

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 3 September 2009 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present : Cllrs W Brown (Chairman), J Pope, G Smith, and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell). There were no members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs B Plummer, G Leach, R Johnson and R Wooddisse.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held 23 July 2009** were approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising**
The fly tipping of branches in Cockway Lane and rubble at the end of the byway adjacent to Beam End have not yet been cleared.
4. **Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme Bid 2010/11**
CCC advise that scoring of the bid for interactive signs is now dependant on the PC undertaking to pay an estimated commuted sum of £6100 per sign to cover 20 years energy & maintenance costs. Figures were provided by the Clerk to confirm that, although there have been no personal injury accidents where speed is a contributory factor, the 85%ile speeds are more than 20% above the stated speed limit, hence the scheme would otherwise qualify for scoring. It was agreed that an undertaking to provide a commuted sum for energy and maintenance at the level suggested cannot be given. The Clerk stated that the schemes for 30 mph markings on the roads and for a footway along High Street would continue to be assessed.
5. **Out of hours use of school grounds**
The draft letter to the Chair of Governors prepared by the Clerk was agreed with two amendments - deletion of the final paragraph relating to the offer to consider funding a target wall and to insert the figure of £350 as the offer being made for maintenance this year if the grounds remain open outside school hours.
6. **Finance**
Barclays Bank - the mandate has been updated as agreed on 14 May 2009.
Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank - the updated mandate form, already signed by the outgoing signatory, Mr K H Armer, was signed by the Chairman. The Clerk to obtain signatures from Cllrs Johnson and Wooddisse outside the meeting.
Insurance for year commencing 1 October 2009
 The Clerk reported that he had asked Suffolk ACRE to quote for an increase in the Fidelity Guarantee to £70,000 as recommended by the Internal Auditor and to add the street light in Church Lane, value £600, to the property covered. He had also obtained a quote from Cane and Company for similar cover. The premiums quoted for a 3 year long term agreement were £624.52 and £473.67 respectively. Cllr Smith reported that he had examined the scheme summaries. Whilst the excesses are £100 and £250 respectively, the cover provided by the Cane (Aviva) scheme is in most cases double that provided by the ACRE (Zurich) scheme. Following recommendation by the Clerk and Cllr Smith, it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the Cane and Company quote.
The following payments were approved
 100397 SLCC - Clerk's attendance at Regional Conference 24 September - £49.00 + VAT £7.35 = £56.35
 100398 Cane & Co - Annual insurance premium from 1 October 2009, £473.67

7. Parish Plan

Cllr Pope reported that, having obtained a suitable map to be included in the plan, the final draft has been circulated to members of the Steering Group for approval. It will then be sent to Just Digital at Ellington for printing. The Clerk to place an order to cover the work.

8. Equipment formerly installed at the Old Village Hall Children's Play Area

Relocation or disposal of the Seat, Climbing Frame & Slide and Swings (block of 2 and block of 3) currently in store - discussion deferred until the equipment has been examined by councillors.

9. Maintenance of Assets

Village Sign - To consider repainting - Trevor Cooper confirms he will see what is required.

War Memorial renovation - Ivan Quinton will take another look at the problem.

Rattee & Kett have quoted £250+ VAT to carry out a survey and supply a brief specification and quotation for the works required. Should the works be instructed within 12 months of the report this figure would be discounted from the quoted price. It was agreed to take no action until Mr Quinton's quote has been received.

10. Planning**The following LPA decision was noted**

Application 0900873FUL, Two storey side extension, 2 Ivy Way - Permission granted.

11. Correspondence**HDC Development Management Questionnaire - was completed by the Clerk on 26/8/09
Circulated 20/8/09**

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Briefing Note 1
Cambridgeshire Together debate "Rural Cambridgeshire: Ensuring a Vibrant Future"
Tuesday 29 September, Burgess Hall, St. Ives. Replies by 18 September
5.30 pm - Cambs ACRE AGM
6.15 pm - 9.30 pm - Debate

Cambridgeshire Transport Commission, Report for CCC, Executive Summary July 2009.

Equality & Human Rights Commission, Public Sector Equality Duties, leaflet March 2009-09-26

Cambridgeshire Archaeology Historic Environment Team, Annual Report, 2008 / 09

Circulated 1/9/09

E-mail from Mark Procter re Traffic - Cllr Pope reported that he has invited Mr Procter to join the Parish Plan Speeding Group. The Clerk to reply to Mr Procter explaining that the Parish Council has accepted the routing of Williams' vehicles through Spaldwick as it is a safer option than crossing the A14 outside their depot, where there have been two fatalities in recent years, and is less expensive than crossing at junction 16, the Catworth turn. The question related to the Marley vehicles will be investigated.

Circulated 3/9/09

Rural Strategy Consultation Paper.

12. Any Other Business

Damage to grass verge near entrance to "Spaldwick Hall" - this appeared to have been done by a farm implement. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

13. Forthcoming meeting dates

Thursday 1 October 2009

Thursday 5 November 2009

In the absence of any other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm