

MINUTES

Spaldwick Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2021 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, County Councillor I Gardener, S. Cardwell (Clerk) and two members of the public

21/02/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance- R Johnson, J Pope, S Parfrey, W Burcham.

21/02/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)- none.

21/02/3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st January 2021 (to be signed at a future meeting)- Cllr G Smith proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and carried unanimously.

21/02/4 Matters arising from those Minutes (Hags replacement caps were minuted at £25 but this should have read £25 + VAT (total cost £30)- noted.

21/02/5 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 addressed the Council to provide an update regarding Covid-19 help and case numbers in the area, the County Council budget for the financial year including footpaths and flood prevention and Council tax increases (full report attached).

- Councillor S Jackson-Rimmer raised the issue of A14 noise- County Cllr I Gardener will advise contact details for Highways England.

-Councillor S Fane de Salis enquired about the outcome regarding Spaldwick planning application 20/02155/FUL (agenda item 21/02/6.5) discussed at the recent Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting and County Cllr I Gardener advised that it had been approved.

21/02/6 Planning

To consider new planning consultations:

21/02/6.1

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 20/01892/HHFUL

Ground Floor rear extension with flat roof and pitched roof eaves feature.

Stanwell House 4 Thrapston Road Spaldwick

- Council views to be received by 19th February- Following discussions Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed the Council recommend approval on the basis that the application is proportional to the plot of land and is not visible from the road. This was seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and carried unanimously.

21/02/6.2

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 21/00003/LBC

Installation of a woodburning stove in two sitting rooms

38 High Street Spaldwick Huntingdon PE28 0TD

- Council views to be received by 2nd March- Following discussions, Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer proposed the Council recommend approval of the application on the basis that the reinstatement of the chimneypot will return it to its original state and will not be visible from the road; this was seconded by Cllr G Smith and carried unanimously.

Determined by planning authority: - all noted.

21/02/6.3

Single storey extension materials to match that of the existing dwelling and a rear veranda

8 Ivy Way Spaldwick Huntingdon PE28 0UN

Ref. No: 20/02450/CLPD | Received: Tue 01 Dec 2020 | Validated: Tue 01 Dec 2020 | Status: Refused

21/02/6.4

Proposed area of hardstanding to facilitate vehicle entry, turning and parking

Land South Of House On The Hill Stow Road Spaldwick

21/02/6.5 To note: **20/02155/FUL**: Pair of Semi-detached houses, Land east of Ivy House, High Street, Spaldwick is going to Virtual Development Management Committee (DMC) on 15th February to decide the outcome of the planning application- As per the public open forum update from County Cllr I Gardener this was approved.

21/02/7 Finance

21/02/7.1 To note: Account balance at 10.02.21: £73,770.30- noted.

21/02/7.2 Update from Clerk regarding bid for Huntingdonshire District Council's next Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding round- no further update has been received since the initial submission confirmation.

21/02/7.3 Update regarding viewing access for the Clerk for the bank accounts- no further update.

Expenditure for approval 18th February 2021:

21/02/7.4 Clerk's wages (Jan-Feb): **£305.52** (S.Cardwell: £305.52, HMRC £0.00)- Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed payment; this was seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer and carried unanimously.

21/02/7.5 Grass-cutting- Awaiting payment schedule from CGM- Clerk confirmed she had received an email that morning so say the schedule and contract are being created.

21/02/7.6 Total Energy invoices (Accounts 3006069330 & 3006069341)- Clerk awaiting confirmation- Total have advised there are no outstanding invoices on the account currently, it is up-to-date.

21/02/8 Assets – Provision/Maintenance

21/02/8.1 Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area's Inspection- Cllr S Fane de Salis advised that the inspection is still to be completed this month and he has the replacement caps to fit.

21/02/8.2 Update regarding grass-cutting- Email received from S Y Webb (previously circulated). CGM-cutting to start at the end of March. Start date, contract and payment terms to be sent asap but invoicing will be monthly with the per annum price divided over 12 months (rather than just the cutting season)- The Council noted that S Y Webb would like to be considered for any additional work required in the village. As item 21/02/7.5 the CGM schedule and contract are being created.

21/02/8.3 Update regarding the village noticeboard which has been damaged- Clerk updated the Council that Cllr J Pope has the piece that has come off and Cllr R Johnson will assess the damage and confirm whether it can be repaired or not.

21/02/9 Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc.

21/02/9.1 Progress update regarding the issue of motorcyclists using byways during winter months- signs require updating to prevent this- HDC investigating- Clerk confirmed she has chased this again but had no response. It was noted, however, that as per County Cllr I Gardener's update, there is additional money allocated for footpaths this year.

21/02/9.2 Update regarding additional Bus stop on Stow Rd.- deferred pending the trial of 'ordering' buses- a member of the public advised Councillors that tenders are pending a statement from the government to say that buses can operate normally (post pandemic).

21/02/9.3 MVAS Flashing Speed Sign- update from Clerk regarding moveable post and NAL sockets order- Highways have advised the Clerk that they should have costings available for discussion at the March meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council. J.Hudson from Highways has also raised a concern regarding the effectiveness of the proposed location on Stow Road, stating that it needs to be on the same side as the traffic. Following discussions regarding levels of speeding drivers in that location, Cllr S Fane de Salis proposed the Parish Council remove the MVAS location from the scheme on Stow Road (the second location along Store Road, between Royston Avenue and The Green) from the list, focusing on the three other proposed locations for the MVAS; this was seconded by Cllr G Smith and carried unanimously.

21/02/9.4 Update regarding footpath reports received from M. Ager- The ongoing issue of a missing stile (resulting in a blocked path or escaped horses) has been re-raised with the footpaths coordinator at Cambridgeshire County Council by M. Ager. This is to be added to the next agenda for further discussion so that a way of moving forward can be found.

21/02/9.5 To note: abandoned roadworks signs and sandbags on Thrapson Rd / Church Lane discussed

last meeting have been collected by Highways- noted. Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer also raised that the village green has been churned-up following works; she will take photos and send to the Clerk to see whether Highways can assist.

21/02/10 Community Room

- 21/02/10.1 To discuss reopening of the Community Room (including amended request to hire)- The amended request for hire has been deferred by the requestor due to a lack of wifi; consequently, the cleaning products order has not yet been made.
- 21/02/10.2 PAT Testing update from Cllr Pope (deferred while closed)- deferred.
- 21/02/10.3 Update from Cllr Pope regarding timers for radiators in the Community room (deferred while closed)- deferred.
- 21/02/10.4 Village Halls Wifi update- To discuss email from Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding the Government's [Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme](#) to help people in rural areas to get full fibre connections to access high speed, reliable broadband and Wifi. (current scheme closes end of March). Vouchers cover installation costs but not the ongoing revenue costs of having a broadband connection, which could be used to provide free Wifi for users. Connecting Cambridgeshire can advise on the process- Following discussions the Council decided to take no action at the current time.

21/02/11 Further Discussion of Defibrillator- update including grant application and funding options- deferred.

21/02/12 Update regarding official domain email addresses for the Council- deferred until the next meeting. Cllr S Fane de Salis has been advised by a resident that a gov.uk email address could be a viable option for the Council; Clerk to find out more information for discussion at the March meeting.

21/02/13 Update regarding the potential for the mobile Post Office van which visits local villages to come to Spaldwick- deferred.

21/02/14 To note: CCC: Consultation on Local Validation List Requirements consultation period will run for 6 weeks from 25 January 2021 until 8 March 2021- noted.

21/02/15 Any items for the next edition of Spaldwick News- none.

21/02/16 Correspondence (-previously circulated)- all noted.

- 21/02/16.1 Office for National Statistics: Census 2021 - just 9 weeks to go! - 18/01/21
- 21/02/16.2 HDC: Weather and flood warnings- 19/01/21
- 21/02/16.3 HDC: HDC O&S Flooding Review- 22/01/21
- 21/02/16.4 CCC: Consultation on Our Local Validation List Requirements- 25/01/21
- 21/02/16.5 ALAS: To the Parishes Under the LLA/NATS Holding Stack- THE FINAL PUSH- Consultation closing date 5 February 2021- 27/01/21
- 21/02/16.6 CAPALC: For Information - S137 Amount- 27/01/21
- 21/02/16.7 Village Halls Wifi Update – Spaldwick- 28/01/21
- 21/02/16.8 CAPALC: URGENT ACTION REQUIRED - Volunteer Support- 28/01/21
- 21/02/16.9 CAPALC: Covid 19 Update - Remote Meetings- 01/02/21
- 21/02/16.10 CAPALC: For Circulation- February Bulletin- 04/02/21
- 21/02/16.11 HDC: DMC 15th February 2021- 04/02/21
- 21/02/16.12 CAPALC's Comment on Handforth Parish Council Viral Meeting- 09/02/21
- 21/02/16.13 Cambs ACRE: CRESS project introduction meeting and how your parish could benefit- 09/02/21

21/02/17 Councilors' questions

21/02/18 Date of the next meeting: Thursday 18th March 2021 at 8pm- to be held remotely via Zoom unless the current situation changes

Meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: