



FULL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

03 October 2022 - 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

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

Clerk and RFO: Mr S Baxter **Members of the public (MOP):** (1 - attended later)

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 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 confirmed that Cllr Ward has apologised for not being able to attend due to personal circumstances. The Chair stated that he was aware of the reason and asked the Councillors to accept their apologies.



- *Motion to agree the apology from Cllr Ward for her lack of attendance 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.

Cllr Murphy stated that while he does not have a financial or pecuniary interest in the planning discussion about the possibility of having solar panels installed in the community. The clerk advised that this would be noted but it should not prohibit any involvement or voting in the discussion on the planning agenda point.

6. **Minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting** (05 September 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 05 September 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 05 September 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 September 2022.

He confirmed that the second tranche of the Precept payment from ERYC of £6,750 had been received into the SPC Bank Account. This was only received on the 03 October 2022 and thus was not included in the accounts paperwork sent to the Councillors as the financial reports only went up to the end of September 2022.

The Clerk stated that he had arranged the internal transfer of £1,000 from the current back to the reserves account to repay the internal transfer that was approved in early September 2022. This would not be shown on the financial reports as it was only done on the 03 October 2022.

The main budget points on reflection was:

- The main expenditure of the Clerking cost was estimated to be in deficit due the overtime needed for various extra work needed including dealing with the External Auditor, publishing the newsletters as well as managing the annual leave time and the work required upon return.



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- The overall budget was still looking health in that there it is still estimated to be in a small surplus by the end of the financial year.

The Council discussed the details and stated they felt the financial operations were properly managed and that they finally felt the Council was able to look forward, not back. They concluded that it was very refreshing that the Council now has a proper plan of the financial operations (from the historical issues) and that it has provided confidence for the Councillors.

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

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

PAYEE	EXPENDITURE REASON	AMOUNT
Clerk Salary and overtime	Contractual for October 2022	Withheld due to confidentiality
Clerk's office allowance	Contractual for October 2022	£26.00
Clerk's travel expenses	October PC meeting	£24.40
Peninsula Insurance	Insurance – September 2022	£116.60 + VAT

The 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 updated the Council that the appeal to ERYC by a member of the local community to have their planning permission restrictions changed was dismissed by the Appeal Committee of ERYC Planners. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's opinion that the appeal should be dismissed was sent to the Planners.

The Clerk stated that the only planning issue that had been brought to their attention was the intention by BOOM Solar to apply for planning permission for a signifiant amount of solar panels across 14 local locations all around the village of Spaldington. Through correspondence received by the Council, it was clear that the intention by BOOM was that they would be applying to the Planning Inspectorate at Central Government, rather than through a local planning application.

The Clerk stated that the Planning Inspectorate had asked for input from local communities including the Parish Councils in the areas that the solar panels would affect.





The Council discussed the heightening concerns that the members of the local community had expressed including the affect of the loss of important farmland, the increased traffic, the alleged 'humming' of the equipment connected to the panels as well as the lack of benefit to the local village. The Councillors felt that it was another unfortunate step in the industrialisation of the local area.

They did however appreciate that as a country as well as the Communities that renewable energy sources are needed but that it was felt that there were far more suitable areas to install solar panels; such as brown field sites, local infrastructure as well as enforcing more developer who build newly built houses to include solar panels when the properties are built.

The Councillors appreciated that for local landowners (of whom the solar panel installations have been targeted) it may well be a good source of income but the Council were worried that the data to which the project was based on was not accurate.

Overall the Councillors agreed the following response to the Planning Inspectorate:

At this time the Spaldington Parish Council have reservations and concerns about the installation of such a wide spread solar panel electricity generation and while they may appreciate the possible environmental benefits from a renewable energy generation standpoint, they are concerned that this wide spread project would have a severely negative impact on the local community through loss of farmland, increased traffic as well as any other issues caused by the running of the equipment linked to the solar panels. They do wish to be fully kept updated on the progression the project and wish to receive any and all information on this project to ensure that the local community are kept fully abreast with the developments. They wish to reserve their final viewpoint until more information and research is provided on the impact of the project.

The Chair confirmed that he had been in contact with the Ward Councillor and that a meeting for the local community, as well as the surrounding areas, would be convened on Monday 10 October 2022 at 6.30pm with all welcome. This would allow anyone to express their concerns as well as receiving updates and considerations from ERYC Planners and other stakeholders.

Clerk Action: Write to the Planning Inspectorate as well as ensuring that the meeting is fully published on the website, and a notice for the noticeboard.

10. Telephone Box

The Clerk stated that he had not heard anything from the person who originally wrote to the Council.

Cllr Murphy stated that there was a few minor issues that needed attention on the phone box but it was hoped over next month these could be completed.

The Councillors agreed that as the Council had not heard back from the original communication that the phone box could be left under review for future use.



11. Discussion on pathways in Spaldington and the surrounding area

The Clerk had previously been asked by the Councillors to find a map with the pathways and bridleways. There was no further action needed.

The Councillors did discuss the need for the two clapper gates on the C88 to be fully reviewed as both were showing signs of degradation and need repair. It was felt that one may need a full post replacement while the other may need the closing mechanism repaired.

Clerk Action: Write to the Highways and PROW Team to again ascertain reason for lack of action.

12. Noticeboard - discussion on the usage

The Chair confirmed that the new noticeboard was in full use since it had been installed.

Cllr Murphy confirmed that he was still awaiting the thumb lock for the noticeboard side for the community use. Until then it would have to be left locked and used by the Council for formal and statutory notices.

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

The Chair stated that they now had received permission from the landowners to go onto the particular dykes for the Councillors to have a closer look at the drainage issues. The group of Councillors would then bring this detail back to the next council meeting to allow for a further discussion.

Cllr Westin stated that she had been made aware that historically the old drainage Board had been involved in managing the drainage sites and cutting the grass areas.

The Council felt that it was possibly when the drainage Board changed in their name and area they cover, the responsibility may have changed. They agreed that the new Humber and Ouse Drainage Board needed to be reminded of this responsibility.

Clerk Action: Write to the Drainage Board to remind them of their previous agreed responsibility to manage the drainage areas and the dykes.

14. C88 usage and contact with Highways

The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with the Highways Team at ERYC in regard to the usage of C88 and the damage to the physical road.

The Councillors confirmed that there had been some road usage surveying by Highways - the Council is not aware of the results of the survey but it is hoped that this data would support the concerns raised by the Council in regard to the possible damage to the road by the increased usage - especially by larger vehicles.



The Council asked the Clerk to enquire with Highways the results of the survey and what action, if any, would now be proposed.

Clerk Action: Write to the Highways team to ascertain what the survey results were and the proposed action on the road usage.

15. Postal Box in the village - update on the Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with Royal Mail about the state of the Post Box in the village. They had responded by confirming the Post Box was on the painting cycle and it was due to be reviewed and repainted (if deemed necessary) when it is inspected.

16. Fly tipping on featherbed - update from Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that he had again been in contact with Highways and PROW teams who stated that they had again asked for the area to be cleared of rubbish.

The Councillors reported that the fly tipping rubbish is still there and needs to be chased yet again.

Clerk Action: Write to the Highways team to ascertain why the rubbish has yet again not been cleared despite requests.

17. Meeting with AD Plant - discussion on updates

The Clerk confirmed that the date that was proposed by the representative of the AD Plant had been rescheduled due to a change in their diary commitments.

The Councillors expressed their disappointment the meeting had to be cancelled and have asked that this meeting is rescheduled at the earliest opportunity to allow them to fully discuss the issues they have with the impact of the vehicles using the various local roads in Spaldington with the representative of the AD Plant.

Clerk Action: Write to the contact at the the AD Plant to agree a date with them and the Councillors.

18. Meeting with Howden developers for discussion on impact on Spaldington

The Clerk confirmed that he had received a reply from the contact at the Howden Town developers who have agreed to a meeting in a closed stance. This would allow the Councillors to discuss the issues they have on the possible increased traffic as a result of the Howden Town developments.

The Council asked the Clerk to agree a meeting in early November 2022 and agree the dates with the Councillors. Cllr Murphy agreed that the closed meeting could be held at his company premises.

The Councillors agreed to discuss the issue further at the next Parish Council meeting after the meeting with the developers.



Clerk Action: Write to the contact at the Howden Developers to agree a date with them and the Councillors.

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

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 this month 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.

20. Urgent or important correspondence – update from the Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that there was no urgent or very important correspondence that needs bringing to the attention of the Council.

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

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

- i) *Issue of a parcel of land for sale and the covenant attached*

The issue that was raised is the piece of land that has been for sale in the community but has some restrictive covenants which is causing a significant issue to the sale process. The added issue is that there is a suspicion that some work on the boundary of the plot of land has been undertaken without planning permission. The discussion also included a threat by the landowner to sell the land to persons less desirable or inappropriate to the village.

The Councillors discussed this issue in detail and have asked the Clerk to review the alleged planning breaches through contact with the ERYC Planners and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

22. To agree the date and location of the Full Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm Monday, 07 Nov 2022.

- *Motion to agree the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on the 07 November 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.