

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Special Meeting held at 8 pm  
Thursday 3 March 2011 at Spaldwick Primary School**

**Present:** Cllrs. B Plummer (Chairman), G Leach, G Rice, G Smith, S Wakefield, R Wooddisse, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. **An apology for absence** was received from Cllr R Johnson.
2. **Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item – none
3. **Public Open Forum** - No matters were raised.
4. **Planning Application 1100210FUL**  
Change of use and alterations to rear buildings to form part of existing dwelling. Alterations to dwelling including demolition of porch, 9-11 Thrapston Road.  
Following discussion it was resolved to recommend **approval** as it will bring back into use a building which had become uninhabitable; it maintains the established character of the Conservation Area and will have no unacceptable effect on neighbouring properties
5. **Urgent matters arising between ordinary meetings**
  - High Street Footway** – CCC have submitted a revised scheme to overcome the problem caused by the telegraph pole having to remain in situ. This takes the footway past the pole on the road side, maintaining its width by moving the kerb into the existing roadway for a short distance; and for safety reasons marking the protrusion with white paint hatching. The meeting agreed to this proposal and instructed the Clerk to reply accordingly.
  - Future Transport Provision** – A note from County Councillor Mac McGuire referring to the formation of 2 groups representing key stakeholders was handed to members for information. The solution proposed by these groups will be presented at a Summit in May
  - Highway Wardens** – The Clerk reported that following 2 pilot schemes CCC intends to introduce the scheme across the County. The idea is that each participating parish would appoint a warden to liaise with County Highways. At this stage they are inviting Parish Councils to register an interest. It was agreed to register an interest and to consider appointing someone to assume the role of Warden after the new Council takes office in May.
  - Managing HCV Movements** – The Clerk gave a brief report on a meeting he had attended at Swavesey the previous day in which CCC introduced a proposed scheme to manage and monitor HCV movements across the County. The intention is that Parish Councils would monitor complaints; determine priorities; and with the assistance of CCC officers determine action plans to resolve problems.
  - Withdrawal of Bus Services 400 – 409**  
Arising from the withdrawal of funding by CCC, Stagecoach will no longer be operating these services after 17<sup>th</sup> April. The County Council intends to invite bus operators to provide costs for the following three options:  
Option 1 - Existing 400 - 409 timetables; Option 2 - Retains school journeys and morning and evening link to Huntingdon, Monday to Friday, and link to Huntingdon one day each week for villages currently served by 400/401; Option 3 - Retains school journeys and morning and evening link to Huntingdon, Monday to Friday.  
Members expressed their concern at the consequences for children and the elderly if alternative services are not provided quickly. The Clerk is to notify CCC of this concern and maintain pressure on the relevant CCC departments. It was noted that CCC envisages that residents will use Community Transport schemes where an alternative bus service does not operate. Local schemes are Nene & Ouse Community Transport and the Highwayman Car Service (07786 520540) which has several volunteer drivers in Spaldwick.

In the absence of any other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm