

SPALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Public Meeting to launch Parish Plan held Thursday 18 October 2007 at Spaldwick Primary School at 8 pm

Chairman : Mr K H Armer, Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council

Present : 22 members of the public.

Speaker : In the absence of Mr Nick Ball of Cambridgeshire ACRE due to illness, the Parish Clerk, Mr David Stowell, attempted to answer the question "What is a Parish Plan".

He then outlined the actions which had already been taken leading up to today's meeting :-

1. Parish Council held 19 July addressed by Nick Ball of Cambs ACRE and attended by 19 members of the public who indicated by a show of hands that they were virtually unanimously in favour of proceeding. The Clerk was asked to apply for a grant and to arrange a public meeting to form a steering group.
2. Parish Council held 11th October resolved
 - (a) To form a sub-committee of the Council to be known as The Parish Plan Steering Group
 - (b) To appoint 2 councillors to the Steering Group- Cllrs J Pope & B Plummer
 - (c) To resolve that the Council should apply for Defra grant of £1500 , subject to the formation of the group at the public meeting on 18th October.
 - (d) To open a separate section in the Parish Council accounts for the Steering Group. Initially, receipts and payments will be handled through the PC current account, and be subject to PC controls.
 - (e) To note estimated costs and sources of income
3. The application for funding has to show that service providers have been contacted - the clerk therefore contacted Jonathan Djanogly MP, District Councillor Mike Baker, who sends his apologies for being unable to be present tonight, and also said that HDC could not contribute directly to this plan as they were supporting Cambs ACRE as a whole; Claire Burton HDC Senior Rural Project Officer, who gave advise on contacts within other local bodies: Jessica Bawden, Director of Communications etc Cambs PCT, who has responded positively; Rachel Prior, Head teacher Spaldwick School, who has responded positively; the local police who responded + a number of others. Mr Stowell read out several of the replies, which indicated a serious interest by external bodies in production of the plan.

Appointment of members of the public to the Steering Group

In response to the Chairman's invitation the following persons present expressed an interest in joining the Steering Group :-

Hilary Shuker, 18 Littlecotes Close
Tom Shuker, 18 Littlecotes Close
Robert Dearman, 23 Stow Road
Gerry Southerington, 6 Fuller Close
Sian Hooban, 8 Fuller Close
Mark Sturdy, 29 Thrapston Road

There being no further nominations and no objections to the above named, the meeting unanimously agreed that these 6 persons join the 2 Parish Council representatives :

Bernard Plummer, 41 High Street
Jason Pope, 11 Ivy Way,

In forming the Steering Group.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed