

**Spaldwick Parish Council – Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held
On Thursday 16th April 2026**

Venue: Spaldwick Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School

Present:

Chair:	S Jackson-Rimmer (SJR)
Vice Chair:	W Burcham
Councillors:	P Scrutton (PS), G Rice (GR)
District/County Councillor:	I Gardener (IG), S Phillips (Clerk)
Public Members:	None

26/4/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr F Ferrero and S Parfrey.

26/4/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests).

None.

26/4/3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting on 19th March 2026.

Proposed by Cllr SJR, seconded by Cllr PS, carried unanimously.

26/4/4 Matters arising from those Minutes.

None.

Public Forum

IG reported the following:

- Congratulations were given to the parish council for all being re-elected.
- Alconbury PC meeting was attended by IG who were very annoyed by the leaflet sent out by the Green Party who claimed they organised the original Brampton crossing meeting. The mayor did attend this meeting and listened to residents' concerns.
- A complaint has been made to the Executive Director of Cambridge County Council with regards to the condition of the roads. It has been agreed that an officer will look at all of IG's 25 villages to point out potholes. Part of Spaldwick has been completed but still more to do. So far 900 potholes across 7 villages have been marked, they have 4 weeks to repair from when they are paved unless it is an emergency. A new highways officer has been appointed who will come out once a month to see what needs doing in the villages.
- Heating oil support is available and being targeted for low-income households who are reliant on heating oil who have 100 litres or less and in receipt of means tested credit.

The problems with parking near the service station were discussed. SJR has asked if double yellow lines could be done outside Welcome Break. IG confirmed that Welcome Break could be approached to see if they could fund it. Otherwise it would be self-funded or a LHI application made.

GR asked why a Kimbolton planning meeting has been called. IG confirmed that they had requested an extension which was not allowed so they had to hold the meeting quickly and it is to do with historic planning for a stable which is now a change of use to a house.

26/4/6 Planning

26/4/6.1 New planning consultations:

Updates regarding (Ref: 25/01922/OUT) Hinchingsbrooke Logistics Park – Further information has been received and has now been renamed to Newlands Logistic Park. Further update to be given once meeting has been attended on Monday.

26/00645/HHFUL - Single storey rear extension and internal alterations. 15 Ivy Way Spaldwick – No objection.

26/4/6.2 Determined by planning authority: None

26/4/7 Finance

26/4/7.1 Accounts update. Balance at 31.03.26 £55,079.53.

26/4/7.2 Bank Reconciliation

Bank reconciliation signed by WB.

26/4/7.3 Update regarding funding for projects: Woolley Wind Farm.

The next meeting will be held on 26th/27th May.

Planters have been made and compost ordered but help will be needed to move the planters. A bag of topsoil will also be purchased to fill the planters with the compost to reduce costs. There is only £300 left to purchase plants and suggested to apply for the Covid fund. Clerk to make the application.

26/4/7.4 To note national minimum wage increase to £12.71

It was noted that the national minimum wage has increased to £12.71.

26/4/7.5 Unity Bank authorisations.

Lucy White is to be removed from Unity Bank.

26/4/7.6 Expenditure for approval 16th April 2026

Sarah Phillips	March	£447.16	Approved
HMRC	March	£133.09	Approved
Cambridge Garden & Property Maintenance		£336.00	Approved
DM Payroll Services			N/A
A Murphy		£50.84	Amended to £49.84 due to 2 weeks in March claiming the increased national minimum wage.
R. Johnson	Removal of plinth debris and branch	£100	Approved
Robinson & Hall	Site plan	£496.37	On hold due to being unhappy with work
Robinson & Hall	Amendment to site plan	£300.00	On hold due to being unhappy with work
A Tipper	High Street planters	£745.77	Approved

GR and SJR agreed to authorise payments.

26/4/7.7 Internal Audit

The internal audit has been booked for 12th May.

26/4/8 Assets – Provision/Maintenance

26/4/8.1 Review of assets (weekly play park inspection, defibrillator, MVAS units).

Playpark – Wet pour needs to be readdressed. Named councillor will be decided in May when roles are agreed.

Defib – no update.

MVAS – all data has been downloaded.

26/4/8.2 Update regarding the Community Room: carpet cleaning and booking system.

Three quotes have been received for £125, £150 and £250. It was unanimously agreed to go with the £125 quote from Hagans which was proposed by SJR, seconded by GR.

It has been highlighted that there are some exposed wirings in the corner of the community room. The school want to charge a call out and cost of repair fee. GR agreed to sort the issue.

26/4/8.3 Update from Cllr GR regarding The War Memorials Trust and grant application.

There is no update from the last meeting and still trying to get a 3rd quote.

26/4/8.4 Update regarding the Town and Poors Field MOU and governance document.

The MOU has been sent and agreed to defer the item until the next meeting to give more time to review the new draft. The Charity Commission have been approached to ask for assistance in making the governance document fit for purpose. Until the MOU and the governance are resolved we are unable to move forward with plans for the field.

26/4/8.5 Update from Cllr PS regarding research into a new website and any other IT issues.

PS felt there has been a lack of response from councillors, it was agreed that all responses are to be returned within the next week so feedback can be given at the next meeting and an update can be given to the auditor.

26/4/8.6 Update regarding the playpark and funding application.

It was proposed by SJR and seconded by GR for WB to apply for the playpark funding. SJR and GR to give support in completing the application.

26/4/8.7 Update on the community open space on Ferriman Road.

The trees are all in flower and looking healthy. It has been requested that the clerk obtain a no dog fouling sign and residents will also be reminded through the newsletter.

26/3/8.8 Update from Cllr SP on the request from the over 60's group for the Parish Council to ask the mobile post office van to consider visiting Spaldwick.

Deferred.

26/3/8.9 Update regarding the village map plinth on the High Street.

A car reversed into the plinth, the metal plates are fine and are somewhere safe and secure. The insurance company has been contacted.

The parish council will need to consider what to do with the plinth and suggested some planters could be installed and the plinth be put at an angle rather than flat.

26/3/9 Highways, footpaths, trees, etc.

26/3/9.1 Highways and Rights of Way including any updates on the reported issues spreadsheet.

Potholes are being assessed. SJR agreed to go around the village to see if there are any other issues.

A14 SAG meeting is taking place on Wednesday. Issues raised will be the footpath on the slip road and churning up the soil when u turns are being made, yellow lines and noise barrier along A14 next to the village.

26/3/9.2 Royston Avenue bus stop

There has been no update from email sent on 9th April.

26/3/9.3 Update on the funding for 20mph zones.

Application has been submitted and had a reply to say it has been received.

26/3/9.4 Update regarding the trees on the village green, Thrapston Road green and the High Street.

There has been no update from email sent on 9th April.

26/4/.5 Litter pick

The litter pick went well with a good turnout. 4 members of Welcome Break attended and were very enthusiastic.

Welcome Break would like to get involved with the community and now has SJR contact details. They provided some easter eggs to the over 60s group. They have community engagement as an agenda item and would like to hold events.

26/3/13 To discuss adopting further policies (including disciplinary and sickness-absence).

The clerk will work on policies once the audit has been completed.

26/3/14 Update regarding Escape

SJR has spoken with Escape and hoping for an update in the next couple of weeks.

26/3/15 Any items for the next edition of Spaldwick News.

- Heating oil support
- Dog fowling
- Race information
- AGM

26/3/16 Correspondence (previously circulated- see attached list)

The clerk distributed a correspondence list.

SENSE Making have been in touch. Currently no further help is needed.

Nobody attended the flood workshop.

WB attended ACRE Nature from the ground up. They discussed a neighbourhood plan which needs to be in place as well as a £5000 grant which can be applied for. ACRE are very proactive and will hopefully help further when needed.

26/3/17 Councilors' questions.

GR gave apologies for the next meeting.

26/3/18 Date of the next meeting: Thursday 21st May 2026.

Meeting closed at 9.38pm

Signed