

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 22 July 2010 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present: Cllrs, R Johnson, G Leach, B Plummer, G Rice, G Smith, S Wakefield, the Clerk and 2 members of the public. Cllr Plummer agreed to chair the meeting until the new Chairman of the Council was elected at item 2.

1. **An apology for absence** was received from Cllr Wooddisse (working late)
2. **Election of Chairman**
Councillor B F Plummer was elected unanimously to serve as Chairman of the Council until the next Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2011.
3. **Other elections and appointments**
Councillor G. Rice was elected unanimously to serve as Vice – Chairman until the next Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2011.
Cllrs Johnson and Leach confirmed their acceptance of their appointments as Tree Warden and Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee respectively, which were made subject to their agreement at the meeting on 24 June
4. **Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item – none.
5. **Public Open Forum**
No matters were raised.
6. **Minutes of Meeting held 24 June 2010** were approved and signed.
7. **Matters arising from minutes**
none
8. **Finance**
The following payments were approved:
100424 Fergusons, grass cutting, £1009.32 including £150.32 VAT
100425 F D Stowell, 4 litter pickers from Helping Hand Retail, £69.37
Quarterly budget review - The Clerk presented a statement of receipts and payments to 30 June 2010 which was in line with the budget. He also tabled the bank statement and copies of the cash book and bank reconciliation at 30 June which had been examined and agreed prior to the meeting by Cllr Smith. They were accepted by the meeting as evidence that the accounts are being correctly maintained.
Town and Poors Charity: 205530 - It was noted that the 2010 Annual return to the Charity Commission was submitted by the Clerk on 13th July.
Playground Safety course - It was noted that Cllr Rice has agreed to attend a course on Friday 10 September at Bluntisham Village Hall. It was resolved that the Council will cover the cost of £55.00.
9. **Planning**
To consider new planning applications
Application 1001101FUL, Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, erection of replacement dwelling and 2 new dwellings and garaging, 55 Stow Road.
There being no objections, it was resolved to recommend approval subject to the existing footway in Stow Road being extended along the whole frontage of the site.
Application 1001107FUL, Erection of annexe and porch, 3 Ivy Way.
There being no objections, it was resolved to recommend approval.

To note LPA decision

Application 1000485FUL, Extension and alterations to return to 2 dwellings and shop: 12 - 14 High Street, Spaldwick - Permission granted.

Proposed Woolley Hill Wind Farm - Cllr Leach gave a report of the first meeting of the Community Liaison Group held on 20 July 2010, which he had attended as representative of Spaldwick Parish Council. Representatives of six other Parish Councils attended together with District Councillors Keith and Mike Baker. Ewan Raynor of Ellington was elected Chairman. It was agreed that the number of representatives from each parish would be one rather than the two originally proposed. The developer (RES) reported that the number of turbines proposed had been reduced to 4 or 5 from the 7 originally planned. Exhibitions of the proposals will take place in early September at Alconbury and Ellington.

Proposed Bicton Wind Farm – Broadview have this week submitted a planning application for 4 wind turbines to be located on land west of the Bicton Industrial Estate between Stow Longa and Kimbolton. The deadline for receipt of comments by HDC is 17 September.

10. Site for Village Hall

No formal reply has yet been received to the letter of 3 July to Cllr Mike Baker regarding possibility of obtaining HDC consent to build a village hall on the Public Open Space at Ferriman Road. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Cllr Baker, who confirmed that he was looking into the matter and, although he could see no difficulty in obtaining HDC's consent, he could not yet confirm it. A response to the Village Hall Management Committee's question whether it is possible for this site to be used therefore remains in abeyance.

Cllr Rice informed the meeting that the agents for another site had written to the Management Committee stating that this could be made available for the hall subject to planning permission for a small number of houses on part of the site being granted. This possibility is being pursued.

11. Parish Plan

Youth Group – Cllr Plummer reported that the visit of the Connections Bus had been very successful, attracting about 25 young people. He posed the question as to whether the Group could organise activities on the Public Open Space in Ferriman Road. The Clerk advised that this should not be a problem. The question of insurance will be investigated.

Presentation of Plan to stakeholders – Cllr Plummer reported that this had been deferred until the meeting of the North West Hunts Neighbourhood Panel on 27 October.

12. Environmental issues

Litter Picking – to note that 4 litter pickers are now held by the Clerk for use by volunteers.

Planting at village entrances - Cllr Leach reported that he is still looking for a solution.

Marley trucks and trailers using High Street & Thrapston Road to access A14 east.

Several residents have expressed annoyance at what they consider is an unnecessary disturbance by up to 6 vehicles passing through at 9 - 10 pm on weekdays. Mr Peter Absalom of Thrapston Road has recently written to Williams Transport of Easton suggesting that the vehicles should use the flyover at Catworth instead. In response Andy Williams has agreed to take this matter up with the drivers and expects that the routing of the Marley vehicles through Spaldwick will be discontinued this week. Council welcomed this proposal.

Footpath to rear of Nos. 2 & 3 Pound Close – It was noted that the occupant of No.2 had reported a problem regarding a tree on this footpath. The Clerk reported that this problem and possible hazards from 3 very old trees on land adjoining the footpath has been discussed with the CCC tree officer, who has since referred the matter to the Rights of Way Officers. A response is awaited.

13. Website

To note new website www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk is being set up.

14. Correspondence

North West Hunts Neighbourhood Forum, Wednesday 28 July 2010 at 7pm at Folksworth Village Hall. Any councillor willing to serve on the Panel is asked to advise Helen Taylor prior to the meeting.

Facts and figures about Huntingdonshire – email from HDC circulated 12/7/10.

HDC Consultation – Balancing the Budget continues to 27 August.

Mobile library service – proposal that from October the library will visit Spaldwick, Stow Road corner from 11.20 to 11.35 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

NW Hunts Neighbourhood Forum – the next meeting is on Wednesday 28 July at Folksworth Village Hall at 7 pm – 9 pm. The Clerk and Chairman hope to attend.

Town/Parish Council Planning Forum – 2 councillors are invited to attend this forum on Monday 26 July at Pathfinder House 5.30pm – 7.30 pm. The Clerk will attend.

15. Any other business

Village Fete – This was considered to be a great success. All who took part are to be congratulated, whether members of the committee, helpers, or visitors to the event.

Cockway Lane – John Cooper, Rights of Way Officer, has confirmed that the question of fitting a barrier to restrict access by vehicles towing trailers has been referred to him, and that he will respond by the end of July.

Damaged seat in Royston Avenue – Cllr Johnson agreed to repair or replace the broken slat.

Notice Boards repair/replacement & War Memorial renovation – The Clerk reported that these matters will be dealt with as soon as possible.

16. Date of next meeting

Thursday 9 September 2010, 8 pm in the Community Room at Spaldwick School

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.54 pm.