

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 18 July 2013 in the Community Room at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present: Cllrs. Plummer (Chairman, presiding), Leach and Jackson-Rimmer, and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell).

1. **Apologies for absence** . Cllrs Rice, Smith and Wakefield.
2. **Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest in any agenda item . none.
3. **Public Open Forum** . not required.
4. **Minutes of Meeting held 27 June 2013** were approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising from minutes** . none.
6. **Finance**
The following payment was approved:
 100551 Spaldwick School, Room rental, £66.00
The following receipt was noted: CCC, grass cutting grant, £498.13
Q1 Quarterly Budget Review . as the figures had not been checked by the nominated councillor prior to the meeting it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.
7. **Planning**
The following County Council Planning Applications were considered:
H/05007/13/CC, Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission H/05004/11/CC to allow retention of mobile classroom until end of August 2014, Spaldwick Primary School.
 It was resolved to recommend **approval**.
H/05005/13/CW, Extension to range of waste storage, treatment and recycling operations; concrete batching plant; aggregate and soil storage etc., Woodhatch Farm, off A14 west of Brampton Hut.
 It was noted that Ellington Parish Council had commented that they would expect to see HGV traffic turn around further along the A14, rather than Ellington as proposed, since the extra 75 HGVs per day would have an unacceptable impact on the village, although they appreciate that this will result in greater time and fuel being expended.
 Following discussion, Spaldwick Parish Council resolved to inform CCC Planning that it is essential to ensure that none of the HGV traffic from this development will use the Spaldwick flyover to turn around from west to east after leaving the site on the west bound A14.
The following Local Planning Authority decision was noted:
1300580FUL, Erection of two storey rear extension, and minor alterations, 11 Stow Road . Permission Granted.
Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 . It was resolved to submit the comment that Spaldwick Parish Council fully supports the proposed Policy LP 4, Enabled Exceptions.
Changes to Permitted Development Rights – details have been circulated to members.
8. **Assets – Provision / Maintenance – progress reports**
8.1 Bench at Belton’s Hill . A date for installation of the concrete base is awaited from Smallwork Services. Cllr Plummer was authorised to procure a commemorative plaque at a cost in the order of £30 which will be fitted to the seat before it is taken to the site.
8.2 War Memorial Refurbishment - IMI propose to carry out the cleaning and pointing on 23 July. The lettering can then be assessed and suitable action regarding recutting and / or painting considered. Further information regarding the purpose and life of a micro crystalline coating is to be obtained.

8.3 Milestone – The HDC Conservation Officer has been informed of the PC decision to accept de-listing and to assume ownership. On her recommendation the Clerk will write to Mark Lloyd, CCC Chief Executive confirming this decision.

8.4 Ferriman Road Play area – Wicksteed have been asked to carry out an inspection as soon as possible and report if they identify any problems not already known about in order that corrective action can be taken.

8.5 Village Sign . The Chairman agreed to enquire whether Trevor Cooper can carry out the necessary structural repairs in the near future and, if not, to seek someone else.

9. Highways, footpaths, byways etc.

Street Lighting PFI . First stage in Burton Way, Fuller Close and Mount Pleasant is now complete. Nothing further has been heard regarding changes to the remaining lights.

Bury Close . in response to requests from residents, the Clerk is looking into the possibility of having the grass/weeds cut. The County ROW Officer has also had a complaint about the two footpaths in Bury Close being overgrown but as this is with grass, not a crop, the farmer is not obliged to clear it. In response to his question whether the paths get overgrown every year or is the field usually grazed by animals, Mick Ager replied that it is an annual problem and that animals have not been grazed for 8 years plus.

Footpath 15 and the connecting paths north of the new bridge – The County ROW Officer has spoken to the farmer who has agreed to clear the crops from these paths.

Footpaths 8 & 10 (in field between Thrapston Road and Churchyard) – Mick Ager has asked the County ROW Officer to investigate as these were scheduled to be cut by CCC.

Mount Pleasant / Cockway Lane - the Clerk has informed the County ROW Officer that the gaps between the posts must be sufficiently narrow to prevent passage of prohibited vehicles when the gate is locked.

10. Bus Service changes . CCC intends to start local negotiations in September.

11. Correspondence

Rural Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau . a request for financial support was noted. It was resolved to await the parish use statistics, which will be provided in the autumn, before determining the response.

12. Any other business

Archiving old documents - In response to a request from Cambridgeshire Archives, the Clerk reported that he currently holds 3 old Minute Books covering the period April 1959 to November 2003 and loose leaf files of minutes thereafter. He will take the minute books and files to Shire Hall in Cambridge, where they can be examined and any necessary preservation work identified. The archivists recommend that the loose leaf files are bound or tied together in archival board wallets which they can create for a nominal charge of £5 each. The Clerk will also seek advice on archiving the many other documents he currently holds.

Strangers in Bury Close . it was mentioned that several people had reported seeing strangers looking around Bury Close. The Clerk will inform the PCSO and ask that the area be monitored for possible unlawful activity.

Jackdaws are becoming an increasing problem which may require mitigating action shortly.

Village Fête . It was resolved to record thanks to the Social Group members, contributors and helpers who arranged the highly successful fête on 13 July and to those who supported the event.

13. Next Meeting - Thursday 12 September 2013 at 8 pm

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 9.13 pm