

**Spaldwick Parish Council – Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held
On Thursday 19th March 2026**

Venue: Spaldwick Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School

Present:

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

26/3/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr F Ferrero.

26/3/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests).

None.

26/3/3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting on 15th January 2026.

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

26/3/4 Matters arising from those Minutes.

None.

26/3/5 Public Open Forum:

Cllr Gardner reported the following:

Draft diversion order has been issued for land east of Ivy Way, The PC requested that it would like adequate signage in place.

Highways have looked at potholes and agree they need sorting, a 1:1 meeting is due to take place. The crash barriers on the A14 junction are due to be replaced as well as the gate on Long Lane.

The district council elections are taking place on the 7th May; nominations close on the 9th April and we will know if an election is needed by 28th April.

Food waste starts on 30th March. Free compost - Cllr WB confirmed that a delivery of free compost has already been organised.

A discussion of trees took place, as they need to be tidied up. Cllr Gardner reminded the PC that any trees removed the PC is entitled to two trees as a replacement.

Cllr Gardner has given support to the PC for the 20MPH application submitted. Cllr SJR confirmed that a Facebook poll has been completed with 40 in support and 13 not in support. It has also been commented that lorries are causing an issue due to where they are parking and churning up the mud near the service station and on the A14 sliproad.

26/3/6 Planning

26/3/6.1 New planning consultations:

Updates regarding (Ref: 25/01922/OUT) Hinchingsbrooke Logistics Park - No further information

26/3/6.2 Determined by planning authority: None

26/3/6.3 North Huntingdon Cumulative Impacts Group update – an email has been distributed.

26/3/7 Finance

26/3/7.1 Accounts update. Balance at 28.02.2026 £56,983.22

26/3/7.2 Update regarding funding for projects: Woolley Wind Farm, Mick George/Buckden Landfill.

Woolley Wind Farm are meeting on 27th May.

26/3/7.3 Unity Bank authorisations.

Cllr LW is to be removed from the bank.

26/3/7.4 Expenditure for approval 19th March 2026

Sarah Phillips	January - February	£691.25
HMRC	January - February	£239.63
Grafton	Supplies in June 25 & Sept 25	£211.83
CAPALC	Affiliation Fee	£394.45
A Murphy	March invoice	£48.84
JRB	Dog waste bags	£76.38
Cambridgeshire Garden and Property Maintenance	March cut	£336.00
S Jackson-Rimmer	Village hall book	£15.23

Payments were proposed by Cllr WB and seconded by Cllr LW with all in favour.

Cllr GR and Cllr WB will complete authorisations.

26/3/8 Assets – Provision/Maintenance

26/3/8.1 Review of assets (weekly play park inspection, defibrillator, MVAS units, shed).

Playpark – Nothing to report.

Defib – Nothing to report.

MVAS – All working.

Shed – Cllr SJR has emailed about the shed but not had anything back so assuming the PCC are happy.

26/3/8.2 Update regarding the Community Room: carpet cleaning and booking system.

Quotes have been requested for the carpet cleaning, quotes received so far are £150 and £240 and awaiting another company to come out. To be agreed at the next meeting.

The water urn is not working, Cllr SJR agreed to look at it.

The code to access the community room will be changed at the weekend.

26/3/8.3 Update from Cllr GR regarding The War Memorials Trust and grant application.

Cllr GR could not get a third quote so will submit in June as the deadline is today.

26/3/8.4 Update regarding the Town and Poors Field.

Cllr SJR and Cllr WB attended the Village Hall Conference which was very informative but those attending were more village hall trust representatives than parish councils. Various organisations were in attendance such as Alzheimer's Association, Anglia Water, Fire brigade and Cambs ACRE.

They went through funding and were given a lot of good ideas with some village halls having cafes and a mobile post office.

It was felt that a community led working party needs to be formed as there is a lot to consider and an action plan will need to be produced. It was suggested to arrange a surgery for the June to give the village the option of giving ideas and signing up to be on the working party. Before it is handed over to a working party Cllr SJR will ensure all legalities are in order.

The new plan from Robinson and Halls is much better.

Cllr SJR to contact the solicitor regarding the MOU.

26/3/8.5 IT update including website.

No further update due to feedback not being given for options available.

26/3/8.6 Update regarding the playpark and funding application.

No further update. Applications for funding are now open, quotes will need to be updated.

26/3/8.7 Update on the small orchard/meadow on the community open space on Ferriman Road.

Thanks were given to Cllr WB for the work done on the small orchard. The trees have now been planted with a positive response received. Grass cutters have been given instructions.

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

There has been no response from the email sent.

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

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

No further correspondence. The large pot hole on Stow Road has now been repaired but there are still other pot holes. Not aware of any rights of way problems.

26/3/9.2 Royston Avenue bus stop

It has been confirmed that the 400 service goes along Stow Road and past Royston Avenue. Have asked for the stop on Royston Avenue could be moved to Stow Road. Cllr SJR has been informed that planning and engagement is needed to move a bus stop. Cllr SJR will continue to raise the issue.

26/3/9.3 Funding for 20mph zones – applications can be made between 21.01.26 – 27.03.26.

Support was needed for the application from the village, based on comments received and support from the primary school it was agreed to continue with the application.

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

CCC have emailed a map showing that they own the trees. Cllr SJR to follow up to get the necessary work arranged.

26/3/9.5 Update regarding the missing section of footpath at the Ferriman Road/Stow Road junction.

On hold until later in the year.

26/3/9.6 Reminder community litter pick 12th April 10:30 at the village green.

26/3/10 Cambridgeshire ACRE: Annual Community Buildings Conference

Discussed under item 26/3/8.4

26/3/11 Parish Council Elections

All forms completed.

26/3/12 LGR Consultations

Email has been received from CAPALC, which is tailored to Spaldwick.

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

Clerk to look at policies.

26/3/14 Update regarding the Christmas lights on the village green.

The lights have now been removed.

The clerk to contact Spaldwick Escape Youth Club to get an update as they were due to start again in January.

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

Litter pick, Cllr LW leaving, elections and AGM.

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

26/3/17 Councilors' questions.

None.

26/3/18 Date of the next meeting: Thursday 16th April 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed