



FULL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

07 November 2022 – 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: DRAFT

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

Clerk and RFO: Mr S Baxter **Members of the public (MOP):** 0

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 confirmed that there were no declarations of interest submitted to him previously or at the meeting.

6. **Minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting** (03 October 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 03 October 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 03 October 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 October 2022.

The main budget points on reflection was:

- The Clerk stated that the second half of the precept had been paid; this allowed the £1,000 from the reserve account to be transferred back to the reserve account.
 - The payment of the back dated pay for the Clerk after the national salary agreement was not budgeted for but the overall finances of the Council allowed this to be absorbed without much effect on the overall finances
 - 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 in a reasonable surplus by the end of the financial year.
- *Motion to agree the financial report laid by the Clerk to the Council was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

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

PAYEE	EXPENDITURE REASON	AMOUNT
Clerk Salary and overtime	Contractual for November 2022	Withheld - confidentiality
Clerk's office allowance	Contractual for November 2022	£26.00
Clerk's travel expenses	Meetings - Nov PC & Howden Dev	£48.80
Clerk's backpay - pay agreement	Contractual for year of 2022	Withheld - confidentiality
ERNLLCA	Training for Councillors	£72.00 (£24 + £48)
Peninsula Insurance	Insurance - September 2022	£116.60 + VAT

The Clerk stated that the expenditure for the back dated pay was not budgeted for but could be absorbed into the budget due the relatively healthy status of the accounts.

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.*

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

The Clerk stated that there was no planning applications or appeals in the last month.

The Chair also stated that the ERYC had recently released their proposed 20 year Local Plan which could in effect guide the planning requirements for applications in the long term. It was announced that ERYC would be holding some local presentation events in the area with the next one held in Howden on the 08 November 2022.

The Councillors also discussed the proposed application from BOOM Solar and noted that there had been various meetings in the community and further afield in regard to the issue. It was noted that the formal application from BOOM had not actually been submitted and it was expected in 2023.

10. Delegated authority for the Clerk for Planning applications

The Chair stated that after a meeting he had attended with ERNLCCA recently advised that the statutory response timeframes for some planning applications was being reduced and thus they advised that a scheme of delegation given to the Clerk was advised to allow for any applications that miss any meetings.



The delegated authority would allow for the Clerk to make decisions but only after full consultation with the Chair and the remaining Councillors. This would ensure that no responses to applications or appeals are missed due to meeting schedules.

The Clerk stressed it was only for planning issues, and that any decisions made (by the Clerk) would retrospectively be agreed at the subsequent meeting and that any decisions at a Full Council meeting or EOM would be override any Clerk decision.

The Councillors discussed the item and felt that while it may not be used frequently, it would allow a safety net to ensure that the Council's views were always submitted to the planners for discussion.

- *Motion to agree the Scheme of Delegation was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

The Chair signed the Scheme of Delegation.

11. Boom Solar Panel Development - agreed position of the Parish Council

The Clerk confirmed that the submission to BOOM Solar and the Planning Inspectorate had been submitted by the deadline of the 29 October 2021. It stated that the Parish Council was unable at this time to provide any support for the initiative or project as they felt that there had been insufficient detail provided to which the Parish Council could properly scrutinise. Whilst the project may have some merits, at this time it was felt it was too big for the area and it had not properly taken into account the effect on the local community.

The Chair stated that he was aware that there was now in effect two local community groups - one was the group of local Parish Council Chairs which would allow all Parish Councils to be in contact with each other and discuss the issues affecting all. The second group (V A S T) would be a local community action group which would be independent of any Parish or Town Council and would comprise of local members of the communities who wish to protest against the solar farm project.

The Chair confirmed that he had received a copy of the minutes of the first meeting of VAST which was shared with the Council. It was noted that names of parties allegedly willing to sell / lease land was included and a note of caution was made that including names was possibly not appropriate unless permission had been sought.

The Councillors did note that from the data provided by BOOM, Spaldington was the most affected community and thus it was felt that Spaldington community should be consulted thoroughly on the proposed development.

The Council did state that it was crucial that whole community was permitted to express their views on the solar panel farm as they had to be cautious in assuming that the whole community had one view.



12. Boom Solar Chair Advisory Group Formation - discussion and agreement

The Chair stated that he had attended a meeting of the Parish Council Chairs and was able to get opinions from the other Parishes. It was felt that this Chair group could be a Working Group which would be able to discuss viewpoints and possible 'ways forward' and then bring these views back to each Parish Council to allow the Council to formally agree the position it wants to hold.

The Parish Council informally agreed that the Chair of SPC should attend these meetings and then feed back to the Council in future meetings.

He would also feed back on any formation changes to the group.

13. Noticeboard

The Chair stated that there was a key now available to be given to the local community group who could use one half of the noticeboard for community updates. The community was reminded that they should only use half of the noticeboard as the Parish Council did need half the area for statutory publicising needs.

14. Further discussion on the dykes and drainage in the village

The Chair state he did not have opportunity to walk through the dykes area and asked for the item to be passed to the following month's meeting.

Cllr. Westin stated that she had got permission from the landowner to allow the Councillors to walk across the land and inspect the dykes as needed.

Clerk Action: To ensure this agenda point is included in the next PC Meeting.

15. C88 usage and contact with the Highways

The Clerk stated that he had been in discussion with the Highways to ascertain how they were going to look at the issues raised. It was noted that there had been some traffic survey for a few days a few weeks ago - the Clerk had written to the Highways to ask for the any report on the data but had yet to receive any.

The Council felt that they feared that the Highways was possibly waiting for the impact of the large Howden development before any decision was made on any weight limit or traffic management on the C88 was considered.

The Clerk confirmed that he would continue to press the Highways Team for updates.



16. Meeting with Howden Developers - J G Hatcliffe Property & Planning

The Chair confirmed that the meeting with the developers had proceeded on the 17 October during which the concerns of the Council had been discussed - especially about the impact of the C88 road and heavy vehicle use.

The Councillors confirmed that the requested weight limit on the C88 was also discussed (but with permitted access for local needs). The developers agreed that they would look to support such measures and if available sponsor the works if agreed by the ERYC.

Clerk stated that he had received an email from the developer with the suggested statement from them. The Councillors agreed this was a good step forward. The statement was:

Statement from the Developers proposed was:

J G Hatcliffe Property & Planning welcomed the opportunity to discuss further the concerns of Spaldington Parish Council in respect of the impact of HGV's currently being experienced on the C88 together with your additional concerns of the potential consequential impact of our proposed 'HOW-G' development.

As a result of the meeting Tony Kirby, Director of Local Transport Projects, has produced a preliminary plan on our behalf detailing proposed 7.5T environmental weight limits in Spaldington (copy plan attached). The Plan also includes proposed weight limit restrictions on Station Road and Flatgate, Howden. A meeting has been held with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the proposals detailed in the Plan were discussed and positively received. J G Hatcliffe have agreed to promote the weight limit proposals which it will endeavour to include in any future 106 Agreement relating to the HOW-G development. In addition, J G Hatcliffe have offered to fund the associated Traffic Regulation Order that will be required.

For clarification, the weight limit restrictions will only take effect once the new HOW-G Relief Road has been completed, however, any planning approval for the road will require a Construction Traffic Management Plan that would impose a routing strategy for all traffic during the construction phase.

- ***Motion to agree the statement for the website was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.***



17. Village entrance signage

Cllr Murphy confirmed that he had been in contact with the proposed contractors to build the new signage. He is hoping to get the final design and cost in November to which the final installation can be agreed at the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that once this detail was agreed, we could then ensure that the news of the signage could be fully shared through the website and possibly a newsletter.

Cllr Murphy confirmed that he would bring all the detail to the next meeting. The Chair thanked Cllr Murphy for his work on the project and looked forward to hearing the installation details.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to ensure that any planning issue was clarified with the Planning Team.

Clerk Action: To ensure any planning issues with the signage are clarified.

18. Spaldington Education Trust (S E T)

The Chair stated that he had been asked to get involved in the review of the S E T as the Trust that was set up a long time ago was in need of a proper review to ensure that all authoritative names were updated to ensure the Trust was in a proper state to be effective for the original intention it was set up for. The Trust was originally set up by the sale of a piece of land by a local farmer a long time ago to help the education of the young in Spaldington.

He confirmed that he and Cllr. Ward would be seeing the bank to ascertain how they proceed in regard to the money in the Trust bank accounts.

The Council agreed it would be encouraging if the Trust could be in effect reactivated for operational use and the Trust could also be used for approaching major project developers to encourage the benefit for the younger members of the community.

The Clerk stated that the S E T, whilst separate to the SPC or ERYC, would need to ensure that they comply with any Charity Commission or statutory requirements.

The Chair agreed to update the Council at the next meeting.

19. Christmas decorations discussion

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 Chair confirmed that other areas had been sourced but the Council had as yet not found a location for the tree.

The Council agreed they would continue to seek an appropriate place of land.

In addition they would also look to see what other decorations can be used and placed.

20. Urgent or important correspondence

The Clerk stated that they had received two letters from the members of the community:

- i) Letter from a younger member of the community asking again about the Telephone Box - the Clerk had written back to say that the decision of the Council was that it would be kept under review and the community had been invited to form a Community Action Group but unfortunately not received any response
- ii) Letter asking about the issue of the noticeboard and telephone box - the Clerk had written back to say that both these issues had been fully discussed at a previous meeting and had been fully minuted.

21. Parishioners concerns relayed to a Councillor

The Councillors stated that they had received the following notes or issues brought to their attention:

- i) *Issue of flooding on C88*

The issue that was raised was brought a the previous week in regard to the flooding affecting various farmland in the area. It was confirmed that action had been undertaken by the Council to ensure that Highways and Yorkshire Water was aware and that the farm owner had thanked the PC for their help in getting the problem addressed.

- ii) *Issue of alleged mis-selling of 'Eco Lodges' in the community*

The issue that was raised was that a member of the local community had raised the issue of a neighbouring farm selling 'Eco Lodges' holidays for the start of 2023 - the main and urgent point was it was feared that was not a fully legal sales package as the Eco Lodges did not actually exist.

The Councillors discussed this issues and were advised by the Clerk that the member of the community should contact the Trading Standards at ERYC to advise them of the concerns.

22. To agree the date and location of the Full Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Monday, 12 Dec 2022.

The Chair asked if the meeting in December could be moved to the week after the normal designated date due to pre-planned family commitments.



- *Motion to agree the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on the 12 December 2022 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.*

MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR AT 8.50PM.

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