

MINUTES

Spaldwick Parish Council meeting held on **Tuesday 28th May 2024** at 7.30pm in Spaldwick Community Room, Spaldwick Primary School. Chair: Sharan Jackson-Rimmer

Present: Councillors S Jackson-Rimmer (SJR- Chair), W Burcham (WB- Vice-Chair), S Parfrey (SP), J O'Dwyer (JO'D), G Rice (GR), District & County Councillor I Gardener, Ben Obese-Jecty (Prospective Parliamentary Candidate), S Cardwell (Clerk) and eleven members of the public.

24/5/22 To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Non-Attendance- none.

24/5/23 Declarations of Interests for Members (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)- none.

24/5/24 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- Several members of the public present spoke to express their frustrations in relation to the representations made by consultees, unsafe information and the ultimate outcome of the DMC meeting for application **23/01948/FUL** on the agenda. Ongoing concerns were raised regarding flooding and the lack of a sequential test (recommended by the Environment Agency), Highway safety, the inability of the Anglian Water pumping station to cope with increased sewage, uncleared ditches bordering the site, A14 water drainage and reinstatement of the ancient bridleway between Easton and Spaldwick.

24/5/25 Planning

To discuss further steps following planning approval being granted for **23/01948/FUL** Land East Of Ivy Way Spaldwick - Construction of 15 no. dwellings with associated access, car parking and landscaping (re-submission of 23/00649/FUL) at Huntingdonshire District Council's Development Management Committee (DMC) on Monday 22nd April 2024. Proposed action includes writing to Michelle Sacks, Managing Director at HDC to complain that Planning Officers advised the Planning Committee to ignore the advice of the Environment Agency to undertake a Sequential Test, as it was only advisory- Following discussions, it was agreed that Cllr GR should write a letter of complaint to Michelle Sacks, CEO of Huntingdonshire District Council, detailing the outstanding concerns (including lack of the recommend sequential test, lack of surface water calculations for the surrounding area, maintenance of the ditches, detrimental effects to a conservation area, the limited services available in the village, the ancient bridleway), and the issues with the way that the meeting was conducted.

24/5/26 Finance

24/5/26.1 Update regarding bank accounts and signatories- The forms for Cllr SI to be added to the banking have been completed and will be submitted by the Clerk.

24/5/26.2 To Approve Year End accounts to March 31st 2024 (quarterly bank Reconciliations, budget documents & cashbooks previously circulated and approved)- Cllr GR proposed approval, seconded by Cllr WB and carried unanimously.

24/5/26.3 To approve the Internal Audit report (audit completed 24th May 2024)- The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved unanimously.

24/5/26.4 To Consider, Approve and Sign AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24- Cllr SJR read out the statements, which were approved unanimously; the document was then signed.

24/5/26.5 To Consider, Approve and Sign AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24- Cllr SJR read out the statements, which were approved unanimously; the document was then signed.

24/5/26.6 To sign the Certificate of Exemption (if <£25,000 income & expenditure)- Cllr SJR read out the figures, which were approved unanimously; the document was then signed.

24/5/26.7 To approve explanation of variances – (previously circulated)- Cllr WB proposed approval, seconded by Cllr GR and carried unanimously.

24/5/26.8 To confirm the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights (Monday 3rd June 2024-Friday 12th July 2024)- the recommended dates were approved.

24/5/27 Correspondence (-previously circulated- see attached list)- none.

24/5/28 Councillors' questions- none.

24/5/29 **Date of the next meeting:** Thursday 20th June.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: