

MINUTES

Spaldwick Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 8.00pm in Spaldwick Community Room
Chairman Steve Fane de Salis

Present: S Fane de Salis, (Chairman) Mike Robinson (Vice-Chairman) S. Jackson-Rimmer, G Smith

19/09/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance I Harriman

19/09/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) – NONE

19/09/3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18th July 2019

Amended to show correct date of meeting as 18th July 2019

Cllr G Smith proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer. Carried unanimously.

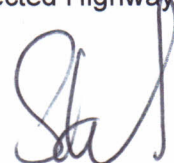
19/09/4 Matters arising from those Minutes None

19/09/5 Public Open Forum

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.

County Councillor Ian Gardener provided an update:

- **Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is back.** This is a scheme whereby households can register their interest to receive cheaper energy bills. The scheme is run by IChoosr and at the last event in February 2019 500 households signed up receiving savings on average of £121.83pa. More information can be found on the website:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/economic-development/energy-across-cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-energy-switch/>
- **Free NHS Health Checks** are currently available to all those aged 40-74
- **E- Permits for Recycling Centres.** The County Council have decided to introduce an e-permit scheme for its local Recycling Centres. Permits will now be required if you have a van, pick-up/crew cabs or a trailer more than 1.5m in length or 570l. Permits are available online and are free of charge. The scheme will launch in October and the registration site will be open from the end of September. More information is here:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centre-e-permit-scheme/>
- **Car Parking Charges Increases.** It was noted that some local parking charges have increased notably in St Neots and Huntingdon
- **Footpath 13**, across the field by Applegreen. The County Council are taking measures against the owner to keep the path clear.
- **Kimbolton/Stonley Crime Prevention** are holding a presentation evening on the Tuesday 24th 7-9 Mandeville Hall with Pro-Tech, Blueline and Police giving advice and guidance
- **A14** with the opening of the new A14M expected in December it is expected works in and around Huntingdon to start, and it is proposed that the bridge at Huntingdon Station will be removed over the Christmas period when the railway is closed for maintenance. It is expected Highways England will send out information nearer the time.



19/09/6 Planning

To consider new planning consultations:

- **19/09/06.1 Proposed extension to existing dwelling**

The Old Barn 22 High Street Spaldwick PE28 0TD

Ref No: 19/01470/HHFUL | Received: Sat 20 Jul 2019 | Validated: Wed 31 Jul 2019 | Status: In progress

Observations of Spaldwick Parish Council

Recommend approval because

The application is of an appropriate scale and design and would not have a harmful impact up the character and appearance in the area.

- **19/09/06.2 Construction of 1 no single-storey affordable dwelling to land to the West of Long Lane Spaldwick.**

Land West Side of Long Lane Spaldwick.

Ref No: 19/01595/FUL | Received Fri 09 Aug 2019 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2019 | Status: in progress

Observations of Spaldwick Parish Council.

Recommend refusal because

The proposed dwelling by reason of the siting would create a visually intrusive and harmful form of development which would erode the character and appearance of the conservation area and fail to conserve the settings of several adjacent Grade II Listed buildings.

The Parish Council have concerns regarding access to the site along the narrow lane from High Street, especially with large oil delivery vehicles and the increase in vehicular traffic associated with an extra household. As a consequence the proposal would adversely affect the character of Long Lane.

The plans; although for one property could be changed at a later date to include more houses.

It is disappointing that the developer had precluded the planning process by commencing site clearance and tree removal works prior to submission of application 15/02396/FUL. This has had a detrimental impact on local wildlife which had previously been observed in the area

Cllr M Robinson proposed refusal of the planning application. This was seconded by Cllr s Jackson-Rimmer and carried unanimously.

- **19/09/06.3 Conversion of existing rear outbuilding to garden room and storage area. Internal alterations to utility room, lobby and WC area. Erection of boundary wall. Erection of double garage.**

18 High Street Spaldwick Huntingdon PE28 0TD

Ref No: 19/00012/HHFUL | Received: 04 Jan 2019 | Validated: Fri 01 Feb 2019 | Status: In progress
New Plans

Approval is based on works and renovation being carried out to the correct standards.

Recommending approval:

Approval proposed by Cllr S Fane de Salis, seconded by Cllr G Smith, carried unanimously.



- **19/09/06.4 Proposed conversion of garage to habitable annex including first floor extension.**
27 Thrapston Road Spaldwick Huntingdon PE28 0TA
Ref No: 19/00881/HHFUL | Received: Fri 26 Apr 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Feb 2019 | Status: Approved
- **19/09/06.5 Development of a pair of semi-detached houses.**
Land east of Ivy House High Street Spaldwick
Ref no: 19/00211/FUL | Received: Mon 04 Feb 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Feb 2019 | Status: Approved

19/09/7 Finance

Balance as at 10 September 2019 £82,850.32

Expenditure for approval 19th September 2019

- **19/09/7.1**

It was agreed to continue with the annual Geosphere mapping service for the community room at a charge of £45pa.

Proposed by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and seconded by Cllr G Smith

- **19/09/7.2**

Invoice from Y.Karl for Cleaning services Spaldwick Village Community Room . Total: £30.00
Approval proposed by Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer. Carried unanimously.

- **19/09/7.3**

It was proposed to extend the hours of The Clerk to SPC from 4hrs to 6hrs per week to allow for additional work involved managing the bookings for Community Room.

Proposed by Cllr S Fane de Salis and seconded by Cllr G Smith. Carried unanimously.

19/09/8 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) various policies to consider.

For consideration at the next meeting

19/09/9 Assets – Provision/Maintenance

- **19/06/9.1 Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection**

Hedges are grown back although Cllr R Johnson with a local resident did some cutting back. Cllr R Johnson struggling to find contractors to come out to do the work. A quote has been received for grass cutting and awaiting a further two. It may be necessary to run a weekend working party.

- **19/09/9.2** It was agreed that the annual play area inspection to be carried by Wickstead at a cost of £45 per play area.

Proposed by Cllr S Fane de Salis and seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer. Carried unanimously

- **19/09/9.3** To consider annual insurance renewal.

It was agreed to accept the renewal offered by Came & Co, the renewal premium being £384.29, including insurance premium tax (IPT) plus admin fee of £50, giving a total premium of £434.29. This takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which will expire 30th September 2021.



- **19/09/9.4 Street Lights**

As the CC no longer pay for a street lighting we have outsourced an energy supplier through the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation and are currently awaiting a final quote to move supplier.

- **19/09/9.5 Bier**

The Bier will continue to be insured by SPC regardless of its location and it is currently now in the church. The mower can now be moved to the SPC shed

- **19/09/9.6 War Memorial** Ongoing, awaiting updates from CC

19/06/10 Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc.

- **19/0909//10.1 Footpath 13** The County Council are aware of local complaints and the CC Enforcement Officer has started proceedings against the owner to clear the footpath

- **19/09/10.2 Hedges around the play area.** SPC are in the process of obtaining 3 quotes from contractors for the required works.

- **19/09/10.3** It is proposed to lift the crown of small trees which are the responsibility of SPC to allow the grass to be cut underneath. Cllrs R Johnson and S Fane de Salis will endeavor to complete these works soonest.

- **19/09/10.4** **A financial request has been received from Spaldwick St James PCC asking for financial assistance to upgrade/resurface a footpath in church grounds and install a street lamp.** The proposal for a streetlamp has since been withdrawn. Once quotes for the upgrade/resurfacing have been received SPC will revisit the request for assisted funding for the project

- **19/09/10.5** **A financial request has been received from Spaldwick St James PCC asking for financial assistance with creating a roadway joining Church Lane to Chandlers.** SPC regards the huge costs involved in such a project that funds would not be available

19/09/11 Community Room

- **19/09/11.1** Flooring and curtains have all been replaced

- **19/09/11.2 Extra Tables**

It was proposed to purchase two extra tables making a total of six available for hirers of the Community Room. Approximate cost of like for like are £130 each and Cllr S Fane de Salis will obtain three prices before the next meeting

Proposed by Cllr S Fane de Salis and seconded by Cllr G Smith.

- **19/09/11.3 Purchase of new water boiler**

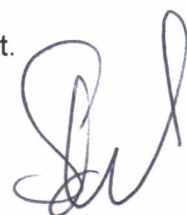
It was proposed to purchase a new water boiler to replace the current one which is ineffective, the cost is less than £100.

Proposed by Cllr M Robinson and seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer

Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer will also carry out an inventory to see what other items are need for the smooth running of the facility.

19/09/12 Parish Council Laptop

The SPC laptop is running slow and it is hoped that Cllr Pope will have a look at it.



19/09/13 Correspondence_-NONE-

19/09/14 Councillors Questions

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

- **19/09/14.1** Cllr Mike Robinson indicated he would like to step down as Vice-Chair with immediate effect but will continue to attend meetings when possible.
- **19/09/14.2** Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer updated the meeting regarding dog-poo bags and their associated success around the village. It may be worth considering purchasing manufactured dispensers and Cllr Jackson-Rimmer will obtain 3 quotes for purchase and installation and purchase of bags.
- **19/09/14.3** Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer discussed the possibility of Wheelie bin stickers with the speed limit logo on for those residents on the main streets to serve as a reminder to drivers passing through the village of the speed limit. Although it was pointed out they would only be visible on bin days it was still thought to be a worthwhile cause and Cllr Jackson-Rimmer will look further into the costs.

19/09/15 Date of the next meeting: Thursday 17th October 2019 at 8pm at the Community Room

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, excluding August.

Meeting closed at 21:51hrs

Signed:



Date

17.10.19