

Present: Grahame Leach (GL)
 Lyndy Pullan (LP)
 David Henrick (DH)
 Michael Robinson (MR) Spaldwick Parish Council
 Raine Thompson (RT)
 Peter Edwards (PE)

Apologies: Jim White (JW) H.D.C. Councillor

Declarations of Interest None

GL Opened the meeting and advised those present that the Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council, Steve Fane de Salis was attending at 8.30 pm to discuss the recent letter regarding the survey.

A copy of the letter dated 23 December 2015 was available - after discussion the Village Hall Committee noted the concerns in the letter. The Committee felt that the intentions of the survey had been made clear - we have endeavoured to be open since we were elected. In addition the Committee were disappointed that we did not receive a direct approach/communication from the individual concerned.

GL welcomed the Chairman of Spaldwick Parish Council - DH read the statement above and after a brief discussion the matter was considered to be closed requiring no further action. After **GL** gave a brief report regarding progress to-date Steve Fane de Salis left the meeting with our thanks for attending.

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes of 9 November 2015

ACTION - To contact other local village halls, in communities with a similar population to Spaldwick (650) to gather information about how they are funded and managed:

The following to be completed by 31 January 2016

SB	Tillbrook & Catworth - ACTION DH to contact SB to determine progress	ONGOING
LP	Little Staughton - LP has contact details and will follow-up	ONGOING
DH	Kimbolton & Alconbury - DH to contact Alconbury Village Hall	ONGOING

GL had completed some research about running costs of other Village Halls - annual running costs estimated between £8-10000. There seems to be a continuing need for helpers to operate these resources. With fund-raising an on-going need.

ACTION PE to contact Andrew Barr for information about Offord Village Hall **ONGOING**

ACTION PE to contact Andrew Barr and request details of an initial offer on behalf of the landowner - **ONGOING**

GL and JW to contact HDC Planning Department to identify person responsible for any future application now that Paul Bland has left.

GL signed the minutes of the meeting as approved.

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The Survey DH reported that 69 people had responded on line. LP had re-opened the on-line survey

DH visited several properties on the Burton Way estate and received commitment from residents to complete on line - aiming to increase the number of surveys for this estate by approaching those residents who had not completed the survey either on-line or using the attachment in the December newsletter. Comment was made about the print size - LP offered to print additional copies for distribution.

The Committee decided to keep the survey available until 25 January 2016.

ACTIONS:

LP to print additional copies of the survey, distribute to the Committee by email.

RT to contact the residents of Littlecotes and Mount Pleasant.

RT to contact Mark Heath to add statement on the Village Website

GL to contact the residents of the High Street.

DH to contact the residents of Ferriman Road, Fuller Close and Burton Way.

The AGM will take place at Spaldwick School on Monday 1st February 2016 - Commencing at 7.30pm

A notice has been published on the website and included in the last newsletter as an insert.

A Progress Report will be presented - achievements in 2015:

- Information gathering
- Made contact with HDC Planning and attended meeting in April 2015
- Made contact with Heritage England
- Started using the Spaldwick website and include minutes of meetings
- Contacted other village halls to seek information
- Initiated a survey to gain the views of residents
- Archived historical data obtained
- Met a local land agent to discuss probable site
- Explored other bank accounts to obtain improved interest rates

Present members of the Committee to contact GL if intending to seek re-election and obtain paperwork>

DH advised the meeting that he is standing down after completing the minutes for the AGM.

AOB There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at The George on 25 January 2016 at 8 pm.

MR gave his apologies as being unable to attend

SIGNED AS APPROVED

Grahame Leach Chairman

DATE