

Spaldington Parish Council

May 2024 Parish Council minutes

7:30 pm, Tuesday 7 May 2024

SALKO office, Spaldington

In attendance:

Councillor Ross Ashton (Chair), Councillor Dean Murphy, Councillor Elizabeth Smith, Councillor Elaine Ward, Jake Wilde (Parish Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

For decision

1. Apologies received

Apologies had been received from Councillor Kath Westin (work commitments). These were agreed.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. April 2024 Parish Council meeting minutes

These were proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed unanimously.

4. Financial Report

This was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed unanimously. The Chairman wished the minutes to record the Council's thanks to Dean Murphy and SALKO for paying in advance for the village signage. The report is attached to these minutes.

5. Councillor vacancies

The notification for vacancies for two councillors was formally proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed unanimously.

6. Clerk & RFO vacancy

The Clerk advised that he was happy to draft an advertisement, job description and person specification, and sought input from the Parish Council on content. After a discussion, Councillor Ward proposed that the Clerk draft the necessary documentation. This was seconded by Councillor Murphy and agreed unanimously.

7. Temporary Clerk contract

The contract for the temporary Clerk was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed unanimously.

8. Payroll provider

After a discussion, Councillor Murphy proposed that Autela Payroll Services be appointed as the Council's payroll provider, for a fee of £18.95 per month less 15% if invoices are paid within an average of 30 days, for an initial 12 month contract. This was seconded by Councillor Smith and agreed unanimously.

9. Website and email arrangements

The Clerk advised that he was not able to publish items on the website and suggested that it would not be good value for money for the Council for him to learn the process as his contract was only temporary. The Council agreed to utilise alternative arrangements to publish items on the website.

The Clerk further advised that the number of emails in the Parish Council Gmail account was approximately 10,000. The Clerk suggested the it was not good value for money for the Council for him to attempt to weed these, and that decisions about what to do should wait until a new permanent Clerk was appointed. The Council agreed this approach.

For noting

10. Public participation

None.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk advised that he had received a request from Spaldington Residents CIC to:

- Attach dog waste bag dispensers to the bins in the village
- Attach a dog waste bag dispenser to the Parish Council noticeboard

The Clerk advised that he would write back to explain that the bins were the property of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Council declined to agree to allow the attachment of a dog waste bag dispenser to the Parish Council noticeboard.

12. Clerk Report

None.

13. Issues raised with councillors

None.

14. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 3 June 2024 in the SALKO office, Spaldington

This was noted.

To be signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair

Print name

Date