

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council held at 8 pm
Thursday 20 May 2010 at Spaldwick Parish Church**

Present: Cllrs. W F Brown (Chairman), R Johnson, G Leach, B Plummer, G Smith, R Wooddisse and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell)..

1. **An apology for absence** was received from Cllr G Rice.
2. **Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item – none.
3. **Public Open Forum**
Not held. No members of the public present
4. **2010 Grass cutting contract**
To note withdrawal of original contractor and to appoint an alternative for the remainder of the season.
Following a number of complaints regarding the first two cuts, the Clerk passed these on to the contractor who responded by withdrawing from the contract.
The Clerk then contacted Fergusons, the unsuccessful bidder for the original contract, who stated that they would be prepared to take on the contract at the prices quoted in March (£2500 for 12 cuts of major areas and the tree/shrub maintenance), subject to three conditions:
(a) that they be informed of the of the outcome of this meeting by telephone tonight, so that if they were awarded the contract they could carry out a cut tomorrow;
(b) that if the first cut requires extra work arising from some areas not having been cut this season, the Council would accept the extra cost; and
(c) that as long as they complete the contract for the 2010 season to the Council's satisfaction and the submitted rates are acceptable, they would be awarded the contract for 2011 and 2012.
The meeting considered this response and resolved to accept these conditions and place the contract for the remainder of the 2010 season with Fergusons.
5. **The following payment was approved**
100421 L T Gray, £166.50, being 1/12th of the annual quoted cost of £1998.00 and closing the contract.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm