

**Minutes of Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting held at 8 pm
Thursday 11 October 2007 at Spaldwick Primary School**

Present : Cllrs K H Armer (in the Chair), W F Brown, B F Plummer, J R Pope, R W Wooddisse, the Clerk (Mr D Stowell) and six members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs R P Johnson and J R Shears.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held 6 September** were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising**

Code of Conduct Training - Cllrs Armer & Pope + 3 cllrs from Ellington, 3 from Buckworth, 3 from Barham & Woolley, 2 from Stow Longa + the Clerk attended the training session on 3rd October at Spaldwick.

Brampton's bid for a non-motorist-user crossing of A1/A14 - letter of support sent.

Dog Control Orders - The Clerk has submitted response based on replies received from cllrs.

The meeting was adjourned after item 3 to allow members of the Public to Speak.

As no-one wished to do so, the meeting was then resumed.

4. **Finance**

Review of Insurance

All cover was considered satisfactory with the exception of that related to the jubilee plaques. As there are now two plaques, it was resolved to increase the cover for this item from £615 to £1800.

The following payments were approved :-

Cheque 100344 DJ & JM Green, grasscutting 12 & 13 Sept - £145.20 + £25.41 VAT = £170.61

Cheque 100345 Suffolk ACRE, insurance premium to 30/9/07 - £584.22 (cover increased as above)

5. **Parish Plan**

(a) It was resolved to form a council sub-committee to be known as The Parish Plan Steering Group

(b) It was resolved to appoint 2 councillors to the Steering Group. Cllrs Plummer and Pope were nominated and agreed to serve on the Steering Group, and were duly elected.

(c) It was resolved that the Council should apply for a Defra grant of £1500, should the Steering Group be formed at the Public Meeting to be held on 18 October 2007.

(d) It was resolved to open a separate section in the Parish Council accounts for the Steering Group. It was agreed that initially, receipts and payments will be handled through the PC current account, and be subject to PC controls.

(e) The estimated costs and sources of income were noted.

6. **Maintenance of Assets / Environment**

Children's Play Area - Fuller Close

The Chairman said that he had not spoken to Cllr Shears since the last meeting. He is aware of the minor problem of three loose bolts but is of the opinion that they present no risk to anyone as they unlikely to become looser and there are 16 fully functional bolts holding the floor pan down.

Grasscutting The Chairman reported that 2 people had indicated that they are prepared to quote for next season. The Clerk would also ask Alan Summerfield and Fergusons whether they are prepared to quote. Quotations will be requested by the next meeting.

Tree Maintenance

The Chairman suggested that the council should in future consider using a contractor, instead of relying on parish councillors to carry out this work.

7. **Planning**

The following applications to HDC for tree work were noted:-

0703150TREE Church House, 4 Pound Close - Reduction of limbs overhanging property from a Lime tree in an adjacent property

0703152TREE The Old Rectory, 5 Pound Close - Raise crown and clean canopy of 5 Lime trees

The following applications for development were considered:-

0702629FUL Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof, 2-6 Thrapston Road - the council having no objection it was resolved to recommend approval.

0703134FUL Alterations to barn used as office, 2-6 Thrapston Road - the council being of the opinion that the proposal will make better use of the building; will ensure that it remains in good repair; and will not adversely affect the neighbourhood, it was resolved to recommend approval.

0703234FUL New dwelling, land at 11 Stow Road - Comments of the neighbours at No.13 (Mr Goddard and Miss Marshall) were noted. The applicant has, however, given an assurance that the garage would have no footings in the neighbours land and the building would be contained within the boundary created by the existing 1.8m high fence belonging to the applicant. Whilst the garage would be visible from the neighbours' garden it is not considered to be overbearing. In this respect, however, it was agreed to defer to the opinion of the planning officer should this differ. Subject to the visibility splays to Stow Road meeting the conditions proposed by the Highway Authority, Council resolved to recommend approval.

It was noted that the following application has been withdrawn

0603796FUL 4 dwellings, land at 55 Stow Road following demolition of existing buildings

The following HDC Decisions were noted

0702650FUL Erection of garage and alterations to dwelling, 2 Mount Pleasant - Permission granted

0702516FUL Infill openings of cart shed with garage doors, Oakwood 26 High Street - Permission granted

0701739FUL - Erection of building (B1) following demolition of existing, 20- 22 Thrapston Road - Permission granted subject to conditions re materials to be used, methods of construction, trees hedges & planting, and archaeological work.

0702832FUL, Extensions and alterations to dwelling, 33 Thrapston Road - amended design - width reduced by 1.3m; depth reduced by 1.0m; now over 2 full floors (single storey portion eliminated); roof over extension - 2 hips reduced to one wider roof - Permission Granted.

Current enforcement cases - it was noted that there were none in the latest quarterly report.

8. Correspondence

Trace your Ancestry - Cambridgeshire Libraries has subscribed to the Ancestry Library database - access is free at the local Community Access Point. Starting next Thursday 9.15 - 1100 am Iain Stokes will be present to guide users on how to access the information. In future weeks the CAP will be available for public use on Mondays afternoons and Thursday mornings. Training will be provided. Starting in November training in the use of laptops will also be provided.

Not in my Neighbourhood - The local PCSOs will be running a number of surgeries in local villages next week - the one in Spaldwick is on Wednesday 17th October 1pm to 2 pm outside The George.

Spaldwick Crime report 4/9/07 to 10/10/07

4/9/07 Royston Avenue - forced rear window, untidy search made

15/9/07 Thrapston Road - access through rear window - laptop and camera taken.

Study on access for disabled - HDCs Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) - Clerk discussed problems encountered by the disabled with Janet Milton and has sent response.

9. Any Other Business

Reversed traffic signs - The Clerk said that the school sign in Royston Avenue and the prohibition sign at the start of Long Lane had been rotated by vandals and were facing in the wrong direction. He would ask County Highways to rectify

HDC Session on Environmental Strategy - Cllr Plummer gave a brief report on this meeting which he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6 December 2007

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 pm