

SPALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
East Riding of Yorkshire

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Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 7.00pm

to be held in

THE CHURCH at FIR TREE CENTRE, SPALDINGTON, DN14 7ND

Minutes

Due to the suspension of the Clerk on full pay (£489.00 per month)
The Vice Chair has written the minutes.

Present – Councillors Mary Lunn V.C., Carol Bradley, Mark Derbyshire, John Evans.

Clerk Wendy McKay

Ward Councillor Victoria Aitken

Apologies- None

Due to the absence of the Cllr R Hare, Chair, the Vice Chair unexpectedly took the meeting.

Public Comments -none

Declarations of interest - none

The clerk submitted documents asked for since August.

Councillor Derbyshire said the clerk had put the PC in a difficult position by refusing to give them sooner.

We had lost communication with both the clerk and Cllr R Hare (chair) since October. No replies to emails. Phone calls blocked and because of aggression nobody wanted to call at the home.

The Clerk began getting aggressive in the meeting.

Planning 17/03450/CM

The Clerk had not forwarded any of the resident's objections to the councillors prior to the meeting. Acting on advice and studying the planning application the councillors voted to approve the planning application with conditions..

After the councillors had voted the clerk said "I will have to email the four people that emailed me." Cllr CBradley asked who they were and the clerk then named them.

No emails from the objectors were forwarded to the councillors and none have been received to date.

Ward Councillor V Aitken asked what the councillors had voted and she said" that's fine" The Clerk said "you will be hearing from the people objecting" WC V Aitken said I haven't heard anything so far.

Proposed and Seconded the clerk has the details of all proposers and seconders

Approved unanimously.

17/03450/PLF

The Councillors had previously emailed the Clerk to approve the planning application.

Finance

1. Budget 2017-18 2018-19

Vice Chair M Lunn asks can we have a summary of all the income /expenditure for the two months between meetings.

Can we also have a proper end of year budget.

Approved. Unanimously

Councillor Derbyshire asked did the Transparency fund go to the clerk. After discussion it was established this money went into parish council funds but the clerk updated the website and the monies were used for this.

2 Cheque Signatory

VC M Lunn to be third

The clerk objected strongly to this. Cllr M lunn said that it was OK to change her mind. Clerk to advise bank on new signatory

Invoices

Street lighting £286.68 approved

Invoice to pay the Solicitor who was hired to protect the Parish Council from the £30.000 lawsuit threatened by the clerk's union solicitor and to obtain copies of the financial documents which the councillors are entitled to and have been unsuccessfully asking the clerk to supply them for months.

Proposed/seconded approved unanimously

The clerk strongly objected to paying solicitors invoices.

This was a decision made by the councillors, voted on, not for the clerk to decide.

The clerk said it was illegal. The Solicitor, a parish councillor disagreed with this.

The clerk said that invoices were supposed to have three quotes. However the VC M Lunn said that the clerk (RFO) had presented a blank cheque to be signed in the January SPC meeting. The invoice given didn't have three quotes and was more than the solicitors invoice.

4 Precept received

6 Litterbin for dog waste..

So much time and money has been wasted by the clerk over this. The councillors agree to buy one that the East Riding council will empty.

Approved . Unanimous

7 Footpaths and Roads

There are problems with parking on the main street.

Polite notice to on notice board requiring hedges to be trimmed.

Due to the imminent bad weather the councillors proposed that the Salt spreaders should be move to filplastic and
Cllrs JE/CB

Approved unanimously

The Clerk strongly objected saying there was a lack of secure storage and insurance details.

Notice Board Clerk to obtain quotes for replace or repair.

Cllr R Hare(chair) has done this before but he will not be attending any further SPC meetings until he receives an apology!

Re LA/SASC/Hare/Spaldington

10 Web site

Complaints have been made that it is not fit for purpose as it is very difficult to read.

Cllr C Bradley said she would do it free but will need a password and Wendy will not give it to us.

Wendy says I haven't got authority Victoria said we had.

Update

Wendy has now done this.

ERNLLCA

Alan Barker email

He sent a strong letter to all councillors advising that we should sort out all our problems a.s.a.p at the EOM' role of clerk'

This EOM was originally asked for in Sept.

An EOM " role of clerk" was booked on the 20th but nobody could go.

The EOM was confirmed legal on 4 th Nov

Training courses.

Yes councillors Bradley and Lunn would like to go.

Details to be sent to the councillors

12 ERGR Overview and Scrutiny committee

The Railway Station Carpark was suggested as a topic

As we were running out of time WC Victoria Aitkin suggested carrying over the meeting to next week 14th Nov.
All councillors agreed.

The Clerk later cancelled it saying it was illegal.

Victoria persuaded the Clerk to rebook the adjourned meeting for the 21st Nov at the Wellington Hotel