

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG  
MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 AT 7:30PM**

**05202501      PRESENT**

Chairman Cllr June Geddes, Vice Chairman Cllr Gerald Heslop, Cllr Nigel Moore, Cllr Carl Marston, Cllr Chris Heslop, Cllr J Parker-Beevers.

**05202502      APOLOGIES**

Cllr Shirley Fawcett.

**05202503      ALSO PRESENT**

Clerk Becky Beevers, one member of the public.

**05202504      DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None to report

**05202505      MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The leader of First Spofforth Rainbows attended the meeting and this agenda item was moved forwards. Following a request for a donation under S137, Councillors invited First Spofforth Rainbows to attend. Rainbows started three weeks ago on a Thursday evening between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. There are two leaders and there are 10 girls aged between four and seven attending. This is currently the maximum they can take. The leader gave an overview of their first few weeks and explained some of the costs associated with running the group, including rent, badges, and the annual fee per child that needs to be paid to Girl Guiding. She asked if the Council would consider making a donation to the Rainbows and if the group could use the Long Memorial Hall during the summer holidays for ad hoc sessions.

Member Of Public left.

Cllrs acknowledged the leader is doing a lot for the village with the group. Resolved to donate adhoc use of the hall in the summer for free and £250 as a start up contribution. Councillors would like the leader to come back in six months and provide an update about how the group is getting on.

**05202506      THE MINUTES**

Chairman Geddes noted that the hourly rate of the handyman should be record as £15. Clerk will make the update and the April minutes will be presented in the June Meeting.

**05202507      ACTION POINTS**

The action points were discussed and updated:

- Previous Minute Number: 12202412. The Clerk has completed the Direct Debit Paperwork for Business Stream and is waiting on confirmation of the set up.

**05202508      CLERK REPORT**

- a. Clerks last day will be 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.
- b. To confirm who will be the RFO from 1<sup>st</sup> June if a new Clerk isn't in post. Rachel Marston will support as Clerk and RFO in the interim whilst recruitment is ongoing.
- c. Annual AGAR submission updated. Paperwork is drafted and will be reviewed by the internal auditor.
- d. Village Hall Insurance expires on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Cllr G Heslop to review this.
- e. Playground Feedback from Spofforth Village Facebook Page. Councillors were disappointed to hear the recent negative comments and assured that regular inspections are taking place. Additional signage will be installed re no dogs.

**05202509 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider and decide on the following planning applications.

- a. 6.122.172.C.PBR 25/01371/PBR Manor Farm Hags Road Spofforth North Yorkshire.  
Conversion of an existing agricultural building to a single dwelling with associated demolition.
  - i. Response Submitted: No Objections.

**05202510 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Approved: Decision No HGTZC25/00983/FUL. 12 Church Hill Spofforth Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 1AG. Single storey rear and first floor side extensions.

**05202511 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS****Cllr Geddes**

- a. Update on planning for Shirleys retirement event. Help needed on 8<sup>th</sup> June to set up. Hirst's Bakery to do the food.

**05202512 COUNTY CLLR PARASKOS ARRIVES****05202513 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS CONTINUED****Cllr Geddes**

- a. Feedback on VE Day event. Thanks to Cllr Marston and Cllr C Heslop for their support, the event was on calendar news.

**Cllr C Heslop**

- b. The public footpath that runs along the river crimple, parallel with the Harland Way, joining onto the Harland Way at the cross roads. The estate manager for Stockeld Park has cut back the branches as requested by North Yorkshire Council (NYC), but NYC haven't cut back the foliage. This is resulting in members of the public walking across the fields causing damage to crops. Resolved that the Clerk will contact NYC, copying in County Cllr Paraskos.

**05202514 FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

Three additional invoices were presented for payment at the meeting: Business Stream, Swale and Ure Drainage Board and YLCA. Approved.

May	Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Remuneration
	B Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£122.00
	R Harrison	Open Spaces Care Taker		£122.00
	H Bowes	Village Hall Cleaner – noted that March is a 5 week month.		£386.49
	J Steggles	Village Hall Booking Clerk		£162.75
	R Beevers	Parish Clerk		£274.58
	HMRC Cumbernauld	Parish Clerks NI and PAYE		£68.80
	R Beevers	Expenses (Ink for printer, copy of premises licence, lubricant for defib)	£61.49	
	J Geddes	Expenses (Stamps, keys cut and supplies for handyman)	£115.25	
	SGM Plumbing and Heating	Install radiator and thermostatic valve, fix leak at village hall.	£360.00	
	North Yorkshire Council	Annual Premises Licence Fee	£180.00	
	Aquawash	Village Hall Window Cleaning	£45.00	

	CMH Joinery	Make and Replace millennium garden sign	£250	
	G Marston	Installation of Post and Rail	£2520	
	County Mowers	New Lawn Mower for Church (approved by a quorum of councillors on email and paid on 02.05.2025)	£1130	
	Business Stream	Water Services Invoice Feb-May	£45.35	
	Swale and Ure Drainage Board	Agricultural Drainage Rates	£8.10	
	YLCA	Advertisement of Parish Clerk and RFO role with YLCA	£20.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£4735.19</b>	<b>£1136.32</b>

- a. To note payments previously authorised and income received.
  - i. April bank statement reviewed by Councillors.
  - ii. Current Account Bank balance on 30 April 2025: £8107.01.
- b. To confirm receipt of £6072.05 which is first half of 2025-2026 Parish Council Precept from North Yorkshire Council.
- c. To approve additional spend for Shirleys retirement event.
  - i. Purchase of four new GoPak Folding tables for village hall to replace damaged, cost of £470.40. Approved via email by a quorum of councillors.

**05202515 REVIEW OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS FROM NALC**

- a. Finalised Parish Council specific sections of Model Standing Orders from NALC.
- b. Councillors Resolved to adopt these Standing Orders.
  - i. Clerk to add to website.

**05202516 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:**

- a. Request from Spofforth in Bloom to support their spring/summer planting. The councillors appreciate the hard work and commitment of Spofforth in Bloom and on this occasion can donate £500. Clerk to arrange payment.
- b. Pharmabox Lighting. The correspondence from the member of public was read out in full and we are awaiting feedback from Pharmabox regarding the lighting level to ensure it is in line with the planning permission granted.
- c. North Yorkshire Council - Sports Facilities Research Survey. Cllr Parker-Beevers to provide the Clerk with the measurements of the Village Hall.
- d. Leeds Road Practice has asked for support regarding their rates from NYC. Clerk to introduce them to Goodman Nash who helped the Parish Council last year.

**05202517 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.**

- a. To resolve to exclude members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) due to the business at agenda item 14b being prejudicial to the public interest.
- b. An advert has been placed in the White Rose Bulletin from the YLCA and is in the Parish Magazine.
- c. County Cllr Paraskos suggested some other clerks within his ward who might be interested. Clerk to email them with the job description.

**05202518 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Betty Cudworth bench at the Castle Field is in disrepair rotting – to notify the owner so it can be repaired or replaced.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:40

**TO NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Future meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, the next meeting is:

**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Village Hall at 7:30pm**