

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 23 July 2009 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present : Cllrs W Brown (Chairman), B Plummer, J Pope, G Smith, R Wooddisse, the Clerk (Mr D Stowell), and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence.** An apology was received from Cllr R Johnson
2. **Minutes of Meeting held 11 June 2009** were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising** - none
4. **Co-option of councillor to fill vacancy**
It was resolved that the election be by signed ballot, which then took place.
The votes cast were Grahame Leach, 8 High Street 3 votes; Greg Rice, 14 Ivy Way 2 votes. The Chairman declared Grahame Leach to be co-opted to the Council. After signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr Leach took his seat on the Council.
5. **Finance**
The satisfactory conclusion of the External Audit 2008/09 by Moore Stephens was noted
The following payments were approved :-
100391 SLCC "Local Council Administration" 8th Edition £55.60
100392 Wicksteed Playground Inspection £45.00 + £6.75 VAT = £51.75
100393 Moore Stephens External Audit Fee £135.00 + £20.25 VAT = £155.25
100394 Spaldwick School Room Rental £51.50
100395 NALC LCR Subscription £13.50
100396 H Shuker Parish Plan items for Open Day £81.07+£12.16 VAT = £93.23
Quarterly Budget Review
The Clerk (as Responsible Finance Officer) presented a report of the financial position as at 30/6/09 with an update to 23/7/09. Prior to the meeting Cllr Smith had reviewed and agreed the report.
Running costs of street light PC1 in Church Lane
CCC advise that the costs for year ending February 2010 are envisaged to be £18.65 pa for maintenance and £29.65 pa for energy (total £48.30 pa), and will be invoiced in Jan/Feb 2010.
6. **Out of hours use of school grounds**
The contents of a letter from the Chair of Governors dated 4 July 2009 was discussed. The Clerk is to prepare a draft response for approval at the next meeting. In the meantime it is to be circulated to members for comment.
7. **Parish Plan** - It was noted that, as requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had provided a summary of the traffic survey carried out in November.
Cllr Plummer reported that the display featuring the Plan at the recent Fete had created a lot of interest. Apart from cosmetic editing the plan is virtually complete and ready for publication. The cost of printing is currently being investigated.

Following interest shown by people willing to participate, it is proposed to form 3 groups to deal with specific issues: Village Hall, Youth and Traffic Calming. To avoid possible loss of interest due to delay, it was agreed that the Steering Group should set these up as soon as possible, and that Cllr Pope should initiate the process.

- 8. Equipment formerly installed at the Old Village Hall Children's Play Area**
Relocation or disposal of the Seat, Climbing Frame & Slide and Swings (block of 2 and block of 3) currently in store. The Chairman stated that he had been unable to find time to examine the equipment. The matter was, therefore, deferred to the next meeting when he expects to be able to report on its condition.
- 9. Maintenance of Assets**
Village Sign - In the absence of Cllr Johnson no information was available.
War Memorial renovation - a second quote is still awaited.
Notice Boards - The Clerk agreed to paint them to avoid further deterioration.
- 10. Planning**
New Planning Application
Application 0900873FUL, 2 storey side extension, 2 Ivy Way.
It was resolved to recommend approval as the proposed extension will not adversely affect the neighbouring properties (including the adjacent Grade II Listed Building, Ivy House) or the Conservation Area in which 2 Ivy Way is situated.
The following LPA decision was noted: Application H/5008/06/CC, Retention of mobile classroom until 30 April 2011, Spaldwick School, Permission granted.
- 11. Correspondence**
Circulated 30/6/09
NALC Briefing D02-09 dated 18 June 2009
Publication of Report - Local Authority Investments
Swine flu - distribution of antivirals
The Cambridgeshire Emergency Management Team has asked for volunteers to help run collection centres. The Clerk reported that he had submitted his own name and would provide contact details if anyone else wished to put their name forward.
Bicton Windfarm Proposal - All households recently received issue 1 of a newsletter published by Broadview Energy, which contained an invitation to attend consultations at Kimbolton and Stow Longa. Spaldwick Parish Council will be kept informed of progress of the proposal.
- 12. Any Other Business**
Cockway Lane / Three Shires Way
(1) Rubbish The Chairman reported that a lot of the rubbish left by the travellers had been cleared but some still remains. In addition there are three heaps of tree branches which have been dumped, near the byway leading to Stow Longa. The Clerk will ask HDC to remove them.
(2) Proposal to restrict Access The Clerk will contact the CCC Countryside Services team regarding progress of proposals to reduce the risk of travellers setting up camp in the lane again.

Culvert parapet at Upthorpe corner - the damaged structure no longer protects this hazardous area. The Clerk to ask CCC Highways to carry out repairs ASAP.

Blocked drain in pavement outside 12 High Street - Clerk to report to CCC.

Village Fete - The meeting considered the recent fete to have been a great success, and asked the clerk to pass on the Council's congratulations to the Fete Committee.

13. Forthcoming meeting dates

Thursday 3 September 2009

Thursday 1 October 2009

In the absence of any further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm