SPARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th November 2026 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.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th September 2026 and 6th October 2026.

4. County & District Councillor Reports.

5. Meeting open for public participation.

6. 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.
      - PL/2025/1515/FMIN – Access Point off Lime Kiln Road - proposal: Permanent retention of an access to an agricultural field constructed as part of the Vattenfall/RWE windfarm scheme.
      - PL/2026/1247/PIP – land off Well Lane – Permission in Principle for seven dwellings with associated access.
   c) To receive an update regarding enforcement matters.
   d) To receive an update regarding the Breckland Local Plan.

7. Highway & Footpath issues.
   a) To receive an update to the request for an additional bus stop at Sparham Hill.
   b) To receive an update regarding the flooding issues arising from water draining onto the highway from the field adjacent to the bus shelter.
   c) To receive an update regarding the request for a 30mph speed limit in the village.

d) To receive an update regarding any issues reported to Highways and to report any new highway issues.
   - Collapsed drains at junction of The Street & Well Lane – reported to Highways and now repaired.
   - A1067 hedge – requested highways to cut it back but it is for the landowners to do so.
   - Faded white lines (cross hatching) on A1067 - reported to Highways and does not meet criteria for action.

e) To consider an application to the Parish Partnership Scheme.

8. To receive a report regarding the Village Green and consider solutions to the area of uneven, wet ground.

9. To receive a maintenance report and an update regarding alternative uses for the Phone Box.

10. To receive a report regarding the Permissive Pathway agreement.

11. To consider flood management in the Village.

12. To consider a restoration of the Village Sign.

13. To consider a refresh of the parish council website.

14. To consider the grass cutting contract for 2027.

15. Finance & Governance Matters
   a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2027.
   b) To consider an increase in the Clerk's monthly hours due to increases in workload.
   c) To consider the budget for the years ending 31st March 2028 and 2029 and set the precept for the year ending 31st March 2028.
   d) To authorise financial payments as set out below and note any receipts.

PAYMENTS

P21	Defib Battery (refund to Clerk)	£124.80*
P22	Grass Contractor – July	£105.00*
P23	Bus Shelter Clean	£19.80*
P24	Grass Contractor – September	£105.00*
P26	SLCC Membership	£37.95
P27	Permissive Path – Annual Fee	£160.00

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

RECEIPTS

R4	Breckland Precept (2 of 2)	£3,750.00
	Bank Interest	£38.09

16. Correspondence for circulation
(anything received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)

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

18. To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th March 2027 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room.

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Tuesday 3rd November 2026