

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM**

- 02202601 PRESENT**  
Chairman Councillor June Geddes, Vice Chairman Cllr Gerald Heslop, Councillor Carl Marston, Councillor Mike Thompson, Cllr Andy Paraskos
- 02202602 APOLOGIES**  
None  
**ALSO PRESENT**  
Clerk Anna Grant  
Two members of the public
- 02202603 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  
None
- 02202604 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
A member of the public addressed the Council with concerns over the speed of the traffic through the village and the safety of children walking to and from school as there is no safe crossing in the village. The member of the public has started a petition for 20mph through the village, a speed camera and a safe crossing.  
**19:40 COUNCILLOR JAMES ROBERTS ARRIVES**  
The petition was shared with Councillors who were in full support.  
Councillor Paraskos shared details of the recent survey from North Yorkshire Council to assess for a 20mph limit along Castle Street towards Follifoot Lane.
- 02202605a THE MINUTES**  
The minutes from the extraordinary meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 were approved and signed.
- 02202605b**  
Councillors resolved to amend an error on the minutes from the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - minute number 10202512a.
- 02202605c ACTION POINTS**  
The action points were discussed and updated:  
**19:55 COUNCILLOR MARSTON STEPPED OUT OF THE MEETING**  
- Previous minute number: 10202513cii Hedge by Pack Horse Bridge has been reported to Highways and Paths.  
**19:56 COUNCILLOR MARSTON RETURNED TO THE MEETING**  
- Previous minute number: E11202509 Councillor Geddes has discussed enforcement with officer at North Yorkshire Council. The Council are to apply for retrospective planning permission for the signs on the Village Hall.  
- Previous minute number: 01202604 Councillor Paraskos has requested a camera survey from Trading Standards to monitor weight of vehicles coming through the village.
- 02202606 CLERK REPORT**
- 02202606a**  
Clerk shared the latest water bill from Business Stream which is £561.57 since notified of higher than usual usage. Councillors to investigate and discuss with Spofforth in Bloom.
- 02202606b**  
Clerk made Councillors aware that two payments in June 2025 had been paid incorrectly; one invoice was underpaid by 0.40p and the Clerk's wages were overpaid by 0.23p. Noted by Councillors
- 02202606c**  
Residents have noted that the grit bin on East Park Road is still empty. Councillor Paraskos has spoken to Highways who have it on their list to fill and will invoice the council once it's done.
- 02202607 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- 02202607a**  
26/00433/ADV 27 High Street Spofforth North Yorkshire HG3 1BQ  
Installation of a projecting sign (non-illuminated) to the principal elevation.  
*Councillors resolved to respond with no objections*
- 02202607b**  
26/00319/FUL Manor Farm Hags Road Spofforth North Yorkshire  
Proposed Engineering Works to Raise the Height of a Tee Box  
*Councillors resolved to respond with no objections*

**02202608 PLANNING DECISIONS**

None

**02202609 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

**02202609a** 26/00079/PR15 1 Castle Street Spofforth North Yorkshire HG3 1AP

Alleged unauthorised signage

*Noted by Councillors*

**02202610 ELECTORAL MATTERS**

**02202610a** The Chair received resignations from Councillor Judy Parker-Beevers and Councillor Nigel Moore. The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Council to both for their hard work and dedication to the community over the years they have served as councillors. The Clerk has informed Elections at North Yorkshire Council and notices are now displayed until 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**02202611 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

**02202611a** Accessible entrance and bathroom works – Village Hall. One further quote was received, a third was attempted but wasn't received in time. Councillors Geddes and Heslop accepted one quote. All relevant documentation and insurance was presented at the meeting. The work has started this week. Councillor Heslop is meeting with the contractor to quote for an electric sliding door for the accessible bathroom.

**02202611b** Planning permission is to be sought for lifting the front door to accommodate the raised floor. Ginny Greenholes Entrance – Councillor Geddes shared details of the entrance which is currently under construction, Councillors can go and view at the workshop. Due to be installed week of 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**02202611c** Ginny Greenholes proposed signage at a cost of £75 – Councillor Geddes shared that people are parking in the car park of Ginny Greenholes who are not using the area and also parking overnight. The car park is part of the lease for the playground and not part of Highways. Councillors resolved to get a sign. Councillor Geddes to share design and costs.

**02202611d** Remembrance Day Service – to be held in the hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**02202611e** Car show at the Castle – Councillors Geddes and Heslop had chased this request up but had no further communication.

**02202610f** Fire doors at the Village Hall – Councillors resolved to pay £690 additional payment for final works on doors and soft closers.

**02202611g** Retirement of Revd. Barbara Ryan – Last service will be on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Councillors resolved to make a donation towards retirement. To be discussed at a later meeting.

**02202611h** Further refurbishment at Village Hall – Councillor Geddes has one quote for sound upgrade and a screen at the hall. Requested details of any other companies from other Councillors.

**02202612 FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

**01202612a** The following payments were noted and approved:

Clerk noted that one invoice from Linton UK had been missed from the agenda and is included below

Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Remuneration
British Gas Lite	Gas	£870.46	
British Gas Lite	Electricity	£144.29	
Business Stream	Water	£561.57	
North Yorkshire Council	Recycling	£25.04	
North Yorkshire Council	Bins	£67.29	
BT	Broadband	£51.40	
J Geddes	Expenses (cleaning supplies, keys, storage boxes)	£182.32	
A Grant	Expenses (printer ink, HSE Poster)	£43.72	

HMRC	Tax and NI for Clerk's wages	£61.60	
HMRC	Tax and NI for Cleaner's wages	£63.80	
Linton UK	Fire doors 1 <sup>st</sup> payment	£3024.00	
Linton UK	Fire doors balance	£7056.00	
Linton UK	Fire doors additional	£690.00	
HHR Roofing	Roof repairs at the Village Hall	£650.00	
Unconventional Design	Ginny Greenholes Entrance	£6554.52	
CR Interiors	Furnishings for Village Hall (deposit)	£559.85	
CMH Joinery	Decorating – Village Hall	£1350.00	
A Grant	Parish Clerk		£246.08
E Edwards	Village Hall Cleaner		£255.20
R Harrison	Open Spaces Caretaker		£130.00
J Steggles	Village Hall Booking Clerk		£162.75
B Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£130.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£21955.86</b>	<b>£924.03</b>

- i. Bank statements were reviewed by Councillors.
- ii. Current Account Bank balance on 30<sup>th</sup> January: £4560.71
- iii. Reserve Bank Account balance on 30<sup>th</sup> January: £74210.59

**02202612b**

To approve the following invoices:

- i. Invoice from HHR Roofing £650.00  
Councillors resolved to approve
- ii. Invoice from Unconventional Design £6554.52  
Councillors resolved to approve
- iii. Invoice from CR Interiors – initial deposit of £559.85. Full invoice amount £1119.70  
Councillors resolved to approve
- iv. Invoice from CMH Joinery - £1350  
Councillors resolved to approve
- v. A further invoice was presented by Councillor Geddes from Unconventional Design, the second payment for the repair of Spofforth sign - £2505.64  
Councillors resolved to approve
- vi. A further invoice was presented by Councillor Geddes from G Marston for work at Ginny Greenholes - £1974.60  
Councillors resolved to approve

**02202613**

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

**02202613a**

North Yorkshire Council – Proposal for double yellow lines.  
Councillors resolved to respond to oppose.

**02202613b**

Members of the public – missing Spofforth sign on Nickols Lane  
To reply to inform the sign is currently being repaired.

**02202613c**

Tom Jenkinson North Yorkshire Council – update on fire damage. Building work to repair houses is due to start.

**02202613d**

Member of the public – concerns regarding new housing developments. A member of the public raised concerns about proposed new housing developments in the surrounding areas and the impact of these on the traffic in Spofforth.  
Councillors resolved to respond with thanks for raising and share concerns.

**02202613e**

Member of the public – Noise disturbance and damage following Village Hall event.  
Councillor Geddes has discussed with Bookings Clerk about number of adults needed at events and a member of the Council to meet people at the hall when they hire it.

**02202613f**

Member of the public – Broken glass at Ginny Greenholes. Councillor Geddes has responded.

**02202614 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.**

**02202614a** 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 14 being prejudicial to the public interest.

**02202614b** Clerk vacancy – Councillors resolved to pay £20 for advertisement with YLCA

**02202614c** Clerk vacancy – Councillors to consider appointment of a Councillor as a Proper Officer and Acting Clerk.

No Councillor appointed.

**02202614d** Clerk Vacancy – to consider appointment of a Councillor as Acting RFO.

No Councillor appointed.

**02202615 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Councillor Marston – Footpath in Millenium Gardens

**02202616 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> March 2026 at the Village Hall at 7:30pm**

**01202517 TO NOTE THE DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Village Hall 7:30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:35