

# SPALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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## NOTES

**from Spaldwick Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 straight after the Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council at The Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School**

Present: S. Fane de Salis (Chairman of SPC), S. Jackson-Rimmer (SPC), J. Pope (SPC), J. White (HDC), Mrs Sarah Cardwell (Clerk to SPC) & one member of the public

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

Steve Fane de Salis welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors M. Robinson (Vice Chairman), G. Smith, I. Harriman, R. Johnson & CC Councillor I. Gardener.

### 3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 May 2018

Cllr J. Pope proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr S. Jackson-Rimmer. Unanimous so minutes signed by Chairman.

### 4. To receive Parish Council Chairman's Report

Chairman read the report which is attached to these minutes.

### 5. District and County Councillors Reports

Report from CC Cllr Ian Gardener presented at Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council (attached).

HD Cllr Jim White informed the meeting that it has been a busy year for him; he stood down as Executive Councillor for Operations at District but has been working on various committees including the Hinchingsbrooke Park steering committee.

He notified the meeting that it has been agreed to adopt the HDC Local Plan up until 2036 which provides the framework to help address the current 'tilted balance' in favour of developers. Despite Spaldwick being largely unaffected by the 'tilted balance', this is a document which has taken more than a year to be approved by the Planning Inspector and gives Parish Councils more detail regarding how to oppose developments if they feel it necessary.

### 6. Financial Report

Clerk had already provided copies of the year end accounts and an update regarding the visit of the Internal auditor earlier that day to the Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council and the AGAR had been completed and signed accordingly.

### 7. To receive Village Representatives reports

Various groups contacted. Spaldwick Social Group provided the attached report which was read out by Cllr S. Fane de Salis.

### 8. Public participation to raise any matters of interest

None.

### 9. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Cllr S. Fane de Salis extended his condolences to the family of Peter Racey who was a valued member of and served as Chairman to Spaldwick Parish Council for many years.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman: Steven Fane de Salis \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chairman's annual report – May 2019**

I wish to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help and support during the past twelve months, by working together we have been able to deliver more for our community. I also wish to thank our Clerk, Sarah Cardwell, for all her work to make this possible and to thank District Councillor Jim White and County Councillor Ian Gardiner for their assistance.

We have worked hard to finalise the lease of The Community Room and make it accessible to local residents. It is now available to rent by groups and individuals and we have seen an increase in the number of bookings. We are still in the process of updating the carpet and curtains, having replaced half the kitchen to match the newer cupboards.

Having decided to replace the War Memorial in Spaldwick we have submitted a planning application and have been in discussion with members of the Parochial Church Council of St James in Spaldwick and Ely Diocese to agree a location for the old memorial. This is still ongoing.

With the decision to create allotments in the Town and Poors Charity Field a considerable amount of work has been done by Cllr Richard Johnson and Cllr Graham Smith to arrange for a water connection to a standpipe. We are hopeful that Anglia Water will carry out their work soon to join this to the mains. The area for twenty allotments has been marked out and we hope to prepare the ground soon. There is still the need for a hard standing area and roadway for vehicles and a security gate.

Arrangements are in place to start work on refurbishment of the village sign with some preparatory work already completed by Cllr Richard Johnson.

Cllr Sharan Jackson-Rimmer has conducted three Speedwatch sessions during the last twelve months with 486 vehicles checked and 9 reported for speeding.

Thanks go to Mick Ager the footpath coordinator for his work to keep footpaths accessible to all and to Ed Wooddisse for his assistance to cut back hedges along Thrapston Road and Beltons Hill.

I also wish to pass on thanks to Chris Hubbard for taking on and delivering Spaldwick News.

Steve Fane de Salis

Chairman Spaldwick Parish Council

## **Spaldwick Social Group 2018- report for May 2019 Annual Parish meeting**

With a core team of four permanent committee members, the Spaldwick Social Group successfully raised funds for local

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charities with the annual Spaldwick Summer Fete [on 7 July](#) and the Santa Sleigh Ride [on 23 December](#).

The summer fete was well attended and a successful event thanks to a number of volunteers and a variety of stalls being run by Playtimes, FOSS, Spaldwick Church, Spaldwick Social Group and local individuals/ businesses. The evening event with live entertainment and a hog roast was well supported. Both the fete and the evening's hog roast raised over £2000.

After a successful recruitment advert for volunteer 'elves', the Santa Sleigh Ride - comprising Santa, Rudolph and ten elves - delivered presents to local children and biscuits to elderly residents. This event raised £385 for Huntingdon Community Cancer Network and £100 for Spaldwick School to support disadvantaged children in participating in school trips.

Spaldwick Social Group remains committed to raising funds for local charities and any one interested in helping the group in achieve their objectives are very welcome and should contact [socialgroup@spaldwick.com](mailto:socialgroup@spaldwick.com). The group is currently planning on the summer fete due to be held [on Saturday 6 July 2019](#).

## **SPALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 16th May 2019**

### **Report by Cllr Ian Gardener, County Councillor**

**Outlined below are some of the main areas of my work on the County Council. I am always available to discuss County Council issues with residents or Parish Councils and to try and assist with the issues. I can be contacted on 07970 613498 or by email at [Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

The make up of the County Council remains the same following the By -Elections in Soham North & Isleham & Trumpington .The Conservatives hold 36 seats, Liberal Democrats 15, Labour 7 and the Independents 3

The new Alconbury and Kimbolton seat covers 30 villages and 24 Parish Councils From Hail Weston in the south, to Great Gidding in the north and out to the County Boundary in the west and the A1 in the east excluding the villages of Southoe & Grafham .

I currently sit on the Highways & Infrastructure Committee and I am the Vice- Chairman of the Pensions & Planning Committee's. I also sit on the Fire Authority where I am the Vice Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny committee

The County Council are relocating from Shire Hall In Cambridge to a new Civic Hub at Alconbury Weald. This will be the Hub of the Hub and spoke model for our offices across the County. Other services will be based in existing office space, which services are going to be based where is yet to be determined.

Smart Energy Grids will provide renewable energy to facilitate the charging of buses,cars and freight and allow for the selling of surplus energy to local customers via power Purchase Agreements. The sites where Smart Energy Grids are being implemented at are St Ives, Trumpington & Babraham Park & Ride Sites

The County Council has agreed a Plastics Strategy, which is aimed at reducing/removing the Councils use of Single Use Plastics. The Council will influence its supply chain provision of goods and services by setting standards on plastics via procurement.

At the end of 2018 Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service was named as one of the best two performing Fire & Rescue Services of the 14 inspected. The inspectorate found that the service was GOOD across the entire inspection process and is now held as an example to other authorities.

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With regard to East West Rail there are 5 proposed routes for the line between Bedford & Cambridge, two of which are to the north of Sandy. The preferred route is the route via Sandy & Bassingbourn as it avoids the route of the Mayors Cam Metro between Cambridge & St Neots

Ofsted undertook an unannounced two week inspection of Children's Services in January and their report highlighted the fact that the County Council had put the foundations in place to deliver positive change and a much improved service.

To protect services within Cambridgeshire the County Council agreed to increase its proportion of Council Tax by 2.99%, plus an additional 2% for Adult Social Care. This increase is to protect services within Cambridgeshire. No Libraries are being closed in fact 3 new libraries are to be built and 2 new replacement mobile libraries are being delivered.

On completion of the A14 work is expected to commence on the duelling of the A428 between the Black Cat & Caxton Gibbet. The route will be the orange route, with Option C for the Black Cat roundabout, which will allow a continuous flow of traffic in both directions.

As your County Councillor I will work with the Parish Council & Residents to address the issues that affect them, such as future Local Highways Initiative Bids, Post 16 Transport, School places etc

Cllr Ian Gardener

County Councillor Alconbury & Kimbolton Division