

Chairman's Report 2021

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Spaldwick Parish Council express their deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh.

As we all know the last twelve months have been a difficult time with many new challenges. We are grateful to those who have given up their time to assist others.

I wish to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help during the past twelve months, especially Graham who has decided to stand down after 11 years on Spaldwick Parish Council. By working together we will be 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 and County Councillor Ian Gardiner for his assistance.

After many years of speculation and deliberation over the best solution regarding the poor state of repair of The War Memorial in Spaldwick we submitted a planning application seeking permission to replace it. Representatives of HDC have since informed us that this will be refused as Historic England has been made aware of our intention to replace the War Memorial and have listed it as a grade 2 monument. We have since received communication from The War Memorials Trust asking what action we are taking to safeguard the War Memorial. This concern will be raised with HDC.

Work has been ongoing with regards to the creation of Allotments in Spaldwick and I am happy to say that we opened up the field to allotment holders in May and there has been a lot of interest and activity. Initially we created 24 allotments and this will now be extended to 28 with a waiting list. The area of hardstanding and the roadway between the allotments is now complete and we are waiting delivery of new gates to finish this project. The Spaldwick Allotment Association has been a great help in achieving this goal.

No Speedwatch sessions have been conducted during the last two years and In response to concerns raised about the excess speed of vehicles in Spaldwick we have undertaken to purchase a Motor Vehicle Activated Sign which will be moved between three sites, Stow Road, High Street and Thrapston Road. This device will log the number and speed of vehicles to assist with any future Local Highway Initiative bids.

Another project that is ongoing is the provision of a defibrillator for Spaldwick, we hope to secure funding in the near future.

Thanks go to Mick Ager the footpath coordinator for his work to keep footpaths accessible to all and to Ed Wooddisse for his time and effort to cut back hedges along Thrapston Road. I also wish to personally thank all those involved in clearing and improving the ground around the play area on Ferriman Road, especially Russell and Sheila, and Linda and Uwe.

Steve Fane de Salis Chairman Spaldwick Parish Council