

MINUTES

The Annual Parish Meeting of Spaldwick was held on Wednesday 18 May 2017 straight after the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8.26pm at Spaldwick Primary School

Present S Fane de Salis (Chairman), M Robinson (Vice Chairman), I Harriman, R Johnson, J Pope, S Jackson-Rimmer.

Ms Ramune Mimiene, Clerk

2 members of the public

1 Welcome by Chairman Steve Fane de Salis

1.1 Chairman welcomed everyone.

2 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non Attendance

2.1 Clerk reported that Cllr G Smith and R Johnson sent apologies for absence.

CC Cllr I Gardener sent apologies for absence too.

Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 21 April 2016

Proposal: Proposed by Councillor Sharon, seconded by Councillor Ian, all in favour, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of 21 April 2016 of Annual Parish Meeting be accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting. Carried

Chairman signed the Minutes.

4. To receive Parish Council Chairman's Report

4.1 Report attached.

5 District and County Councillors Reports

5.1 CC Cllr I Gardener reported that the New County Council is made up of 61 councillors of which 36 are Conservative, 15 are Liberal Democrats, 7 are Labour and 3 are Independents.

The first Full Council meeting of the new council is on 23 May 2017.

Spaldwick is now in the Alconbury and Kimbolton Division which is made up of 24 Parishes.

CC Cllr I Gardener is looking forward to meeting the Parish Council soon. If residents or the Parish Council want any assistance with a County Council matter, please do not hesitate to contact CC Cllr I Gardener on Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

6 Finance

6.1 Internal audit carried. Annual Report completed and was signed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting tonight. Public inspection of the accounts is from Mon 3 Jul to Fri 14 Jul 17.

Precept for 2017/18 is £10,405.

7 To Receive Village Representatives Reports

7.1 Spaldwick PC - report presented by John Blatch and is attached to these minutes.

7.2 Village Hall Committee, Grahame Leach – verbal report provided.

7.3 Spaldwick Website – Mark Heath, nothing to report.

7.4 Bowls Club – No report present.

7.5 Escape Youth Group – Report attached.

7.6 Social Group – No report presented.

7.7 Footpaths report issued by Footpath Coordinator Mick Ager which was read aloud by the Chairman, report attached.

8 Public participation to raise any matters of Interest

8.1 It was brought to the attention of The Parish Council that it was rumoured that the handle from the old village pump was still in the village and if found it might be possible to construct a mock up of the old village pump. For future consideration.

9 Chairman's closing remarks

Thank you for coming tonight. Contact details on the website.

Meeting finished at 9.02pm.

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Annual Parish Meeting

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Date


Chairman: Steven Fane de Salis

Chairman's Report Annual Parish Meeting 2017

I wish to thank all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and support during the last twelve months, and especially David Stowell, the retired Parish Clerk, for his expert knowledge and the help he has given our new Clerk Ramune Mimiene. I would also like to thank Ramune for her commitment and help during this transitional period, ably assisted by Cllr Graham Smith. My thanks also go to Jim White our District Councillor for his help and Simon Bywater our County Councillor for his time and assistance with our ongoing discussions regarding The Community Room.

During the last year we have dealt with thirteen full planning applications, including some contentious plans which have attracted a great deal of interest from residents.

We have represented Spaldwick at the District Council Development Management Committee meeting where we asked for a condition to be added to the approval of planning permission for the service area, that signs were placed at the exit to encourage traffic back onto the A14, this was granted. We have also dealt with numerous Listed Building Consent applications and are hopeful that work will soon resume on the Manor Farmhouse.

The Parish Council has responsibility for the Village assets and I am happy to report that all are in a good state of repair with some minor work being carried out to the raised planters by Cllr Richard Johnson who has also carried out some planned maintenance work to the trees on High Street.

The maintenance of the War Memorial has been an ongoing project for some years and after consultation between our working party and The War Memorials Trust it was decided to install replacement stone plaques adjacent to the memorial. We are awaiting confirmation of grant allocation to assist with these costs.

Due to concerns regarding the trip hazard of the old cushioned tiles under the play equipment on Ferriman Road they were removed and a wet pour safety surface was installed which has improved the safety and the look of the area.

Following up on the decision to purchase a gritting bin for Beltons Hill, this has now been located at the top of the hill.

Last year we were informed that Spaldwick Primary School Intended to take over The Community Room as a classroom. We have been working with The School and The Education Authority to find a solution which will allow access to and use of The Community Room during school hours for both the community and the school. Several options have been explored and we are hopeful that an agreement will be reached soon.

Other actions carried out by the Parish Council include:

The Community Speedwatch group which have conducted 7 sessions during the last year, 4 on High Street, 3 on Stow Road.

They have assessed the speed of 1030 vehicles and reported 21 vehicles for exceeding the speed limit.

The Community Highways Volunteers are planning to carry out some work to the verge along Stow Road and are looking for extra volunteers, please contact Cllr Ian Harriman

The Good Neighbours Scheme has been introduced for the whole of Spaldwick with the intention of offering protection for the more vulnerable residents and is being coordinated by Cllr Mike Robinson

The Spaldwick Parish Council Website is currently being redesigned by Cllr Jason Pope and contains a great deal of information.

I would also like to thank Mark Heath (Spaldwick Website) and John Blatch (Spaldwick News) for all their efforts in keeping the village informed. These and all the organisers of the various groups in Spaldwick help to make this a thriving community.



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Footpath Coordinator annual report 2016/2017

1 message

Mick Ager <m.ager@btinternet.com>
To: Spaldwick Parish Council <clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:08 AM

Summary report for April 2017, covering the last year. I have put the report in bullet point format to hopefully make it easy to read, cut or paste.

* **Footpath right of way maps** for village notice boards for Spaldwick have been provided. These have been laminated and will be displayed once notice board space is available (Action - Parish Clerk D. Stowell at the time)

* **Bridge/kissing gate (footpath12)** midway between Spaldwick and Easton became overgrown again in autumn 2016, and was subsequently cleared by the farmer/landowner.

Footpath 5 (to the East of West Lodge farm) had become overgrown and was reported to CCC who advised the contractors were behind due to poor weather .

Note : The path was quickly cut as soon as the weather became dry

* **Footpaths 12 & 13 field cultivated** - Paths missing

Reported 5/10/16 ref 00256871 and requested update 17/1/17 and 7/3/17 have still not been reinstated. The District Highways manager explaining the Huntingdon Right Of Way role had been removed however she was endeavouring to progress by contacting the landowner. THIS SHOULD BE ESCALATED as the paths as of 21/4/17 are still not reinstated!

All the above problems were logged on CCC online fault reporting system or Direct to the Highways District Manager

* concerns of a Parishioner regarding horses in a paddock which footpath 12 cuts across had been escalated to Easton Parish counsel (a re occurrence of an issue in 2015) has resulted in an electric fence being installed. This allows walkers to follow the path without any interference from Horses and has been a successful solution.

* Horses in the Bury Close field (the field adjacent to the church immediately to the south) had damaged the last remaining wooden kissing gate, this had subsequently been repaired but has been damaged again (winter 2015). Issue formally raised to the Spaldwick Parish Council.

* Footpath 3 East of Stow road has been redressed for approximately 60 metres , removing large ruts etc, work completed spring 2017.

END OF REPORT
Regards Mick Ager

Spaldwick Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May

Escape Youth Club

The fortnightly meetings at the school are much appreciated by the 20-30 young people who attend.

Financially the youth club is doing well. We have been able to part fund two trips this year. In November we organised a trip for 22 young people to visit Extreme 360 in St Neots and in March we organised a trip to the Snowzone in Milton Keynes.

We are still struggling to recruit a trained youth worker so the committee have requested parents to help on a voluntary basis. We have had three parents volunteer to date. Parent volunteers enable the committee member's time to organise activities during sessions, i.e. the work that a youth worker would do.

Three of the longest serving committee members will be stepping down this year so we have been actively trying to recruit new members. Without new committee members the youth club will have to close. So far, we have enlisted two new potential committee members.

Parochial Church Council Report

At this meeting last year I reported on the PCC's plans for opening up the church for wider use by the community. I wish that I could say that these plans are well in hand, but I cannot. There has been very little progress, partly because of our concern over the obvious conflict with the Village Hall Committee's plans. We have been concerned that we could be well advanced with plans and have spent a considerable sum of money only to have these plans negated by progress with the Village Hall

The PCC has now considered this matter and our present position is that, whether or not a new Hall is built, we will always need mains water and drainage in the church. To this end we have decided to proceed in stages, stage 1 being the provision of these services and we have now instructed an architect to prepare plans for this.

A change of architect due to retirement has also delayed our plans but we now have a target date of August 14th for the submission of our first application to English Heritage for a grant for this purpose. This date is significant because a fund specifically set aside for churches is then being wound up and after this date we will have to compete against many more applicants.

Financially it has been a better year for the church, income was £1200 more than expenditure compared to a loss of £90 in 2015. This was entirely due to the extra effort put into fund-raising, there were 8 such events compared to just 5 in 2015. This was just as well, as straightforward giving, both by regular Gift Aided contributions and through collections at services was £1000 less than in the previous year.

It is still a struggle to keep the church going with at least one Sunday service during the year attended by just 5 people, 3 of whom were myself, the Vicar and the organist. We see the re-ordering of the church as the main hope for its continued part in village life

The contribution by the Parish Council to the church has been most welcome, particularly since 2008. Prior to that year we were receiving interest of about £600 per year, since then it has been less than £50 and without the Council's help the church capital fund would be completely depleted.

The Council's contribution has been to help with cutting the grass and a change in circumstances has forced the PCC to re-consider the funding of this. We now intend to purchase the necessary equipment, ride on mower, hand mower and strimmer, and use volunteer help to care for the churchyard. This will be an extra

cost in the first year but much reduced costs in future years. The volunteer help is not quite finalized but hopefully will be in the next few weeks.

Stochial Church Council Report

In the meeting last year I reported on the PCC's plans for opening up the church for use by the community. I wish that I could say that these plans are now a reality. There has been very little progress, partly because of our concern over the obvious conflict with the Village Hall Committee's plans. We have been concerned that we could be well served by what has been a considerable sum of money only to have these plans rejected. The progress for

Village Hall

The PCC has now considered this matter and our present position is that we will not build a new Hall. We will always need more water and drainage for the church. To this end we have decided to proceed to improve the provision of these services and we have now included a budget for this plan for this

A change of architect due to retirement has also delayed our plans but we now have a target date of August 14th for the submission of our first application to Cotswold Heritage for a grant for this purpose. This date is significant because it is specifically set aside for churches so that being would be after the deadline to have to compete against many more applicants.

Financially it has been a better year for the church, income was £100 more than expenditure compared to a loss of £90 in 2017. This was achieved due to the effort put into fund-raising, there were 8 staff events compared to just 2 in 2017. This was just as well, as stagnation and giving, particularly in the form of contributions and through collections at events, were a significant part of the previous year.

It is still a struggle to keep the church going with at least one Sunday service during the year attended by just 5 people. 3 of whom were regular church members and the rest were visitors. We see the re-orientation of the church as a challenge for the future part in village life.

The contribution by the Parish Council to the church has been most welcome particularly since 2008. Prior to that year we were receiving a grant of about £500 per year, since then it has been less than £500 and we have had to make a church capital fund would be completely empty.

The Council's contribution has been to help with cutting the grass at a church. The circumstances have forced the PCC to re-consider the timing of the Village Hall. We intend to purchase the necessary equipment, and on power, and power and water, and use volunteers to help with the construction. The village hall will