

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG
MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 16th JULY 2025 AT 7:30PM**

07202501 PRESENT

Chairman Cllr June Geddes, Cllr Nigel Moore, Cllr Carl Marston, Cllr J Parker-Beevers, Cllr Andy Paraskos

07202502 APOLOGIES

Vice Chairman Cllr Gerald Heslop.

ALSO PRESENT

Clerk Anna Grant

07202503 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None to report

07202504 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL

None

CLLR C HESLOP ARRIVES

07202505a THE MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on 18th June 2025 were approved and signed.

07202505b ACTION POINTS

The action points were discussed and updated:

- Previous Minute Number: 03202516biii. Work on Ginny Greenholes due to start in September.
- Previous Minute Number: 05202508e. Cllr Geddes has ordered 'No Dogs' signs for the playgrounds
- Previous Minute Number: 06202518ii. Residents of Castle Ings are managing the overgrown ginnel.
- Previous Minute Number: 05202513b. Foliage along the footpath of Follifoot Lane – Clerk to contact Highways. Cllrs Marston and C Heslop also raised:
 - o Sightlines are obstructed at the junction of Hags Road and Follifoot Lane due to overgrown plants
 - o Fence on the pavement by Hall Cottages of Park Road is rotten and collapsing onto the footpath.
- Previous Minute Number: 05202516d. Actioned, previous Clerk has introduced Goodman Nash to Leeds Road Surgery.

07202506 CLERK REPORT

Annual AGAR submission has been received.

07202507 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider and decide on the following planning applications.

- a. 6.122.362.E.FULMAJ HGTZC25/00746/FULMAJ –
Land Rear Of Low Lane Farm High Street Spofforth
Hybrid application comprising: Full planning application for demolition of wall at site access;
9no. dwellings, associated access and landscaping. Outline application for 2 no. self-build
plots including access with all other matters reserved
 - i. No objections
- b. 25/01922/OUT- Blue Barn, Hags Farm, Hags Road, Spofforth

Outline planning application for the construction of office building following the demolition of existing building at Hags Farm Business Park with all matters reserved except access, layout and scale.

- i. No objections
- c. Cllr Paraskos brought it to the attention of The Council that there are plans for a development in Kirk Deighton.

07202508 PLANNING DECISIONS

Permitted: 25/01566/FUL – Brockville, Clive Road, Spofforth
Conversion of the existing garage and utility into a kitchen/living/dining with external alterations.

07202509 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

None

07202510 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Geddes

- i. Platinum Jubilee Wood, three of the oak trees have died. Concern was raised that there are difficulties in maintaining this space. Discussed possibility of positioning the new benches elsewhere in the village.
- ii. Village Hall Refurbishment, options were discussed for updates to the decor, electrics and access.
- iii. Road signs for White Horse Mews, Follifoot Lane, Mill Lane, need to be checked if they have been replaced yet, if not then reporting to Highways.
- iv. Vacancy for a new Parish Councillor, postponed until September
- v. Request from resident to view documents, no mutually available date for the resident and PC in July. Clerk to contact YLCA for advice.

07202511 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

07202511a Total amount remuneration was incorrectly published on the agenda as £797.75. Corrected to £747.75

Four additional invoices were presented for payment at the meeting: Bins, Recycling (Both to North Yorkshire Council by Direct Debit), Broadband (BT by Direct Debit), Business Stream (Water, to be paid, Direct Debit has been set up but won't be active until after the next bill.)

To approve the following accounts for payment:

July	Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Remuneration
	R Harrison	Open Spaces Caretaker		£130.00
	H Bowes	Village Hall Cleaner		£325.00
	J Steggles	Village Hall Booking Clerk		£162.75
	B Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£130.00
	R Marston	Interim Parish Clerk	£250.00	
	Spofforth Rainbows	Rainbows	£250.00	
	North Yorkshire Council	Rent for Ginny Greenholes	£58.12	
	YLCA	Clerk training	£27.40	
		New Clerk training	£73.00	

	G Marsoth	Maintenance Works	£4144.20	
	North Yorkshire Council	Bins	£44.86	
	North Yorkshire Council	Recycling	£18.70	
	BT	Broadband	£51.40	
	Business Stream	Water	£45.35	
Total			£4963.03	£747.75

- 07202511b** To note payments previously authorised and income received.
- June bank statement reviewed by Councillors.
 - Current Account Bank balance on 30th June 2025: £13,273.31.

07202511c TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:

- Outline Application for 5 custom build dwellings including associated infrastructure works.
Land off Park Road
 - Acknowledged by Parish Council. Will await full planning application
- PKF – acknowledgment of receipt of AGAR documents.
 - Acknowledged by Councillors
- Identification of hemlock and ragwort on Castle Field by a member of the public
 - Cllr Marston has been to the Castle Field and removed some of the plants. To consider photographs attached to email and check again.
- TV Licensing – cancellation of one licence, refund agreed of £98.88
 - Acknowledged by Councillors
- NYC – Neighbourhood Plan
 - Cllr Beevers to respond – unable to proceed at the present time due to funding.
- Request from member of the public to view accounts during inspection period
 - Covered in above minute 07202510v

07202511d EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.

- 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.
- Anna Grant confirmed as new Parish Clerk

07202511e TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.

- Cllr Geddes – Commuted sums East Park Road
- Vacancy for new Parish Councillor

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45

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

No meeting in August

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

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 17th September 2025 at the Village Hall at 7:30pm