

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 21 July 2011 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present: Cllrs. B Plummer (Chairman), S Jackson-Rimmer, R Johnson, G Leach, G Rice, G Smith, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apology for absence** – an apology was received from Cllr S Wakefield.
2. **Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item** – none.
3. **Public Open Forum** . no matters were raised.
4. **Minutes of Meeting held 23 June 2011** were approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising from minutes** . none.
6. **Finance**
Quarterly Budget Review - The Clerk presented a statement of receipts and payments to 30 June 2011. He also tabled the bank statements and copies of the cash book and bank reconciliation at 30 June. They were examined in detail by Cllr G Smith and accepted by the meeting as evidence that the accounts are being correctly maintained.
The following payments were approved:
 100477 Spaldwick School, room hire, April . July, £54.00
 100478 HDC, charge for election held 5 May, £619.94
7. **Planning**
New Planning Applications and Local Planning Authority decisions . none reported.
Woolley Hill Wind Farm – An email had been received from Ian Harriman stating ~~as~~ the wind farm developer is no longer going to satisfy the caveats asked for by Spaldwick Parish Council, could I propose that SPC formally write to HDC withdrawing their approval. In his response the Clerk had asked whether he was saying that RES had withdrawn the mitigation measures they proposed regarding the control of traffic entering and leaving the site during the construction period or whether he was referring to other matters. Council noted this exchange of emails and in the absence of any further information from Mr Harriman endorsed the Clerk's reply and resolved to take no further action.
Milestone (10 Thrapston, 7 Huntingdon) . confirmation is awaited from James Simmins that the proposed site on the green outside Stanwell House is acceptable to CCC Highways. In the meantime Mr Simmins has reported that a contractor will be visiting Spaldwick tomorrow to discuss with him the extent of the works.
8. **Village Hall** – The Chairman reported that discussions with HDC Planning are still on-going. They have not yet completed their assessments of all the sites but hope to report soon. From what has been seen to date by the Spaldwick representatives the resulting report is expected to be comprehensive.
9. **Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Commemoration June 2012**
Making Spaldwick Bloom . Cllr Leach led a discussion in which he stated that prospective volunteers and sponsors are keen to help, but in order not to lose their interest the Council now needs to decide on its preferred planting scheme. The outcome was agreement that planting should in the first instance be confined to the greens outside the Manor and Stanwell House. Cllr Leach is to produce a detailed proposal for consideration by the Council.

Other commemorative possibilities . as agreed at the last meeting the following proposals were discussed:-

1. Two plaques along the front of the existing memorial plinth illustrating points in history.
2. A parish booklet with input from all sections of the village with current and historic features
3. A frieze or display boards showing aspects of Spaldwick through the Ages, Initially this could be in the Church or Community Room and perhaps later in the Village Hall.
4. Benches on Belton Hill and above Upthorpe Lodge looking across Spaldwick
5. Definition of a Village Walk with plaques at various sites illustrating village history
6. Planting trees in bulk or individually

The consensus being that items 1, 2 & 3 would require more effort and expertise than is currently available, the possibilities of items 4, 5 & 6 were discussed:

4. Benches at Belton Hill and above Upthorpe Lodge - suggestions for exact locations to be requested from the public via Spaldwick news (action - the Clerk)
5. Definition of a Village Walk . the Clerk to invite John Saynor to produce a proposal for a walk and how it should be published e.g. leaflet or display board.
6. Planting trees . Cllr Leach will invite suggestions from members of the group who are interested in planting, and the Clerk will write a piece for inclusion in Spaldwick news.

10. Inspection / Repair / Replacement of Assets

War Memorial . The Clerk reported that Paul Wooles of Skillington Workshop, Grantham had earlier in the day carried out a detailed examination of the memorial and will supply a report on its condition and an estimate of the cost of cleaning and re-cutting where necessary.

Notice Boards . new board for Village Green - work in progress . Cllr Johnson.

Tree on Village Green – awaiting visit from Brian Ogden for advice on suspected Weeping Canker+

Hand Hearse (Bier) . Cllrs Johnson and Leach to continue to look for someone interested in its refurbishment.

11. Correspondence

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste LDF . CCC reports adoption of the Core Strategy; Proposals Map C Mineral Safeguarding Areas; and Supplementary Planning Documents.

Steve Shaw, National Co-ordinator of Local Works . invites Parish Councils to support a proposal that developers of large planning applications should fund independent examination of their proposals by independent experts if a local council so wishes. It was agreed to consider a response at the next meeting.

12. Any other business

Neighbourhood Forum 14 July at Folksworth . the Clerk reported that in addition to receiving the quarterly police report and recommending policing priorities for the next quarter, reports had been given by the Fire Service who are visiting schools to point out the serious problems caused by hoax call outs; and Luminus regarding the street representative scheme being introduced in the town and larger village areas. The possibility of amending the neighbourhoods to be more local was also discussed . there being only one person present from south of Stilton.

Village mapping – The Clerk reported that he had registered the Parish Council for membership of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement, which gives free access to the various types of map produced by Ordnance Survey. However in order to add local information onto these such as the location of the council's assets, litter bins and street lights some software is required. Parish Online is the cheapest available which costs £20 to set up with an annual fee of £10.

The Clerk is intending to take advantage of the offer of a 30 day free trial. If successful he will ask for Council approval of the necessary expenditure at the next meeting. Members indicated their approval of this proposal.

Village Fête . It was noted that this event was again very successful due to the hard work of the organisers and the support of the public on the day. The Clerk is to send a letter of congratulation to the Social group on behalf of the Council.

Welcome Club . It was noted that a very successful barbecue had recently been held in the garden of Chestnut View

13. Dates of future meetings . Thursdays 15 September, 13 October, 17 November, 15 December 2011.

All meetings will be held in the Community Room at Spaldwick School commencing at 8 pm.

In the absence of any other business the meeting closed at 9.26 pm