



FULL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 May 2023 - 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

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

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. All the community were invited to attend the meeting and via the remote function.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- Welcome to all Councillors.** The Chair will remind all that the meeting is recorded.
The Chair welcomed all Councillors and any members of the public to the face to face Parish Meeting and 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.
- 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
- Proposal to exclude members of public from participation** - but can observe
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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
The Clerk confirmed that there was no members of the public and thus no motion was needed.
- Apologies for absence from Councillors**
The Clerk noted the absence of Cllr Murphy who was absent due to a urgent work issue that needed his attendance.
 - Motion to accept the apologies of Cllr. Murphy was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*
- 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.



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6. Minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting (24 April 2023) – 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 24 April 2023.

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 24 April 2023 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 April 2023.

The main budget points on reflection was:

- The first half of the Precept had been paid into the SPC bank account on the 30 April 2023
- Bank resources at year end were £10,329.80 (£3,532.61 in the reserves account and £6,797.80 in the main account)
- The cessation of the Peninsula contract at the beginning of October 2023 would save nearly £600 in this financial year's budget and nearly £1,400 from next year's budget.

The Clerk stated that at the end of May 2023 he would move the necessary funds from the Main account to the Reserves account but may keep around £1,000 (which would eventually go into the reserves for cash flow purposes until the second tranche of the Precept funds are paid in September 2023).

The Councillors discussed the financial points made and the recommendation for the cash flow management.

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All Councillors felt the financial position and organisation was as good as anyone can remember and feel that the community should feel confident on the way it is being managed. The savings from the Peninsula contract was particularly welcomed.

- *Motion to agree the financial report for April 2023 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 May 2023	Withheld - confidentiality
Clerk's office allowance	Contractual for May 2023	£26.00
Clerk's Expenses	Zoom annual subscription	£119.90 + VAT



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Clerk's Expenses	Travel for Meeting - May 2023	£24.30
ERNLLCA	Annual Subscriptions	£185.33
GMB Accountants	Payroll Bureau	£25.00 + VAT
Peninsula insurance	Insurance - May 2023	£116.60 + VAT

The Clerk stated that his expenses claimed were for the subscription for Zoom which is needed for the Parish Council meetings. The expenditure to GMB Accountants was the payroll bureau for their salary and to ensure that there is a overview of the payroll to meet governance requirements. The final element was the annual subscription to ERNLLCA which the Council agreed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting to continue to subscribe to.

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. Peninsula Insurance Contract - update from Clerk on the recommendation not to renew

The Clerk stated to the Council that upon request he had clarified with Peninsula Insurance when the contract ceased - it was confirmed that the cessation date was 03 October 2023. The Clerk confirmed that he had ensured the contract would not auto-renew as the contract signatory had agreed (under the previous administration).

The Clerk recommended that the contract be allowed to cease and for it not to be renewed. Should the Council need any HR guidance, they could engage on a ad-hoc basis. This will mean that there is a savings on the budget line for the insurance of £565 for this financial year. Next year the savings will be £1,356 - equivalent to 11% of the whole budget!

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Just for note - this contract would have cost the Council and community £6,780 over the last five years; or in excess of £300 per property in Spaldington.

The Council discussed the recommendation to allow the contract with Peninsula to cease and for it not to be renewed. They all agreed it that the cost to the community over the last five years has been very disappointing indirectly caused by actions of the previous administration - in future though proper management these type of costs would hopefully not be needed.

- *Motion to agree the cessation of the contract with Peninsula Insurance by not agreeing the renewable 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 one new planning application:

There was however updates on previous planning issues raised by the Parish Council.

i) **Planning Consultation - 23/01159/PHAZ R100 Energy Limited Anaerobic Digestion Plant Spaldington Airfield Wood Lane Brind East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 7NG**

The Clerk stated that this had been received and sent to all Councillors for their review.

The Councillors discussed the application and were aghast at the plans by this planning application. They noted that the contractor had already obtained permission for Category 3 (in regard to the management of animal carcass waste) and that if this application was approved to allow category 1 and / or 2, the impact on the community in regard to the odour and overall impact would be significant and detrimental. This may affect the actual health of the community (through the waste and gases) and that the house prices in the community may suffer as few people would want to live near a plant which deals with the worst kind of animal carcass waste.

The Councillors felt that this application was in effect turning an already unpleasant contractor plant into an even worse one which was detrimental for Spaldington and the surrounding areas.

The Councils felt that they wished to **STRONGLY OBJECT** in the strongest possible terms and would encourage the community and consulates to object as well.

- *Motion to Parish Council's position of STRONGLY OBJECT was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

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

BOOM

The Chair confirmed that there would be another Chair's Meeting in the coming week and he was also aware of another VAST Meeting. He also stated that he had been contacted by BOOM agreeing to his alleged webinar request - this request was totally denied by the Chair and the whole Council agreed it was not appropriate for BOOM to make such assertions.

The Council also wished to ensure the whole community was aware of the 250 metre issue; this was a rule which meant for any residential properties the nearest the solar panels could be was 250m but for agricultural properties no such rule existed. Thus the Council wanted to ensure that any properties who were possibly marked as agricultural (but not trading as one) should consider the implications and review any changes to the way their property was recorded.

The Council also wished to state they were aware of graffiti in the community protesting against the BOOM development, as well as foul language on some properties who were allegedly in support of the solar panel development. The Council wished to note that they do not condone any graffiti as it costs community funds to clear up, but especially any with foul language. They would encourage those community members who have committed these graffiti damages to protest in other ways.



12. Co-Option Councillors

The Clerk recommended to the Council that before they consider co-opting, they need to consider the type of skillset and person they would fit into the established Parish Council teamwork - and crucially the person who would be a benefit to the Council and thus the community. The Clerk remained the Council that they would need to follow the law on the appointment to ensure no-one was disadvantaged or discriminated.

The Councillors agreed, and felt that they need to consider who in the community is suitable and eligible would be a good fit and possibly approach them informally. They did also agree that the small numbers of the current Councillors was slightly precarious in regard to being quorate - and there was not much flexibility for absences for Councillors for work, family or ill health issues.

They also agreed that a poster on the noticeboard may be a good start to the overall campaign to appoint more members to the Council.

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

Due to the absence of Cllr. Murphy, it was agreed by the Council that this discussion point would be moved to the next meeting.

The Chair did state that he was aware the initial contractor that Cllr Murphy had approached has now withdrawn from the project and that Cllr Murphy has now been in contact with another contractor with the intention of finishing the project in early June.

14. Coronation Celebration

The Chair confirmed that the celebration did proceed and by all accounts it was a great success with a lot of the community attending. The Chair noted that the Spaldington CIC had thanked the Parish Council for their work in supporting the celebration through the grant provision.

The Council agreed that it was a successful partnership and that they look forward to working with the CIC in future for community projects.

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15. Annual Parish Meeting (APM) - recommended Monday 8pm 12 June 2023

In regard to the Annual Parish Meeting, of which only the Chair and the Clerk are required to attend, is a community organised meeting but the usual approach is that the Council would organise. It is a non-Parish Council event but is a chance for the community to ask questions to the Chair.

The Council discussed the recommendation from the Clerk that the Annual Parish Meeting could be held after the Full Parish Council meeting on the 12 June 2023 at 8pm but felt that as the next Full Parish Council meeting would be moved to the 03 July 2023 the APM could be held on the same night.

- *Motion to agreed to hold the APM on the 03 July 2023 at 7pm was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*



16. Urgent or important correspondence – update from the Clerk

The Clerk stated that he had received the invoice details from Spaldington CIC in regard to provision made by the Council through the successful application the grant available from ERYC.

There was also a response from ERYC Planners in regard to the complaint the Council had made in regard to the lack of proper oversight by the Planning Officer in relation to to the Yoke Farm development. The Council feel that the ERYC Planners have not undertaken proper reviews upon the information presented and the actions of the developer (foretold by the Parish Council in recent months) have happened as predicted - to the detriment of the local 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) *The state of the C88 road and Willitoft Road was mentioned as the condition had deteriorated further*

The Clerk confirmed that he had written several times to the Highways Team about the state of the road and that it was a safety hazard. He confirmed that he would again write to ensure action was taken.

ii) *The clapper gate on Villa Farm on the C88 was still broken and needed urgent repair*

The Clerk confirmed that this issue had been raised with Highways and ERYC previously - but as the work had not been undertaken, he would write again to request this repair is undertaken.

iii) *The amount of large vehicles attending a local business site may suggest they are using the site for more than what they are charged in regard to Council rates.*

The Clerk agreed that this would be taken up with the relevant authorities in ERYC to ensure that that the rates charges this business face is appropriate as to ensure other businesses are not unfairly charged.

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18. To agree the date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm Monday, 12 June 2023

The Councillors discussed the recommendation and agreed the date for the next meeting. They did reiterate that they wished to ensure the meetings resumed in the first Monday of the month and thus as the first Monday in June was too soon, they agreed to the next meeting for Monday 03 July 2023.

- *Motion to agree the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 03 July 2023 at 7pm 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 9.15PM.