received a claim by ten electors in writing for Spurstow Parish within the requisite period for an election to be held to fill your casual vacancy, I confirm that you are therefore free to fill this vacancy by co-option at the next meeting of your Parish Council.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Electoral Services Officer*

- 6. Flooding in the parish.** Update and report of recent discussions, particularly with respect to the area around the Yew Tree and the junction of Long Lane and the bend of Cappers Lane.
- 7.** To discuss the caravan that has recently been seen at the junction of Badcocks Lane and Long Lane. Philip Posnett has written to the Council to say that he believes that the caravan is actually on Council Land.
- 8. Access to Tattenhall Recycling Centre.** Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Council have been contacted, but we have had no reply yet.
- 9. Climate Emergency.** Please see Appendix 2 for NALC's project to raise consciousness of Climate Emergency issues within the local Council and wider Community.
- 10. Planning applications, current, and outstanding.**  
The only item to hand at the time of writing is 22/0014D, a discharge of conditions at Spurstow Hall showing how the new windows comply with previous permission granted.
- 11. Highways Issues and Alternative Ways to Manage Speed.**
  - a) Speed Indicating Device

- b) Speeds on the A49
- c) Impact of the Vyrnwy Aqueduct Maintenance Program (VAMPS). Whilst the project does not directly affect Spurstow, it is likely that traffic on Peckforton Hall Lane and the A49 will affect residents of Spurstow. The local impact of the project itself will be in the neighbouring parishes of Peckforton and Beeston. Please see Appendix 1 for an extract from Peckforton Parish Meeting's website. There will be a link to Peckforton's Website on the Spurstow website.

**12. Correspondence.** To review any correspondence received.

**13. Finance Update and payments due: -**

Please note that the Clerk will provide the documentation for this at the meeting. The invoice for jetting the drains near The Yew Tree has been paid, and we have received an invoice for £ 540.00 for litter picking in the Parish.

Current bank balance at 14<sup>th</sup> September is £ 7,320.69, having received £ 1,825.00 from Cheshire East on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## Appendix 1 - Vyrnwy Aqueduct Maintenance Program Update

### **Good Afternoon,**

John Doyle and Mike Harrison (Chairs of Peckforton Parish Meeting and Beeston Parish Council) have recently met Harry Caton, United Utilities' Assistant Project Coordinator for the VAMP.

Harry has sent the attached document and notes below, which John asked me to share with you.

[https://www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/UU\\_Vyrnwy\\_Boards-Malpas-to-Tarporley-uploaded.pdf](https://www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/UU_Vyrnwy_Boards-Malpas-to-Tarporley-uploaded.pdf)

Thank you both for your time on Tuesday, we hope the session was insightful and that we were able to provide an update on our progress to date, in addition to the immediate/long term actions as we progress into the future. As promised, I have collated the key actions from the meeting below, along with an overarching summary of what was discussed.

#### Summary:

UU provided an update on the project, construction techniques and potential impacts.

UU shared the programme and the key interfaces with Area 03 (Beeston/ Peckforton)

Enabling works due to commence from October 2022, however works within Area 03 is likely to be later in 2022/Early 2023.

Main works due to commence from March 2023 (At Malpas) – Works within Area 03 to be later in 2023.

Beeston/Peckforton provided information on various communications channels within the Parish: Social media, 'My Village News', other forums.

Beeston/Peckforton raised the point of UU adopting key landmarks within the Parish on any communications to make the comms 'relevant' to the area.

#### Actions:

Following on from the comments on Project personnel accessing private land without consent, this was escalated and raised internally immediately.

UU to provide update functionality to the UU Hub website and provide a particular notice board specific to updates on Area 03.

UU confirmed next round of communication to Parish/Residents (6 week look ahead)

Update in September to provide an update on the Planning Applications

Update in September and coming months to provide information on the accepted programme

UU raised with Beeston/Peckforton the ability to attend monthly Parish meetings to update on our proposals, work, timeline and impacts.

Ongoing and tailored communication with local residents throughout September/October.

UU to have website URL displayed within the Area 03 board.

UU to share information on the reinstatement spec and provide information on the general level of removal and reinstatement including:

Hedges, trees.

UU to identify historic working areas and provide information/photos of land that was occupied in previous schemes and the time lapse comparison to today to help reassure the Parish Council.

UU to confirm the programme associated to 'sliplining' within Area 03 and share the areas that may require sheet piling as part of the temporary works.

Thank you again for your time, it was a really useful session for ourselves and I'm sure this will be the first of many as we progress.

## **Appendix 2 – Extract from the website of National Association of Local Councils**

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/climate-change>

The rise in the public consciousness of climate change in 2019 was evidenced by the Collins word of the year, Climate Strike. Figures such as Greta Thunberg and India Logan-Riley have familiarised climate change amongst young people worldwide and drawn attention to the action needed to combat climate change both locally and nationally.

NALC responded to this appeal by organising a climate change panel session and declaring a climate emergency at its Annual Conference in October 2019. NALC is proud that many local (parish and town) councils are declaring a climate emergency and are working to encourage others to do the same.

NALC believes that, collectively, across 10,000 local councils, we can tackle climate change locally and create more climate-friendly communities.

### **WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE?**

Climate change refers to the long term shift in the Earth's weather patterns and average temperatures. For the past 250 years, humans have contributed to the increased release of carbon dioxide, alongside other greenhouse gases, which causes an increase in global temperatures.

Burning fossil fuels, such as coal, produces energy while releasing greenhouse gases. The long-term challenge is addressing this build-up of greenhouse gases and ensuring a clean future for future generations. For example, according to the MET Office, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere rose by 40% during the 20th and 21st centuries and is now over 400ppm (parts per million). This level of carbon dioxide is higher than at any time in the past 800,000 years.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT 2021**

The report aimed to paint an accurate picture of how climate change is being tackled by local councils and identify their challenges. In doing so, NALC can better understand how to support local councils in creating more sustainable communities.

NALC is committed to guiding and supporting local councils in accessing funding, expertise and power to influence to tackle climate change within their communities.

Data was collected from local councils across England over four months through an online survey of 211 respondents. The survey explored what sustainable actions local councils are implementing, including climate emergency declarations, neighbourhood plans, carbon-reducing measures and climate working groups.

### **WHAT CAN YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL DO?**

- Declare a climate emergency
- Create a task force to establish a green agenda that includes developing a resilience policy and engaging in flood defence measures
- Develop and promote green transport plans, including safe routes to school
- Ensure that all council buildings are as energy-efficient as possible and that energy is not wasted through unnecessary heating and lighting
- Use green energy sources and environmentally friendly products
- Plan for a green community in a neighbourhood plan
- Limit the use of plastics, especially single-use plastics, in your council
- Reduce waste and recycle as much as possible
- Protect important open spaces and carbon sinks and consider creating a community orchard and/or wildflower meadow and/or allotments
- Look at the existing powers of councils regarding climate change