

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 19 April 2007 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present Messrs K Armer (Chairman), R Johnson, B Plummer, J Shears, R Wooddisse, the Clerk (Mr D Stowell), and one member of the public.

1. **An apology for absence** - was received from W Brown and P Racey.

2. **Minutes of meeting held 29 March 2007** were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising**

LorryWatch - Charlotte Wilson has emailed to thank the Council for its enthusiastic response to her visit. She asked for a formal statement that the Parish Council would support the campaign, and whether it would help with a leaflet drop. It was resolved to confirm that Spaldwick Parish Council is prepared to support the LorryWatch scheme despite having serious doubts as to its viability, and that while it will not actively participate in a leaflet drop, it has no objection to her carrying one out.

Action : Clerk to reply

Boundary of restricted weight zone

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Brian Stinton of CCC querying the validity of the new 18t signs. He has replied that this is no longer his responsibility and has referred the matter to Emma Murden.

Action : Clerk to follow up

Bridge over Ellington Brook, north side of A14

The Chairman reported that he had discussed responsibility for the bridge with Mr Edwards, who has stated that the road in question has not yet been handed over by the Highways Agency. The Clerk reported that he had informed Alan Wheatley of Carillion-URS of Mr Edwards' statement. Mr Wheatley replied that he will forward the message onto the Highways Agency, and will keep us informed of any response.

Parking in Ferriman Road at junction with Royston Avenue

PCSO Anna Holder reported that she visited the gentleman at 24 Ferriman Road and advised him that he needed to remove his vehicles from the side of the road due to the fact that these are causing obstruction. He confirmed that he would remove them.

4. **Finance**

Accounts for year ended 31 March 2007

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts Summary to the meeting. It was resolved that these be accepted.

Annual Return for 2006 / 2007

Section 1 - Statement of accounts .

The Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, presented the certified statement of accounts to the meeting. It was resolved that they be approved. The Chairman then signed the statement confirming the Council's approval.

Section 2 - Annual governance statement.

The Council considered the 8 statements in this section and resolved that each section be agreed without reservation. The overall statement was then signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

5. **Planning**

The following HDC decision was noted

Application 0700797FUL - Solar heating panels and roof light, 2 Royston Avenue - permission granted.

6. **Correspondence**

CALC Training Sessions

Clerks Intensive Training 2 day session £75 Fridays 4 May & 8 June 1000 - 1400

Workshop for Chairmen £40 Friday 6 July 1900 - 2130

Councillor Professional Development Stage I

£35 Wednesday 19 Sept 1900 - 2200 or Saturday 29 Sept 0945 - 1330.

Role of Standards Committees and Standards Board; New Model Code of Conduct; Register of Interests and Acceptance of Office; Meeting Procedures.

Councillor Professional Development Stage II

£35 (reduced to £27.50 if Stage I attended) Wednesday 7 Nov 1900 - 2200 or Saturday 17 Nov 0945 - 1330.

Statutory Powers: Budget Setting and Precept: Accounts; Audit Regulations.

Councillor Professional Development Stage III

£35 (reduced to £20 if Stages I & II attended); Wednesday 16 January 1900 - 2200 or Saturday 26 January

0945 - 1330.

Planning Process; Risk Management; Question Time.

The Local Authorities(Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007

The HDC Monitoring Officer has written to say that it is intended that this order will come into operation on 3 May 2007, after which Local Authorities will have six months within which to adopt the Code, with or without modification, and to give public notice of having adopted it. CALC is considering a joint notice for all PCs . He commends the principle of adopting the Model Code without modification to reflect existing arrangements throughout Huntingdonshire.

The Department for Communities and Local Government has since written to confirm that the order will come into effect on 3 May 2007

Regional Gypsy and Traveller Public Engagement Event

The East of England Regional Assembly has produced an Issues and Options document which will be published on 8 May for 12 weeks of consultation. The document sets out relevant information and poses questions that seeks views on

- the scale of pitch provision appropriate across the region
- the distribution of provision ; and
- delivery and implementation issues.

Six Public Engagement Events are to be held across the region - the local events being at Robinson College, Cambridge on Monday 21 May at 7.00 pm

Peterborough City Council on Wednesday 23 May at 7.00 pm

To be booked by 14 May - programmes, papers etc will be sent with confirmation of bookings.

Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust - Public Engagement Plans

A meeting is being held at The Maltings, Ely on Thursday 24 May 0930 - 1230 to discuss priorities for engaging with local people, and to identify a core of local people who would be willing to join a steering group to oversee activities across the PCT to ensure that it meets its responsibilities for engaging with the local community. Karen Mason requests names of attendees

Cambs & Pboro Minerals and Waste Plan

The consultation on the Preferred Options Plan produced more than 1400 responses. Given the wide ranging response and the significant nature of the issues to be addressed, further public consultation will be needed prior to the submission stage. It is now envisaged that the Preferred Option 2 Plan will be produced in September / October 2008.

Cambridgeshire ACRE

Nick Ball has been appointed Community Development Worker for Huntingdonshire. One of his main roles is to assist Parish Councils with developing a Parish Plan. Additionally he will work with villages on Community development, which could include :-

- Helping to set up new groups, such as Youth Groups, or lunch clubs etc
- Helping groups access funding and help with the applications
- New facilities, such as children's play parks
- Offering contacts or taking issues to the District Council and Local Strategic Partnership for any local issues there may be. He would welcome the opportunity to attend a PC meeting, explain his role and offer help.

Police Community Support Officer

Letter received from PCSO Anna Holder, Yaxley Police Station who is working in this and 17 other villages in the area. She has requested information about the village which the Clerk will provide. Her details will be publicised on the notice boards etc

7. Any Other Business

Jubilee Plinth - Construction is now under way.

8. Dates of future meetings

Wednesday 25 April 2007 at 8 pm Annual Parish Meeting (date changed from 26 April at request of Chairman)

Thursday 10 May 2007 at 8 pm, Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14 June 2007

Thursday 19 July 2007

Thursday 6 September 2007

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm