

MINUTES

**Spaldwick Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2020 at 8.00pm by Zoom video conference call (due to current ban on social gatherings)
Chairman Steve Fane de Salis**

Present. S Fane de Salis (Chairman), G Smith (Vice Chairman), S Jackson-Rimmer, S Parfrey, W Burcham (and Clerk)

20/05/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance R Johnson, J Pope

20/05/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) None

20/05/3 Public Open Forum- No members of the public present
Each person wishing to address the council will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes subject to the Chairman's discretion. This part cannot be longer than 10 minutes per item.

20/05/4 Finance: To discuss 3 urgent quotes for fencing and installing water pipes and troughs to

the Allotment Plots- Cllr G Smith provided details of 3 like-for-like quotes that he had received for the work (£5625 (no VAT), £5106 + reclaimable VAT, & £5907.70 + reclaimable VAT).

The Council first discussed the requirements for the allotments, approximately four-foot-high fencing recommended for farmers' fields and a twelve-foot gate with meshing to prevent rabbits from entering. Cllr G Smith proposed that the quotes obtained fulfilled the specifications. This was seconded by Cllr W Burcham and carried unanimously. The water supply was then discussed and it was decided that galvanised water tank troughs with ballcocks would be preferable to pipes. Cllr G Smith proposed that four tanks and 2.5-foot-deep would be most suitable; this was seconded by Cllr S Parfrey and carried unanimously.

Cllr G Smith then proposed that the work be carried out by Alex Stancombe, the cheapest quote (£5106 + VAT), based on his reputation for work previously completed and guaranteed, the fact the contractor already has the relevant equipment and supplies and that the VAT can be reclaimed by the Council; this was seconded by Cllr S Parfrey and carried unanimously.

20/05/5 Councillors' questions- none

Please, note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. Business must be specified therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

20/05/6 Date of the next meeting: Thursday 21st May 2020 at 8pm (web meetings to continue as long as required).

Signed:

Chairman

Date: