

Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting – February 2023

HDC's planners have informed me that the applicant for the planning application on the Land to the East of Ivy Way, has withdrawn the application. The Applicant can submit a revised application, which would go out for re-consultation with the Parish Council and residents.

The County Council is prepared to install white Bollards on the green to prevent vehicle access at no cost to the PC as the land is their asset.

The County Council will be undertaking white lining in the village in the new financial year ie after April 6th

I am continuing to work with the Parish councils and other neighbouring County Councillors on the possible closure of the Great Gidding Primary School. To try and keep the school open, particularly as HDC are preparing a new Local Plan which may result in more homes within the catchment area.

The Cambridgeshire Mayor has decided to add a Mayoral precept to your Council tax Bill, which I understand is £12.50

The Fire Authority has agreed to a £5 increase on its Council Tax levy for a Band D property

The Lib Dem/Labour/Independent Administration on the County Council have agreed at the Budget meeting earlier this month to increase General Council Tax by 2.00% and Social Care by 2%

The administration also voted through a 25% cut to the winter gritting network across Cambridgeshire. The routes to be cut are still to be advised, but the Chair of Highways said priority would be given to Active Travel Routes, we therefore will have to wait and see how this will affect our rural roads.

The administration also agreed to stopping all weedkilling on footpaths and roads, unless it poses a safety hazard, cutting 125K from the budget

The Administration also cut £325K from the Family Safeguarding budget and £150K from the Community Mental Health Support Budget by not filling vacant posts.

The Lib Dem/ Independent/Labour & Green Administration at HDC are proposing a £5 increase to Council Tax and the Leader of the Council has informed us the Authority is looking at charging for Collecting Green Bins from possibly next year.

The Huntingdonshire Local Plan Review and Update is to replace the existing Hunts local Plan to 2036. An analysis of the current Local Plan against the requirements of the 2021 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other recent national legislation has been undertaken. The outcome determined that the

current Local Plan did not fully align with up-to-date national policy and therefore ran the risk of challenge.

A replacement Local Plan would hopefully assist in the delivery of Council's objectives within its Corporate Plan –

Tackling Climate Change and caring for the Environment

Enhancing Employment Opportunities and supporting businesses

Improving the Housing situation

Strengthening Communities

Photographic Voter ID – The Elections Act passed through Parliament in early 2022 and introduced a new requirement for Photographic Voter Identification at Parliamentary Elections, Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, Mayoral elections and County & District Elections from 4 May 23

Info – <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/elections/voter-id/>

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Kind regards

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