



FULL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

21 December 2022 - 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: DRAFT

Councillors: Cllr. Ashton (Chair), Cllr. Westin (Vice Chair), Cllr. Murphy, Cllr. Ward

Clerk and RFO: Mr S Baxter **Members of the public (MOP):** One

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Meeting was held at the SALKO Offices, Main Street, Spaldington. Due to the location, only Parish Councillors were present with no members of the community although a limited amount were welcome. All the community were invited to attend the meeting via the remote function.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1. **Welcome to all Councillors.** The Chair will remind all that the meeting is recorded and the recordings are kept for a minimum of 12 months.

The Chair welcomed all Councillors and any members of the public to the face to face Parish Meeting. He confirmed that while the Councillors and Clerk were present in person, the meeting was also to be streamed via Zoom for other members of the community and press.

2. **Members of the public participation** - Any questions will be at the discretion of the Chair.

The Clerk confirmed that there was no members of the public joining on the Zoom connection and there was no members of the public in the meeting room.

3. **Proposal to exclude members of public from participation** - but can observe

For the following agenda points members of the public can observe the meeting but cannot take part in any debate. Any persons not Councillors or the Clerk will be asked to remain silent and muted on Zoom

- *Motion to exclude any members of the public and press but they can view the meeting was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

4. **Apologies for absence from Councillors**

The Clerk received an apology from Cllr. Hall who was unavoidably detained through work. The Chair accepted the apologies on behalf of the Council.



- *Motion to accept the apologies of Cllr. Hall was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

5. **Declarations of interest** – for the Council to note including dispensations presented to the Clerk

The Clerk confirms that there was no declarations of interest made before the meeting.

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting:

- i) Cllr Ashton - stated that he had a non-pecuniary interest in a planning permission application in Agenda Point 10. The planning permission variation application was for Planning Consultation for 22/03930/STVAR Yoke Gate Farm Holme Road Spaldington East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NA. Cllr Ashton stated that as this development was across the road to his property he wished to ensure that this was made public.
- ii) Cllr Westin - stated that she had a non-pecuniary interest in a planning permission application in Agenda Point 10. The planning permission was for Planning Consultation for 22/03677/VAR Sandwood Fields Spaldington Road Spaldington East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NF. Cllr Westin stated that as this development was next to her property she wished to ensure that this was made public.

6. **Minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting** (07 Nov 2022) – to formally agree that the minutes are an accurate record

The Chair confirmed that the Clerk had sent the DRAFT Minutes of the last Full Parish Council meeting on the 07 November 2022

There was a discussion between the Councillors to confirm receipt and all stated they were happy it was a true and accurate record of the meeting.

- *Motion to agree the Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 07 November 2022 was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

7. **Financial update from the Clerk** (including bank reconciliations) - from the Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the recent financial report to the Councillors for their perusal. He confirmed that the report covered the period up to the end of November 2022.

The main budget points on reflection was:

- There is an estimated £3,200 cost to be expended until the end of the financial year
- There will be an estimated £450 in VAT income from VAT 126 reclamation
- The main expenditure of the Clerking cost was estimated to be in deficit due the overtime needed



- The overall budget was still looking health in that there it is still estimated to be a surplus by the end of the financial year of an estimated £1,300. This was due to the careful management of the expenditure as well as some budget line items (so far) not being used.

The Councillors discussed the financial position of the Council and agreed that the finances are being well managed and that the regular accounts are what is needed. No concerns were raised.

- ***Motion to agree the financial report laid by the Clerk to the Council was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.***

8. 2023/24 Budget and Precept proposal by RFO

The Clerk confirmed that he had sent various details of a proposed budget and the corresponding Precept. He confirmed that he had had brief conversations with the Chair to gauge his thoughts. The Clerk stated that this was to ensure that the Chair was aware, and provide usual feedback.

The Clerk stated the following needed to be considered, both for the financial coming up as well as the commitments made by the Council after last year's budget agreement:

- The costs of a lot of the non-contractual expenditure will increase for 2023/24. This includes the street lighting, administration costs, as well as the increase in Clerking costs
- The Council needed to be aware that there may be possible election cost if there is a disputed election in May 2023 -the cost may be circa £3-4,000.
- There is still a need to increase the reserves if the Council wishes to meet the NALC guidelines of reserves being at least 50% of the precept. The current reserves are £3,504 and there is expected to be a surplus of £1,200 in this financial year. Thus there needs to be a budget line for the additional reserves of around £1,600 to be considered.
- There was a commitment to consider reducing the precept from 2022/23 as it was recognised that the economic environment is hard for a lot of the community.

Thus he recommend that the budget as with a precept of £12,250. The points for this are:

- It would be a reduction of £1,250 or around 15%.
- It would mean the effect of the precept on an average band D property would be £179 per year.
- It would mean that if the election was not contested, it would leave the right required of reserves (or if the costs were expended then there would still be some reserves.
- The budget would have a surplus of £183.

The Councillors discussed the proposed budget by the Clerk and agreed that while it was noted that costs have increased, it still would be appropriate to consider a reduced precept from 2022/23. They noted that while they need to be cautious, but realistic, they felt that the budget proposed was



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appropriate. They also informally discussed options of having a community fund for small grants - this was if the funds were not needed for a contested election. This could be confirmed at a later date.

The Councillors did want to assure the community that the Council did appreciate the current economic pressures, and that is why the precept has been reduced, but they also wanted to ensure the financial providence was kept for the community.

The Councillors thanked the Clerk for the work and the good financial structure that is now in place for the good of the Council and the community.

- *Motion to agree the budget proposed by the Clerk and laid to the Councillors, and the Precept for Spaldington for 2023/24 of £12,250 was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

9. General expenditure for approval - to formally agree that the payments are acceptable:

PAYEE	EXPENDITURE REASON	AMOUNT
Clerk Salary and overtime	Contractual for December 2022	Withheld - confidentiality
Clerk's office allowance	Contractual for December 2022	£26.00
Clerk's travel expenses	Meetings - December PC	£24.40
Clerk's expenses	Admin and stationary	£60.18 + VAT
ERNLLCA	Councillor Training	£24.00
East Riding Yorkshire Council	Annual Street Lighting charge	£239.70 +VAT
Peninsula Insurance	Insurance - November 2022	£116.60 + VAT

The Clerk stated that the admin and stationary costs were for basic office based items such as paper, envelopes etc. The cost of the annual street lighting was actually less than budgeted for by around a £50.

Councillors discussed the expenditure in detail as needed. They agreed all expenditure was in order.

- *Motion to agree the expenditure as detailed in the schedule of payments was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

10. Planning Applications - to discuss and agree the decision on each

The Clerk stated that there was three planning applications for the Council to consider. The first two were fully discussed and decided by the Councillors at the meeting. The third application was managed through the Clerk's delegated authority.



**i) Planning Consultation for 22/03930/STVAR Yoke Gate Farm Holme Road
Spaldington East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NA**

The Chair permitted the owner of a neighbouring property to make a representation to the Council to ensure that the impact of this development on neighbours is considered.

The Councillors considered this application to vary the original planning application and note the following:

- The Council have noted that it was declared on the previous application, that the permissions of the previous application was against the ERYC Planning own policy in regard to section 4 - points 1, 2 and 3
- The conditions placed by the previous application have not been followed - there were 49 conditions placed - one particular condition to fully consult with the neighbours has not been followed
- The original application was for small wooden colour cabins - this is now to change to 49 large white lodges which will be far more visible to the community and not fit in with the area
- There is significant concern that that the lodges, as detailed in the variance of the conditions, have already been advertised on the website and crucially building work has already begun before the variance has been agreed
- The amount of amenities now being proposed is far in excess to what to the original application included and there is concern that there is insufficient water provision and drainage for such a large development
- The Council are very concerned that the lodges are being moved to the front field and the lake is being reduced which may have an impact for future flooding issue
- The Council feel that the moving of the lodges will have a significant effect on the amount of noise as well as the access which will severely affect neighbouring properties
- The Council are aware that there was a considered issue with alleged metals being buried in the some of the fields on the site - they would firmly request that soil samples are taken to ensure that any metals or any other waste buried does not affect the development
- The Council feel that the waste accumulated by this site and the increase in lodges and the size would be issue for the whole community
- The Council consider this application to be a GROSS MATERIAL CHANGE and should be required to submit a new application, not a variance on the original and feel it is in effect a back door application
- ***Motion to agree the stance of the Council for this application (22/03930) as STRONGLY OBJECT was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.***

**ii) Planning Consultation for 22/03677/VAR Sandwood Fields Spaldington Road
Spaldington East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NF.**

The Councillors considered this application for a variance of the previous planning permission and the following was noted:

- There are significant concerns of the moving of the two large containers outside the secure fencing. There is now an application to increase the amount of large containers which will blight the rural area
- In the previous application, it was stated that the area would be managed through employees but now there is a statement that it will be tenanted



- The map showing the neighbours siting is not to scale and shows the neighbours of this development much further away - thus giving an incorrect viewpoint for the Planning Committee to consider the impact of this development on the area

The Council feel the changes proposed are a GROSS MATERIAL CHANGE and should be full new planning application, not an application to vary the restrictions.

The Parish Council wishes to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this planning application.

- *Motion to agree the stance of the Council for this application (22/03677) as **STRONGLY OBJECT** was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

iii) Planning Consultation for 22/03606/CM R100 Energy Limited Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Spaldington Airfield, Wood Lane, Brind, East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NG

The Clerk confirmed that through this delegated authority, and following full consultation with the Chair and other Councillors, the following was stated to the Planning Team at ERYC:

The Parish Council wishes to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this planning application. There are three main points:

The first objection point: The animal by-products being heated which would create a significant stench (the cooking of animal byproducts is a form of rendering) and there is nothing in place to prevent the odours with no odour treatment plan. This is unacceptable as the prevailing wind blows straight into the village which would result in the Village suffering the horrendous smell with no option but to keep all doors, windows and house openings closed.

The second objection point: The acute FIRE RISK. There was a huge blaze at the Brocklesby plant in North Cave where we understand waste oil products are used. There is also a wood pelleting operation on the same site. Different sides of the road and different operator/owners but in close enough proximity that it could be a potential issue in the case of a fire.

We would urge strong fire protection conditions are imposed if planning were approved.

The third objection point: Environmental risks should also be considered should there be a spillage or if the area is not properly maintained with horrendous consequences on the area and wildlife.

11. Boom Solar Panel Development Chair Advisory Group formation - updates and decision on action

The Chair stated that he was unable to attend the most recent meeting and Cllr. Westin attended in his absence. The main points from the meeting which included an attendees from BOOM Solar were:

- It was confirmed that the installation would affect other parishes including Long Drax, Drax, Hemingbrough, Howden and Barmby on the Marsh
- The solar panels would be 3.m high at full tilt - 2.3m high at night when horizontal. They will follow the sun for maximum energy gathering



- There will be battery storages for any power not able to be immediately sent to the grid as there is a maximum of 400 mega watts available on the electricity piping
- There will be little glare or flashes and there will be opportunity for noise monitors in some properties in the community
- There will be a one off community pot - it will not be annual
- The site surveys they use are the same ones used by Natural England
- In regard to the non-statutory consultation, there was 198 replies
- There will be 3000 acres that will be leased to them with each installation 15m away from the any public pathway
- There will be soil testing in different fields to assess suitability

The Councillors fully discussed the issues and the fact that there may be some in the community that may support the installation of these solar panels. They also wished to lobby the local MP that the developers should be required to look at other options- such as brown field sites and panels on private houses.

The Council agreed to have this item as a recurring item on future agendas.

- *Motion to agree the lobbying of the local MP to encourage the Government to force the developers to look at other options was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

12. Discussion on dykes and impact of drainage in the village - discussion on updates

The Chair confirmed that unfortunately he and the remaining Councillors had not been able to undertake the review as hoped and thus the issue would be placed on the next meeting in February 2023.

13. Meeting with AD Plant about impact of vehicles on Spaldington - update

The Clerk stated that he had received a statement from the representative of AD Plant and that it would be placed on the website for all the community to see.

14. Village entrance signage - discussion on options and going forward

The Clerk stated that he had received the project plans for the project from Cllr. Murphy. Once the actual coordinates were provided the Clerk would be able to then seek the pre-application guidance from the planners to ascertain if full permission is needed.

To be discussed in more detail at the next PC Meeting.



15. Christmas decorations - update

The Chair confirmed that the local community group had agreed to purchase the Christmas Tree and decorations for this year's celebrations to also include the Armistice Day remembrance. The issue that the Council faced was that the normal area of land which was used, unfortunately was not available.

The Council wished to thank the Wilburn Family for their generous permission to allow the purchased Christmas tree to be located on their land. The Chair also asked that thanks should be made to Cllr. Murphy for his generous help in the decorations.

The Chair also confirmed that the refurbished telephone box had been decorated.

It was noted by all Councillors that the village looked very festive and very well put to together.

16. Urgent or important correspondence – update from the Clerk

The Clerk stated that there was no urgent or important correspondence.

The Chair wanted to ensure that the community Hotham Turner Financial grants had been issued to some in the community.

17. Parishioner concerns relayed to Councillors – any update from Councillors from Parishioners

The Councillors made all aware that the following was brought to their attention:

- i) *There was a request to review the salt boxes in the village.*

The Councillor confirmed that there were six salt boxes in the village and each would be checked to ensure that they are full for the bad weather.

- ii) *There was a request to review timings of any permission for the alarm and the feed mill on Old Rush Farm in Spaldington*

The Clerk was asked to ascertain if any planning permissions were not being followed in the regard to the operations on the old Rush Farm.

- iii) *There was a request to review operations of the AD Plant in regard to their continual work on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. It was thought that their work should cease on Saturday lunchtime.*

The Clerk was asked to ascertain what the actual rules of operation for the AD Plant were and report back to the Council at the next PC Meeting.



18. To agree the date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Monday, 09 January 2023.

The Clerk asked if the Councillors wish to have another meeting in a few week (in early January 2023) or to have the next meeting on the first Monday in February 2023.

The Councillors agreed that there was no need for a meeting in a few weeks and thus the next meeting would be in early February 2023. They agreed anything urgent can be handled by the calling of an EOM.

- *Motion to agree the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on the 06 February 2023 at 7.30pm at the SALKO Offices with members of the public joining as well as a the meeting being shared by a remote digital means was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

19. Proposal to exclude members of public for the following agenda point due to confidentiality

For the following agenda points members of the public cannot take part in any debate. Any persons not Councillors or the Clerk will be asked to leave due to confidentiality.

- *Motion to exclude any members of the public and press was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

20. Staffing Matter

The Councillors discussed the staffing mater and agreed to a variation of contract for the Clerk which would include additional contractual hours. Full details will be provided in a separate confidential report for the Councillors.

- *Motion to agree the variation of the Clerk's contract was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR AT 9.40PM.