



FULL PARISH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

14 August 2023 - 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. Ashton (Chair), Cllr. Westin (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Murphy, 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
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 there was no absences as all Parish Councillors were present.
- 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.

R Ashton
9.10.23



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6. Minutes of the last Full Parish Council Meeting (17 May 2023) - to formally agree that the minutes are an accurate record

The Clerk confirmed that the DRAFT Minutes of the last Full Parish Council meeting on the 05 July 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 05 July 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 July 2023.

The main budget points on reflection was:

- All budget lines were on course and it was anticipated that there would be reserves of circa £6k by the end of the financial year - this would mean that it met the NALC reserves guidelines (50% of the precept)
- There was £6,717.60 across the two bank accounts
- I had transferred £1k from the reserves to the current account - purely for cash flow reasons and it will be moved back when the second half of the precept arrives in late September 2023.
- The bank and budgets were on track as expected

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

All Councillors felt the financial position and organisation was as good as ever.

- *Motion to agree the financial report for July 2023 laid by the Clerk to the Council was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

R. All 9.10.23

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

PAYEE	EXPENDITURE REASON	AMOUNT
Clerk salary and overtime	Contractual for August 2023	Withheld - confidentiality
Clerk's office allowance	Contractual for August 2023	£26.00
Clerk's Expenses	Travel for Meetings - August 2023	£24.30
Clerk's Expenses	Good Councillor Guide	£8.99
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership of SLCC	£187.00



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Peninsula insurance	Insurance - August 2023	£116.60 + VAT
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The Clerk stated that his expenses claimed were for the subscription for the Good Councillor Guide for assurance that the Council had an up to date guide for any legislative changes or best practice.

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 new planning applications or detail of decisions. Cllr Murphy did state that he has recently submitted planning application - he was noting this to ensure that the Full Council and Clerk were aware.

10. C88 update

The Clerk stated that after a lot of emails and communication with the Highways Team at ERYC, they had finally agreed that work needing doing on the C88 due to the pot holes and damage. The work was done during the last week which unfortunately did result in the closure of the road for five days. But the result it that the vast majority of the damage and pot holes has been fixed or recovered at a cost of £70k. This has meant the significant safety hazard has been removed.

The Councillors agreed that the work was long overdue and that it was received with thanks. They did note that some non-local very large vehicles (in excess of 7.5t) were still using the road when they are not permitted and the Council feared that the repairs to the road would be reappear if these vehicles did not stop using it.

They wish to thank the Highways for this work and hope that it can be maintained properly in future.

The Council did state that if anyone sees a non local heavy goods vehicle (they are not permitted to use the C88) please contact the Drivers Standards & Vehicle Agency on enquiries@dvsa.gov.uk.

11. Spaldington Eco resort - discussion and agreement on way forward

The Chair stated that a member of the community had asked for some guidance on some planning and development issues. The Chair and Clerk had agreed to accompany the member of community as she lived alone. This was not to give formal advice but to ensure she did not feel over awed by the meeting. Unfortunately the day before the meeting the developer pulled out of the meeting and while has offered an online meeting (which the member of the community declined as she needed to physically show the issues at hand) she has not been offered another face to face meeting.

R Ash
9.10.23



The Council agreed that while they must remain neutral in regard to actual planning issues the member of community has, they do feel they need to provide any support in ensuring she is treated fairly and properly.

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

The Chair confirmed there had not been any further meeting of the Chairs of PC Boom Group and is not aware of when the next one is planned. But he did state that he is aware that VAST Group is planning a meeting on the 17 August 2023 to discuss the issues as such financing a campaign against the project, the conditions that could be agreed if the planning permission is granted and the way to managed the whole issue.

The Chair also noted that followup the invite from the BOOM developers to attend a consultation meeting, he did express an interest to attend (and this was forwarded by the Clerk) unfortunately no contact details of the meeting were forward by Boom which was very unfortunate. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the recording of the meeting.

The Councillors also discussed the issue of what the community would receive if the planning application was successful - they felt that while the community resources provided may be a one off, it should be for the community that is affected - not wider range of areas or Parishes that will not be affected as happened in the wind farm resource allocation. They discussed that a possible community resource could a village hall.

13. Co-Option Councillors

The Clerk confirmed that there had not been any request for details or applications for co-option.

The Council discussed the issue at length and appreciated that it may be that the Community are happy with the way that the Council is being run and don't feel the need to get involved.

The Councillors agreed that the Council would continue to promote the co-option opportunity and managed the issues of Councillor attendance as needed.

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

Cllr. Murphy stated that the design for the entrance signs had been slightly modified to enhance the appearance.

He stated that the plans had now been put in place for the construction later this month and it would take 3-4 days in total for the project. It would also involve temporally moving the Spaldington sign to allow construction.

Cllr Murphy would update the PC at the next meeting.

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15. Urgent or important correspondence – update from the Clerk

The Clerk stated he had not received anything urgent - there was a clarification from a community member on the road closure length as well as correspondence from a community member about the issues they are facing about recent planning permission and developments.

16. 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 pathway on way to Hillup has now been cleared and the Council wished to place a note of thanks to the Parish Liaison Officer from ERYC.*
- ii) *The Councillors were aware some path signs were still damaged but would undertake a pathway walk to gather the necessary detail and report back at the next PC Meeting.*
- iii) *They had been made aware that part of a tree at Fox Covert Lane had fallen and was in the pathway. This would need to be reviewed by PROW Team at ERYC to ensure the pathway is cleared.*

The Clerk stated that he would be writing the PROW Department to ascertain the issue of pathway blocked and to ensure it is clear.

17. To agree the date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday, 04 October 2023

The Councillors discussed the recommendation and agreed the date for the next meeting.

- *Motion to agree the next Full Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 04 October 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.*

18. Proposal to exclude members of public from participation or observation – but can observe

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- *Motion to agree to move to a closed session due to he confidentiality of the item was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

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19. Staffing matter

The matter at hand was discussed in detail by the Councillors. This was noted in a separate report of the record of agenda point. It has not been detailed due to confidentiality.



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- *Motion to agree to the staffing matter as discussed by the Councillors [detail of motion redacted due to the confidentiality] was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. Motion carried.*

MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR AT 9PM.

R. [Signature]
9.10.23