

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 1 October 2009 at Spaldwick Primary School**

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

1. **Apologies for absence** - none.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held 3 September 2009** were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising**
Fly Tipping

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. HDC recently reported that a team had been to Cockway Lane, but were unable to find the three piles of branches. Following confirmation from Cllr Wooddisse that they are still there, the Clerk has asked HDC to have another look.

Access to Cockway Lane from Mount Pleasant - A response is still awaited from CCC regarding a proposal to install retractable staggered bollards to prevent access by vehicles towing trailers. The Clerk to follow up.

Response to letter from Mr John Saynor, 1 Stow Road - The Clerk has advised Mr Saynor that he has examined the Parish Council records for the past 21 years and the HDC records available to view on-line. Information on four planning applications relating to 4 High Street was found, but none of them concerned the outbuilding or the chimney referred to in his query. Mr Saynor was given advice as to how he might pursue further the matter of fumes from the chimney affecting his property. Regarding his further query on whether he needs planning permission to change the material of the window frames on his own property, he was advised to speak to HDC Planning Department.

Damage to grass verge near entrance to "Spaldwick Hall" - this appeared to have been done by a farm implement. Cllr Brown said that, although he had been unable to ascertain the culprit, he had repaired the damage.

Marley trucks and trailers – The Clerk reported that he investigated the origin of the “convoy” of Marley vehicles which comes through the village several nights a week. Having reached the conclusion that they were linked to the Williams’ depot at Easton, he wrote to Williams about the matter. Mr Andrew Williams replied explaining that a number of Marley trucks from various parts of the country meet 4 nights each week at the Easton depot. The operation involves changing over and returning to the relevant depots. Those accessing the A14 East do so using the Spaldwick flyover, in accordance with their normal procedure. The Clerk said he had written to Mr Williams again querying whether some other changeover point might be possible. A reply is awaited.

Mr Williams apologised for any upset they may have caused the residents of Spaldwick, and said he would be writing to all the Williams and Marley drivers instructing them to proceed through Spaldwick with extreme caution, paying attention to their speed and ensuring that they do not over rev the engine to cause a nuisance.

4. **Finance**

Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank - change of mandate form completed 22/9/09

NALC & SLCC agreement on Clerks' salaries - an increase of 1% is recommended, effective from 1 April 2009. It was therefore resolved that the Clerk's annual salary be revised to 180 hours x £10.198 = £1835.64, back dated to 1 April 2009.

The following payments were approved:

100399 B F Plummer, Display Boards, for Parish Plan Steering Group £20.93

100400 F D Stowell, Clerk's salary & expenses, July - Sept, £544.03 (inc. £6.35 VAT)

100402 East Anglian Air Ambulance, Donation i.a.w LGA 1972 s.137 50p per elector £215.00

N.B. Cheque 100401 has been cancelled.

Budget 2010 / 2011

The Clerk distributed copies of the 2009 / 2010 budget to members together with an estimate of the spend to 31 March 2010. Members were requested to bring any proposals for major spending to the next meeting at which the 2010 / 2011 budget would be set.

5. **Parish Plan** - Cllr Plummer reported that the plan was now at the printers. The full print run would take place on approval of the prototype, now in the hands of the steering group. A copy handed round the meeting received favourable comments.
Cllr Pope reported that a group of young people is being formed to discuss developments they would like to see.
6. **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 - to be deferred until equipment has been examined by councillors.
7. **Maintenance of Assets**
Village Sign - To consider repainting - Trevor Cooper has confirmed he will see what is required. Cllr Johnson to follow up.
War Memorial renovation - a quote is expected from Ivan Quinton next week. Rattee and Kett now say that if we have a survey and specification produced by others they would be happy to tender the works specified to give a competitive quotation.
Playground fence gate - the spring was reported broken on 14 September. A replacement was obtained from the gate supplier, Steelway and has been fitted by Cllr Pope, who was thanked for carrying out the work.
8. **Planning** - nothing to report
9. **Correspondence**
Circulated 10/9/09
Have your say on the future of the East of England
East of England Plan >2031 Information Pack
(Both refer to a series of Public Consultation Events throughout the Region including
September 30, 7 pm, Commemoration Hall, Huntingdon)
Victim Support - Request for Donation
Rural Services Network -State of Rural Services Report & copies of survey forms
Circulated 19/9/09
Cambs ACRE Impact Report 2008/09
Windfarm at Stow Longa – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Ms. Marlene Sonnenberg of Ferriman Road in support of any petition to the Council to prevent this development. He has replied explaining the position of Parish Councillors in not predetermining their view, which would prevent them from voting should a planning application be received from the Local Planning Authority for comment, and suggesting that should she wish to pursue the matter further she could contact Richard Murphy at Stow Longa.
The Clerk reported that he has written to Broadview asking whether they are yet in a position to inform the Parish Council how soon they will have available the photomontages and information on the proposed transport routes, bearing in mind that residents of Spaldwick would strongly oppose the road through the village being used for access during the construction phase.
Primary Care Out of Hours Services – a public consultation is taking place from 28 September to 21 December. An open discussion session will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, The Walks East, Huntingdon on 30 November, 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. The document will be circulated. Questionnaires can be answered on-line or using hard copies enclosed with it.

10. Any Other Business

Complaint of speeding from Cockway Lane - The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint from a resident about the excessive speed of motor cyclists entering Mount Pleasant from Cockway Lane.

Bus Stops - The Clerk reported that following a number of emails to CCC chasing a response to the Parish Council comment that the timetable contains some obvious errors which in the long term need to be corrected to enable people other than the regular users to know where the main bus stop (i.e. the stop named in the timetable) for each destination is, and that it would be helpful to erect signs at some other regularly used stops, CCC have started to take some action but without informing the PC of their proposals. They had recently put a notice on the stop outside 12 High Street stating that it was no longer in use and that buses to wards Stow Longa stop opposite Church Lane. They have also erected a post for a bus stop opposite the existing stop in Royston Avenue. The Clerk stated that he has asked CCC to defer making any changes until they have been discussed with the Parish Council, chiefly because the PC has not yet decided where a bus shelter (if provided) should be located.

Bus Shelter - The Clerk reported that Spaldwick is still on HDC's list for a shelter, but as it is not in a sufficiently populated area to justify a free one with advertising, it can only be provided if sufficient funds are available. HDC Transport Department has no news yet on the current programme, but has stated that a contribution (probably around £2k to £2.5k) would help our case. The Clerk said it would be helpful if a decision were made on the desired location, as it would also help resolve the impasse regarding bus stops. As most of the elderly users board the bus in Royston Avenue this would appear to be the obvious place. The Chairman asked members to consider the matter and bring proposals for the exact location of a bus shelter to the next meeting.

Overhanging brambles outside the Manor House - Cllr Brown agreed to cut these back.

Overhanging tree in Long Lane - Cllr Leach reported that this overhanging tree was making it difficult to walk past. Cllr Brown agreed to have a look at the problem.

Police Speed Checks - PCSO Anna Holder reported that on Friday 18 September two tickets for driving above the 30mph were given out and words of advice was also given to a number of drivers. She said that the checks would continue on the following Monday at various locations in the village.

11. Forthcoming meeting dates

Thursday 5 November 2009

Thursday 10 December 2009

In the absence of any other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37 pm