

SPALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTES

from **Spaldwick Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly** held on **Thursday 19th May 2022** straight after the Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council **at The Community Room**, Spaldwick Primary School.

Present: S Fane de Salis (Chairman), W Burcham (Vice Chair), S Jackson-Rimmer, R Johnson, S Parfrey, J O' Dwyer & S. Cardwell (Clerk).

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Steve Fane de Salis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

District and County Cllr I Gardener, M Ager (footpaths coordinator), Rev Philip Howson and Chris Hubbard (Spaldwick News).

3. Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April 2021 (Copies on Parish website and noticeboard)

It was resolved to approve and sign the notes.

4. To receive Parish Council Chairman's Report

Chairman read out the attached report.

5. District and County Councillors Reports

Cllr S Fane de Salis read out District and County Councillor I Gardener's attached report.

6. Financial Report

Clerk had circulated copies of the year end accounts and reconciliations to Councillors prior to the meeting and provided recent bank balances during the Parish Council meetings (£66,606.53 in the main account on 29/04/22 and £2597.45 in the Town and Poors account on 11/05/22).

7. To receive Village Representatives reports

Various groups were contacted by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Mick Ager, Spaldwick footpaths coordinator and Chris Hubbard from The Spaldwick News provided the attached reports which were read out by Cllr S. Fane de Salis.

8. Public participation to raise any matters of interest

No members of the public attended the meeting. Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer noted that the Escape Youth Club may look to restart in September. It was also noted that a stolen motorbike has been recovered from the village.

9. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Cllr S Fane de Salis thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting closed at 9.41pm.

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

Chairman: Steve Fane de Salis

Date:

Chairman's annual report- May 2022

Spaldwick Parish Council congratulate Her Majesty The Queen on the remarkable achievement of serving this nation, the Realms and Commonwealth for seventy years. The year of this Platinum Jubilee brings an opportunity for us all to come together in celebrating the service of The Queen.

We have actively supported The Queen's Green Canopy initiative by planting hedging and trees on the charity field and have ordered a bench to be placed beside the Jubilee plaques outside Manor Farm House. We are also providing Jubilee mugs to all children that reside in Spaldwick or attend Spaldwick Primary School, up to and including Year 6.

I wish to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help during the past twelve months, working together 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 and Mike Fraine who Chaired the Spaldwick Community Allotment Association and helped the project from the start.

During the last year we have secured funding for, and provided, a defibrillator, together with training for residents. The training was well attended and the defibrillator has been requested on a number of occasions; although fortunately not needed.

In response to complaints of vehicles travelling through Spaldwick at speeds in excess of the limit The Speedwatch Team have conducted two checks, reporting ten vehicles for excess speed. This year we are planning to install a Motor Vehicle Activated Sign to advise drivers of their speed and have secured Local Highways Initiative funding to create a 40mph buffer zone on the entry roads to Spaldwick.

There will always be maintenance to carry out on our assets, I am pleased to report that the Horse Chestnut trees on the Village Green have been inspected and necessary remedial work carried out and the hedging beside The Open Space has been cut back to a manageable height. Thanks go to those residents who helped cut back the hedging and small trees along Stow Road, around Bury Close.

My thanks also go to Mick Ager for his continued support and work to ensure the local footpath network is kept clear and well marked and to Chris Hubbard for all his work in creating the Village news letter.

Steve Fane de Salis
Chairman Spaldwick Parish Council

Report from County & District Councillor Ian Gardener

Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting – May 2022

Please accept my apologies for tonight's meeting, as I am attending two other Parish council meetings tonight.

At the District Council Elections on May 5th, 22 Conservative Councillors were elected along with 15 Independent, 10 Lib Dem, 4 Labour and 1 Green Councillors.

In the Alconbury Ward I was re-elected as your District councillor with 63% of the vote on a 37'5% turnout across the ward, which includes Spaldwick. I would like to thank the residents of Spaldwick for putting their faith in me for the next four years.

At last night's Annual Meeting of the District Council a Rainbow Alliance has been formed to run the Council consisting of all councillors apart from the Conservatives who will be in Opposition. The Leader of

the Council will be Sarah Conboy from the Lib Dem's and the Deputy Leader being Tom Saunderson of the Independents. They have elected a nine member Cabinet to run the Council.

The Chairman of the Council is Cllr Michael Burke from St Ives , with Cllr Brett Mickleburgh from Godmanchester being his Vice Chairman

The County Council is undertaking a Transport Strategy for Huntingdonshire. The stakeholder engagement survey is now live and will close on Sunday 19th June. To access the survey go to CCC Transport Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Survey

The County Council held its Annual General Meeting at The Burgess Hall, St Ives yesterday. At which Cllrs Ferguson and Kindersley were re-elected as Chairman & Vice Chairman.

The Council continues to be run by the Liberal Democrat lead administration with the assistance of Labour & independent Councillors.

From July the County Council will be holding all its Council Meetings, including the Full Council at New Shire Hall in Alconbury.

The Solar panels on the roof of Shire Hall and over the car park will be providing electricity for Shire Hall, making it almost self sufficient

At the County Council meeting yesterday the Leader of the Council confirmed that the Combined Authority had to return 22 million of its Green Homes Grant to the Government as it had not been spent in time. This money was for retrofitting homes with measures to reduce energy consumption.

It has also been reported that the Cambridgeshire Mayor is under investigation after a whistleblowing report after being accused of not taking the appropriate action over the alleged behaviour of an advisor who subsequently resigned. It is sad that the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority finds itself in this position, we know, have to wait and see the outcome of the investigation

I had a meeting today with National Highways regarding the closure of the A1 north and south of the Buckden roundabout along with the Partial and full closure of the roundabout, this will lead to traffic diversions. I have asked for National Highways to ensure that there is no rat running between the villages of Ellington, Grafham, Perry and Gt Staughton to avoid these closures. As I understand it the A1 will be blocked at Wyboston and at Buckden to prevent HGV's travelling this route rather than the agreed diversion route via the A14/A1198 & A428 in either direction.

If you have any question's please do not hesitate to contact preferably by email on Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

Ian

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Spaldwick

Report from Mick Ager, Spaldwick Footpaths Coordinator

SPALDWICK FOOTPATH REPORT APRIL 2021 -APRIL 2022

Dear Clerk to the Parish Council

I have put the report in bullet point format to hopefully make it easier to read and cut and paste as necessary.

Six footpaths have had issues in the last 12 months, the two sections below provide a summary of their current status

COMPLETED

Spaldwick Footpath 10 (Bridleway 5, immediately North of the Old Vicarage)

The original stile was removed and a metal wire fence was put in its place forming a barrier that is not accessible to all and not fit for purpose. In early Summer 2021 this was completely replaced with a large Horse friendly metal kissing gate making the field secure for horses and allowing full footpath access.

3 Shires way close to Easton

A tree blown across the 3 shires way approximately 400 metres from Easton village boundary was quickly removed following the storms of early 2022.

Footpath 2 Very close to Easton (SW corner) had a very overgrown footbridge (entering a private garden) that was impassable during the Summer of 2021. This was reported and CCC cleared the area within 2 weeks of the report. Many thanks to Mr J Stringer CCC Highways for his efforts in this case.

ONGOING

Footpath 7 , footbridge just east of Upward Lodge has had damage to the wooden beams that form the path over the stream. Reported in early 2022, CCC has recently advised that the contractor has just received the necessary wood to make restoration and this should be started in the near future.

Footpath 12 & 13 These two footpaths close to East were initially overgrown, then ploughed and then path clarification reinstated. The field currently has crops at the early stage of growth and as such the FP clarify is missing, recently reported again so expect the paths to be clearly indicated in the field within the next few months.

Footpath 7, 400 metres SSW of Spaldwick primary School has had a small tree fail and rest on the bridge just south of the field boundary. This has been reported to CCC who have this in hand.

END OF REPORT

Regards

Mick Ager Spaldwick Footpath Coordinator

Report from Chris Hubbard, Spaldwick News

All that I would say is that I really appreciate those who continue to send in their contributions and the volunteers who spend their time distributing copies.

From the feedback I've had, the newsletter continues to be well-received and I enjoy putting it together.

All the best,

Chris

Chris Hubbard

Spaldwick News