

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM

01202601 PRESENT

Chairman Councillor June Geddes, Vice Chairman Cllr Gerald Heslop, Councillor Judy Parker-Beevers, Councillor Nigel Moore, Councillor Carl Marston, Councillor James Roberts, Councillor Mike Thompson, Cllr Andy Paraskos

01202602 APOLOGIES

None

ALSO PRESENT

Clerk Anna Grant

One member of the public

01202603 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

01202604 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL

One member of the public addressed the council with concerns around the speed of traffic on the A661 where it narrows near Massey Fold and there are no footpaths for pedestrians. Recent incidents of near misses to both pedestrians and drivers were shared.

Councillor Geddes shared the history of the plans and appeals from when the new housing development was under consultation which included concerns similar to the above.

Councillor Paraskos shared that the objections at the time of planning were not upheld by North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor Geddes shared that North Yorkshire Police have recently started community visits in the village where the majority of concerns shared are around speeding.

Member of the public asked about possibly collecting evidence on volume and speed of traffic and request traffic calming or speed limit reduction from North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor Moore shared the data from the Vehicle Activated Signs which show the average speed coming through the village is between 30-35mph.

Councillor Paraskos has requested 20mph limits in the village, North Yorkshire Council have agreed to survey Castle Street leading to Follifoot Lane where it meets the national speed limit leaving the village.

Councillor Paraskos will request a surveyor from North Yorkshire Council come out and assess the road and pavements on the A661 near Massey Fold. Councillor Paraskos will also request monitoring of vehicles that exceed the weight limits.

THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC LEFT THE MEETING

01202605a THE MINUTES

The minutes from the extraordinary meeting on 17th December 2025 were approved and signed.

01202605b ACTION POINTS

The action points were discussed and updated:

- Previous minute number: 11202408a 3 quotes have now been received for new fire doors in the village hall. This work has been accepted for commuted sums. Councillors resolved to accept quote from Linton UK.
- Previous minute number: 03202512 Gas survey has been completed. Councillor Heslop to chase up certificate.

01202606 CLERK REPORT

01202606a Clerk informed Councillors that the precept letter has been sent to North Yorkshire Council and acknowledged by them.

01202606b Clerk requested approval to purchase a Health and Safety Executive Poster to be displayed in the Village Hall. Councillors resolved to approve purchase.

01202606c Clerk informed Councillors that the grit bin on East Park Road has still not been filled. Councillor Paraskos will chase this up with Highways at North Yorkshire Council.

- 01202606d** Clerk informed Councillors that the defibrillator cupboard has some condensation and evidence of black mould inside. The unit itself has been tested and recorded as working. Clerk has contacted the manufacturers for advice. Councillor Geddes shared there had been some issues with the new heater but these should be resolved now.
- 01202607** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
None
- 01202608** **PLANNING DECISIONS**
None
- 01202609** **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**
None
- 01202610** **MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**
- 01202610a** Disabled access at the Village Hall – Plans were shared for creating disabled access to the hall and an accessible toilet. The terms of the grant require work to have started by the end of March. One quote has been received for the work.
Due to time constraints, Councillor Roberts proposed to delegate power of receiving two further quotes and accepting one by Wednesday 28th January to Councillors Geddes and Heslop. Motion was seconded by Councillor Thompson.
- 01202610b** Damp at the Village Hall – Councillors resolved for Councillor Geddes to speak to a roofing company to investigate.
- 01202610c** Village Hall renovations - Councillor Geddes brought a chair from Follifoot Village Hall that are wipe clean and stack away well as an example. Cost is around £100 each. Noted by Councillors.
Joinery work will begin on 18th February.
- 01202610d** Vehicle Activated Signs – Councillor Moore shared the data from the VAS; average speed is around 30mph, some outliers in the middle of the night at 70mph, 85th percentile for both signs is 33mph.
- 01202610e** Speed of vehicles in the village – Councillor Moore shared a draft response to an email from a member of the public. Councillors resolved to send the response.
Councillor Paraskos has requested crossings on Castle Street and a survey for a 20mph limit from North Yorkshire Council.
- 01202611** **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**
- 01202611a** The following payments were noted and approved:

Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Remuneration
British Gas Lite	Gas	£788.53	
British Gas Lite	Electricity	£165.13	
North Yorkshire Council	Recycling	£31.38	
North Yorkshire Council	Bins	£44.86	
BT	Broadband	£51.40	
J Geddes	Expenses	£22.95	
HMRC	Tax an NI for Clerk's wages	£56.60	
A Grant	Parish Clerk		£226.28
E Edwards	Village Hall Cleaner		£210.00
R Harrison	Open Spaces Caretaker		£130.00
J Steggle	Village Hall Booking Clerk		£162.75
B Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£130.00
Total		£1160.85	£859.03

- i. Bank statements were reviewed by Councillors.
- ii. Current Account Bank balance on 31st December: £5865.59
- iii. Reserve Bank Account balance on 31st December: £77174.41

- 01202612 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:**
- 01202612a** Speed camera campaign – Councillors noted correspondence received. Resolved no further action.
- 01202612b** North Yorkshire Council – Email received regarding arrangements for grass cutting in the parish. Councillors resolved to accept the payment of £259.09 from North Yorkshire Council and continue to make arrangements for grass cutting.
- 01202612c** Parish Liaison North Yorkshire Council – Councillors noted invitation from Parish Liaison to the Selby & Ainsty Parish Liaison Meeting on 27th January. No Councillors are available to attend.
- 01202613 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.**
- 01202613a** 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 13 being prejudicial to the public interest.
- 01202613b** A contract has been arranged for the new village cleaner.
- 01202613c** The Clerk informed Councillors of notice to resign from post with effect from 21st February 2026.
Councillors resolved to place advert in Parish Magazine for new Clerk
Clerk to contact YLCA regarding advertising for new post.
- 01202614 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.**
Ginny Greenholes entrance
Remembrance Day service
Car Show at the Castle
Fire doors
- 01202615 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 18th February 2026 at the Village Hall at 7:30pm
- 12202516 TO NOTE THE DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 18th March 2026 at the Village Hall 7:30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:45