

**Spaldington Parish Council Meeting adjourned 7/11/17
to be completed on
Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 7.00pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the
Wellington Hotel 31 Bridgegate Howden East Yorkshire DN14 7JG**

Minutes

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

Present- Councillors M Lunn Vice Chair, Carol Bradley, Mark Derbyshire, John Evans

Clerk Wendy McKay

Ward Councillors – Nigel Wilkinson, Victoria Aitken

Apologies None

Public - Many residents were present

As Cllr Rob Hare was absent the vice chair took the meeting.

Cllr M Derbyshire asked why we were not using Fir Tree. The clerk replied the Bill and Beryl were upset by the constant room changes by the councillors. Cllr M Derbyshire said that their son had told him that it was the clerk's fault not the councillors and it was perfectly OK for Cllr M Derbyshire to book the room but not the clerk.

Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes should be published in 7-10days not 4 weeks. This is in the good practice on the essential clerk's web site.

Approved unanimously

The councillors do not agree with the minutes.

Alterations to be made

Time sheets are to be approved "without prejudice" at the next meeting.

No names in the vote for new councillors

Approved unanimously

AD plant 17/03450/CM

The residents had come to the meeting to discuss the AD Plant.

Meeting was closed for this discussion

The clerk and Ward Councillor Victoria Aitkin knew that the residents were coming but did not inform the councillors. It soon became apparent that the councillors had not received any objections from the residents. The clerk said that she had not received Mr Fielder's email, although she had named him on the 7th Nov mtg.

Due to the objections by the residents the councillors changed their response to object with reasons.

Meeting re opened

Solicitor

Do the councillors agree that they were all informed that in order to protect the parish council the clerk gave us (councillors) no option but to consult a solicitor.

Voted agreed unanimously

The VC M Lunn proposed that we pay the solicitor asap

Voted agreed unanimously

The clerk strongly objected to paying solicitors invoices.

We agreed and voted to put them on the agenda for January for payment in that meeting.

John abstained after the clerk spoke to him

Matters arising co opting

The clerk pointed out we need to give reasons. The councillors agreed we are a dysfunctional parish council. Until the problems resolved we do not want anybody else joining the council.

Victoria said as the process takes a long time we should start it right away.

The clerk was to write a newsletter and include AD Plant update, Drone problem and gritters.

This was voted on and approved unanimously

Gritters

Voted in the SPC meeting on 7 th Nov. Councillor Mark Derbyshire had checked Filplastic and Cllr J Evans re security and insurance.

Again voted and agreed unanimously

The clerk objected because of no risk assessment.

The clerk was going to write a risk assessment with Nigel.

Voted and agreed . Nothing has been done about this since.

Procedures

The clerk did not advise us that we had no disciplinary procedure.

It was proposed that we use the current Bubwith Parish Council one,

The clerk objected as these were out of date.

Agreed to leave disciplinary procedure a week . The clerk's time sheets were also to be discussed when we have our EOM on 29th Nov. The clerk was to research better procedures for the next meeting the EOM on 29th Nov, and do the paperwork for the EOM as it is her job as clerk. We have heard nothing since then about this.

The clerk did not attend the EOM on 29th Nov.

It was proposed that a committee of 3 or 4 was to be formed checking procedures then bring back to full council for approval. The clerk said she had to be present. WC V Aitken talked the councillors out of having this committee. The clerk said "scrub the committee". The clerk became very aggressive, We needed the EOM which was booked for the 29th Nov. We waited for the clerk to send out the summons/agenda for the EOM on 29th Nov as it is her job but she did not do this.

"Role of clerk"

The clerk said 'she ran the council.'

The councillors said that Cllr R Hare should reply to the summons like the other councillors.

Cllr R Hare, Chair, is not attending meetings due to councillors reporting him for aggressive/bullying behaviour LA/SASC/hare/Spaldington(and he wants an apology from the councillors before attending another SPC meeting).

Public left for matters arising.

In the bank statement 4 irregular payments were made for Inland Revenue.

These were not mentioned in the agenda or budget and were over £5.

Councillor Mark Derbyshire asked the clerk several times politely to explain these payments.

The clerk refused and became very aggressive leaving her seat to bang papers down on the table in front of Cllr M Derbyshire narrowly missing his head, he felt very threatened by the clerk's behaviour.

Due to the escalating aggression of the clerk the meeting was ended abruptly.

At the end of the meeting the clerk said 'This will be the last meeting of Spaldington Parish Council'.

This was repeated to the Ward Councillors who said the clerk cannot do this.