

Spaldwick Parish Council – Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Thursday 23 October at 7.30pm

Venue: Spaldwick Community Rood, Spaldwick Primary School

Present

Chair	S Jackson-Rimmer(SJR)
Vice-Chair	W Burcham (WB)
Clerk	C Tully
Councillors Present	S Parfrey(SP), G Rice (GR), P Scrutton (PS) F Ferrero (FF)
Also Present (Public/press)	District Cllr I Gardener, Playtimes Representative

25/10/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance

Apologies received from	L White
Reason	Work Commitments

25/10/2 Declarations of Interest for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) – None

25/10/3 Approval of Minutes - Proposed by Cllr SJR, Seconded by Cllr WB, Carried unanimously

25/10/4 Matters Arising From These Minutes - None

25/10/5 Public Open Forum

District Cllr I Gardener gave his monthly report, an update on the latest Brampton Cross meeting.

25/10/6 Planning

To consider new planning consultations – none

Determined by planning authority – none

25/10/6.1 Neighbourhood plan update – No further progress has been made

25/10/6.2 Brampton Cross working party update – Newsletter previously sent out to Cllrs

25/10/6.3 Planned developments for Kimbolton village – No direct request for comments has been received. Individuals to make comments on planing portal should they wish to do so.

25/10/7 Finance

25/10/7.1 Accounts Update Balance as at 30-9-25 **£60,681.38**

Cllr LW, Cllr PS and Cllr FF to be added to the bank mandate

25/10/7.2 Funding for projects update Woolley Hill Wind Farm grant for the High St planters has been approved, these will be built early next year in time for Spring. Ferriman Childrens Playpark, Still awaiting one more quote, hopefully will be in a position to apply for funding in the next round of FCC, which opens in November 2025.

25/10/7.3 Grant Request from Playtimes Playtimes requested a grant for the sum of £449.30. This amount is to help furnish the new mud kitchen, to include mud and sand together with pots, pans and accessories (all items were individually itemised and costed on the application). Proposed by Cllr SJR, seconded by Cllr GR, carried unanimously.

25/10/7.4 Update of Spaldfest funding The £500 grant issued for Spaldfest in August has still not been refunded. CT to chase again.

Expenditure for Approval

25/10/7.5 Direct Debit: Tomato/Clear Energies (Account 3179364180) total; £10.33

25/10/7.6 Clerk's Wages: (Sept & Oct) including mileage £1,153.96 HMRC Income Tax 0 and NI £37.20

25/10/7.7 A Murphy: invoice for cleaning of the Community Room (Oct) £48.84

25/10/7.8 Cambridgeshire Garden & Property Maintenance: October cut £336.00 (inc VAT)

25/10/7.9 F Ferrero: Replacement laptop battery – invoice to be received.

25/10/7.10 Brampton Cross donation to be made to Alconbury Parish Council £1,000 – awaiting confirmation of payment details.

25/10/7.11 CALPAC : Clerk's The Knowledge in person training £240.00 (No VAT) invoice to be received.

25/10/7.12 British Legion: Wreath for Remembrance Parade £27.00 (No VAT).

25/10/7.13 SLCC: Clerk membership (C Tully) £160.00 (No VAT).
25/10/7.14 C Tully: Ink Cartridges £21.84 (No VAT)
25/10/7.15 Clear Councils Insurance renewal: £1,153.96 (No VAT).

Cllr SJR proposed all the above payments should be approved and this was seconded by Cllr PS, carried unanimously. Cllr GR and Cllr WB to authorise payments on banking app.

25/10/8 Assets – Provision Maintenance

25/10/8.1 Weekly Inspections and Asset Review Defib (not used) however Clerk ordered new pads, MVAS inspected by Cllr GR – all working ok.

25/10/8.2 Community Room Update Rentals are good. Emergency contacts and Public Liability certificate needs to be displayed.

25/10/8.3 Memorials Trust Application Update Cllr GR to meet with contractor for final quote, application for funding needs to be filed by 31 October 2025.

25/10/8.4 Town & Poors Field, Allotment Site and Allotment Association (SCAA) Email received from SCAA, main gate has dropped considerably and is becoming very difficult to open. Cllr WB to arrange for the gate to be adjusted. Cllr WB also to arrange an inspection. Plot 1 requested permission to trim weeds adjacent to his plot

25/10/8.5 IT and Website Update CT recently attended clerk training where it was suggested that all Parish Councils adopt the gov.uk domain email address.

25/10/8.6 Draft IT Policy Adoption Deferred to next meeting

25/10/8.7 Playpark Update Ongoing see point 25/10/7.2

25/10/8.8 Community Litter Pick Cllr SJR arranged a community litter pick on 5 October, six people from the village took part including three councillors. Another one will be arranged in Spring.

25/10/8.9 Community Open Space – Ferriman Road Following on from an article in Spaldwick News, the clerk received two complaints and two messages of support, these emails were read out. Cllr SJR to publish an update for the newsletter stating that the proposed Orchard would only consist of a few fruit trees and the meadow would only take up part of the community space.

25/10/8.10 Mobile Post Office Request from the Over 60's Cllr SP to follow up.

25/10/8.11 Resident Request for Repair of Long Lane Gate and General Lane Verge – CT to report to Rights of Way.

25/10/9 Highways, Footpaths, Trees etc.

25/10/9 Highways Update Cllr SJR has been in contact with a tree consultant, who will visit village to inspect all trees in the High Street and on the Village Green and report back to the PC.

25/10/9.2 LHI 26/27 Application Cllr SJR to meet Michael Martin on site to discuss and advise on traffic calming ideas within the village.

25/10/10 Discussion on adopting further policies (Disciplinary and Sickness-absence) Deferred to next meeting .

25/10/11 Update on How to Report Issues in the Village Ongoing but also to be discussed at next meeting.

25/10/12 Items for next Spaldwick News Cllr SJR to update re Orchard (see 25/10/8.9) and to also request nominations for the Town and Poors Christmas donation,

25/10/12.1 Town & Poors Donation (see point 25/10/12)

25/10/13 Correspondence Previously circulated

25/10/14 Councillors questions None

25/10/15 Date and Time of next meeting Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm

Signed