

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 15th April 2026 AT 7:30PM

04202601 PRESENT

Chairman June Geddes, Vice Chairman Gerald Heslop, Councillor James Roberts, Councillor Andy Paraskos, Councillor Graham Berville, Councillor Gill Hewitt
Clerk to the Council: Mr Amrit Kaur

04202602 APOLOGIES

Councillor Carl Marston

04202603 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

04202604 WELCOME

The chairman welcomed Councillor Berville who was making first appearance to as councillor. All present wished him a long and happy service.

04202605a THE MINUTES

The minutes from the ordinary meeting of 15th of April 2026 were approved and signed.

04202605b ACTION POINTS

The action points were discussed and updated.

04202606 CLERK REPORT

04202606a 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 completed.

04202606b **NYCC** had been advised of cigarette butts accumulating at entrance to Village Hall – Chairman to advise cleaners to check on a regular basis.

04202606c **NYCC** have advised that they would not consider road markings around School Lane, but ask that school are advised to suggest alternative parking for parents at drop off and collection times.

04202606d **Warren Davies** = Community Development Officer from NYCC came to inspect works for disabled access. He has extended the development programme by one month since delays have been created from Planning Officer. Work to be completed by April 2026.

04202607 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04202608 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

04202608a Council services review - it was proposed that the review of hall rentals be undertaken in June 2026 once work has been completed on the hall.

04202608b It was suggested that copies of indemnity notices are needed for Ginny Greenholes entrance. Using Stockeld regarding signage..

04202608c Coun. Heslop to ask insurance company about all equipment for the Ginny Greenholes so it can be approved for safety.

04202608d Remembrance Day Service – to be held in the hall on 11th November. Need to involve associations in the village to participate. Chairman to meet Headmistress to involve the school.

04202608e Year-end accounts to be completed by Clerk and reviewed by Auditor – Rachel Marston.

04202608f Retirement of Revd. Barbara Ryan – Last service will be on 7th June 2026. Councillors resolved to make a donation towards retirement. To be discussed at a later meeting.

04202608g Further refurbishment at Village Hall – Commuted sums have agreed the cost of sound upgrade in village hall to include screen and projector for events. Work to be carried out in April.

04202609 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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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 st 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
Total		£21955.86	£924.03

- i. Bank statements were reviewed by Councillors.
- ii. Current Account Bank balance on 18th March: £18,908.50
- iii. Reserve Bank Account balance on 18th March: £29,171.44

043202610 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:

04202611 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.

04202611a 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.

04202612 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.

04202613 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:

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 20th May 2026 Long Memorial Hall
7:30pm

Followed by Ordinary General Meeting.

04202514 TO NOTE THE DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 17th June 2026 Long Memorial
Hall 7:30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:45