

SPALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTES

From **Spaldwick's Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly** held on **Thursday 18th May 2023** straight after the Annual Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council at **The Community Room**, Spaldwick Primary School.

Present: S Jackson-Rimmer (Chair), S Fane de Salis, J O' Dwyer, U Braun, G Rice & S. Cardwell (Clerk).

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**

Sharan Jackson-Rimmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

R Johnson, S Parfrey, M Ager (footpaths coordinator) and Chris Hubbard (Spaldwick News).

3. **Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2022** (Copies on Parish website and noticeboard)

It was resolved to approve and sign the notes.

4. **To receive Parish Council Chairman's Report**

Cllr S Fane de Salis read out the attached report that he had pre-prepared.

5. **District and County Councillor Reports**

District and County Cllr I Gardener had provided the attached report at the Parish Council meeting.

6. **Financial Report**

Clerk confirmed the current balances: main account balance at 28.04.2023- £68,102.99, Town and Pools charity field account balance at 31.03.2023- £2623.11.

7. **To receive Village Representatives reports**

Various groups were contacted by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Mick Ager, Spaldwick footpaths coordinator provided the attached report.

8. **Public participation to raise any matters of interest**

No members of the public attended the meeting. It was noted that the Escape Youth Club is yet to restart.

9. **Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer expressed hopes for a good year ahead, completing ongoing items on the agenda and to see Cllr R Johnson back and recovered soon.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

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

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Chairman's Annual Report 2023

I wish to start by thanking my fellow Parish Councillors for their help during the past twelve months, especially to Wendy Burcham for her work with The Allotment Field and the War Memorial Trust. I think we all want to pass on our best wishes to Councillor Richard Johnson for a speedy recovery and hope he can resume his role on The Parish Council. I also wish to thank our Clerk, Sarah Cardwell, for all her work behind the scenes to ensure the council runs smoothly and to thank District Councillor and County Councillor Ian Gardiner for his assistance.

During the past year we have installed a Motor Vehicle Activated Sign on High Street to advise drivers of their speed and intend to request funding assistance to purchase another two for Stow Road and Thrapston Road. To further address the problem of speeding vehicles, following a successful Local Highways initiative funding bid last year, we are waiting for a 40mph buffer zone on the entry roads to Spaldwick.

I am pleased to report that the allotments continue to be popular and all the plots are being worked. Unfortunately the main gates to The Allotments were stolen last year, this theft is subject of an insurance claim and new gates have been ordered and are expected soon. I am hopeful that the remainder of the Charity Field will be laid to grass later this year and will become a useful space.

A representative of the War Memorial's Trust has visited Spaldwick and inspected our Memorial. His recommendations include replacing the laurel wreath, replacing loose mortar and localised sharpening and deepening of incised lettering, re-painting of lettering in black to match current design, all subject to the consent of Huntingdonshire District Council by way of a Listed Building Application.

The bench ordered to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee last year has been delivered and work is still ongoing to prepare a suitable base for the bench to be positioned beside the plaques on High Street.

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

Report from County & District Councillor Ian Gardener

District & County Councillor I Gardener addressed the Council confirming the Annual meetings of Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council have both now taken place and he has been re-elected to all of his previous committees. The new operator of the Ting Bus Service, Vectare, will undertake a Roadshow on Friday 2nd June visiting Spaldwick (opposite the George public house) at

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approximately 11.15-11.45am. The event will show residents how to order a bus (both outbound and return). Also, residents will see what the new Ting Bus looks like and be given app details, telephone numbers etc. Vectare uses minibuses so residents can be picked up from smaller roads or their home addresses rather than using the bus stops previously used by Stagecoach. Regarding the running water on the hill to Stow Longa, Cllr Gardener advised the lead flood authority is looking at drainage and consulting Highways regarding the blockage. The verges will be reinstated once they have determined where the water is coming from. He will also chase Spaldwick's LHI application as there was a query regarding a discrepancy in the figures quoted.

Report from Mick Ager, Spaldwick Footpaths Coordinator

SPALDWICK FOOTPATHS ANNUAL REPORT 4/2022 - 4/2023

Please see below a summary of the footpaths for Spaldwick during the last 12 months with any updates from the HDC in *italics*

No issues are currently outstanding so resolved issues (in date order) are as follows :

Reference: 00397500

Date reported: 03/07/2022

Fault type: Grass or weeds need cutting

Address: SPALDWICK FOOTPATH 12,

Location: Footpath 12 from high street spaldwick to 1st footbridge 400 metres

Description of fault: The field now has crops growing at over 900mm making it very very difficult to walk. The above issue was resolved when the field was harvested some 6 to 8 weeks later

Reference: 397501

Date reported: Sunday 3rd July 2022

Location: Spaldwick Footpath 10, Spaldwick

Fault type: Public rights of way

Description of fault: Grass/weeds need cut

The team dealing with your fault has updated the record with the following information:

Thank you for your email. A works order has been raised and passed to our contractors to cut back overgrown foliage at this location **COMPLETED**

Reference: 397499

Date reported: Sunday 3rd July 2022

Location: Spaldwick Footpath 6, Spaldwick

Fault type: Public rights of way

Description of fault: Obstruction on path

The team dealing with your fault has updated the record with the following information:

Thank you for your email. A work order has been raised and passed to our contractor to remove any branches from the fallen tree over the footpath

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Note : completed however this is likely to be reported again in late 2023 as re growth will need clearance by the Autumn.

Date identified - 1st October 2022 -

LOOSE KISSING GATE FOOTPATH 6 (400 metres south of Spaldwick Primary School) north of bridge , gate loose

The gate was refixed adjusting the securing bolts accordingly