MINUTES

Spaldwick Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 8.00pm in Spaldwick Community Room

Chairman Steve Fane de Salis

Present: Cllr S Fane de Salis, Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Parfrey,

One member of the public and Cambridge County Cllr Ian Gardiner

20/02/1 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance:
Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer; Cllr R Johnson, Cllr W Burcham

20/02/2 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) – Item 20/02/6.2 Cllr S Parfrey noted an interest in the Listed Building Consent application

20/02/3 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th January 2020

Cllr G Smith proposed signing and approval of the minutes as a true record of the meeting, Seconded by Cllr S Parfrey, carried unanimously.

20/02/4 Matters arising from those Minutes - NONE

20/02/5 Public Open Forum

Each person wishing to address the council will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes subject to the Chairman's discretion. This part cannot be longer than 10 minutes per item.

Ian Gardiner;

CC Cllr Gardiner reminded the committee that submissions for grants from the Local Highways Initiative must be submitted during March April and May 2020 for decisions taken in October. There is a budget of up to 15k per parish council and 10% from parish council; the County Council website shows other village ideas of use of funds.

Council Tax budget for 2020/21 has a 1.59% increase, 2% social care, 16m climate change, 15m decarbonisation of council buildings.

The CCC are looking at shifting pool cars and vans to electric by 2025. A budget set of £6.36m for highways maintenance roads and footpaths. It was noted that the bridge over the A14 at Spaldwick was in a bad state of disrepair and HDC are aware of the issues.

A site visit is to be arranged at the allotments regarding the hard standing application

A member of the public spoke with regard to updating the SPC website with Cllrs names etc. and Cllr J Pope's name is hyperlinked to an advertising page.

Referring to the AGM May 2017 with regard to footpaths and by-ways and adequate signage to stop motorbikes. Whilst CC decided to ensure the gates would be locked in summer for all vehicles, not just cars, but were motorcycles also included according to new rules.

It was assured that motorcycles were included in the prohibition and signs would be changed but the signs remain the same. SPC will look into the signage issues.

20/02/6 Planning to consider new planning consultations:

20/02/6.2 Listed Building Consent To remove a modern fireplace in Ivy House

Not enough Cllrs to deal with this proposal as Cllr S Parfrey has noted a pecuniary interest; Cllr F de S will deal via email

Determined by Planning Authority

20/02/6.1. Re-location of wc area from G.05 to G.02. Erection of dividing partition and door. 15 High Street Spaldwick Huntingdon PE28 0TD Ref. No: 19/02431/LBC | Received: Fri 29 Nov 2019 | Validated: Fri 29 Nov 2019 | Status: Approved

20/02/7 Finance

Balance at 8 January 2020 £78,738.98

20/01/7.1 Expenditure for approval

Payee Description and Amount Y Karl Cleaning of Community Room £30

Proposed by Cllr G Smith to pay this invoice, seconded by Cllr S Palfrey and motion carried

20/02/8 Assets – Provision/Maintenance

20/02/8.1 Monthly Ferriman Road Play Area Inspection

20/01/8.2 Play ground inspection report by Wicksteed. Play equipment to be painted.

The Parish Clerk will be returning next week and will be able to obtain 3 quotes for a company to paint and refurbish the equipment.

20/02/8.3 Website needs to be updated (Cllr names and responsibilities)

Cllr J Pope has access and will be asked to update the website

20/02/9 Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc

20/01/9.2 Hedges around play area and open space. Members of the public have assisted with removing some of the hedging around the play area after it was agreed to remove the hedging.

The play area has been cleared however the ground is still too wet to carry out further works at the moment

20/01/9.3 It is proposed to lift the crown of the small trees which are the responsibility of PC to allow the grass to be cut underneath.

Cllr R Johnson is aware and will be dealing with it with the assistance of Cllr S Fane de Salis.

20/01/9.4 Update regarding dog poo bag dispensers. Cllr S J-R
An email was received from Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer who had heard from the Church that it was approved to install dog poo bag dispensers on the Church side of the gate. Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer will arrange for installation if less than £100.

20/02/9.5 Complaint regarding speeding vehicles along High Street, a resident has asked that we consider the need for a pedestrian crossing outside The George as this will slow traffic.

Costings for a zebra crossing are in the region of £25-35k and not felt a worthwhile solution to combat speeding vehicles.

20/02/9.6 CCC notified of poor state of white give way lines at The Green on High Street and Thrapston Road CCC have been notified and await their response.

20/02/9.6 A member of the public has approached Spaldwick PC asking for clarification regarding a triangle of Land which she believes belongs to SPC.

Response from Cllr S Parfrey and Cllr G Smith

It was confirmed that the triangle of land in question belongs to Cambridgeshire County Council and the resident will make contact with them.

20/02/9.7 A Report was received regarding trees blown over on the road opposite Spaldwick Service Station causing damage to phone lines.

Reported to CCllr Ian Gardiner and reported online to CCC

20/02/9.8. A resident has raised concerns about the location of the Bus Stop on High Street, Parked vehicles cause a problem at this location. A suggestion is to add an additional stop on Stow Road. Update Cllr R Johnson

Cllr S Fane de Salis has spoken with Cllr R Johnson about the best location for the re-siting of the bus stop along Stow Road between Royston Ave and Mount Pleasant

20/02/9.9. Fly tipping Beltons Hill

Fly tipping of a flat screen TV Reported to CCC

20/02/9.10 Pot holes and gaps in Road surface between Thrapston Road and Beltons Hill

CC Cllr I Gardiner has been informed and will forward the complaint to the Highways Officer at HDC

20/02/10 Community Room.

20/02/10.1 Consider the purchase of an internal notice board.

This to be looked at once the Clerk has returned

20/02/10.2 Consider the purchase of an external sign.

This to be looked at once the Clerk has returned

20/02/10.3 PAT Testing update Cllr J Pope.

Cllr J Pope will look into this issue

20/02/10.4 Fire extinguisher test. Update Cllr G Smith
Cllr G Smith has been in touch with a company and awaiting their quote to test 2 extinguishers.

20/02/10.5 Cllr Pope proposes to fit timers to the radiators to prevent them being left on for extended periods

A complaint had been received that the heating had been switched on before the yoga group started, however it was felt that due to the low temperatures in recent weeks it was not unreasonable, but timers will be fitted to the heaters so they can automatically switch off.
Cllr J Pope is obtaining quotes

20/02/11 Correspondence

20/02/11.1. Good Neighbours coordinator needed

Cllr S Parfrey offered to take over responsibility for co-ordinating the Good Neighbours Scheme

A question arose on the state of the footpath on Stow Road and who has responsibility, as its rather difficult at the moment

20/02/12 Councillors' questions

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. Business must be specified therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

20/02/13 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 19th March 2020 at 8pm at the Community Room

Meeting Closed 8.53PM

Signed Chairman Date: 19/3/20