

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2026 AT 7:00PM

07202601 PRESENT

Chairman June Geddes, Vice-Chairman Gerald Heslop, Councillor Graham Berville, Councillor Mike Thompson
Parish Clerk - Mrs Amrit Kaur
1 member of the public.

07202602 APOLOGIES

NYCC Councillor Andy Paraskos
Councillor James Roberts
Councillor Gill Hewitt

07202603 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

07202604 WELCOME

07202605 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public addressed the Council with concerns regarding the unauthorised development taking place at the Railway embankment. The Enforcement Officer has been informed and will report back to the Council.

06202605a THE MINUTES

The minutes from the ordinary meeting of 17th June 2026 were approved as a true record and signed.

06202605b ACTION POINTS

The action points were discussed and updated.

07202606 CLERK REPORT

The Clerk reported that the request for a donation to set up a new Brownie pack had met with the approval of the Council who agreed to donate the contents of the charity box in the village shop to the organisation. Money had been handed over to Anna Grant who will acknowledge the help of the shop for this very worthwhile project. Coun. Paraskos has also offered money to help fund the start-up costs.

07202607 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a). 26/03453/DVCON – Low Lane Farm Planning application. Agreed that the Council would respond with neither agree or disagree.

b). 26/01364/ADV Signs- Long Memorial Hall- Council agreed to move signage for Leeds Road Practice to the space at present advertising the hall for hire.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT.

c). 26/00599/PR05 - Railway embankment unauthorised erection of caravan site.

d). 26/00585/PR15: Surgery at Long Memorial Hall – hours of service. Coun. Geddes to call Planning Officer.

e). 26/00597/PR15: Manor Farm, Haggs Road. Alleged unauthorised creation of new access road and destruction of trees.

07202608 ELECTORAL MATTERS.

No request for an election so Council may now co-opt a new Councillor.

Peter Shipston has expressed an interest into becoming a councillor and was duly elected.
Clerk to advise NYCC of his contact details etc.

07202608 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

07202608a YCLA Training. The chairman attended the Harrogate branch meeting of the YCLA and they are keen in improving the attendance of meetings in the future.

07202608b Long Memorial Hall – website and booking system.

The Chairman suggested that the Council have two Sub-Committees – one specifically for the Long Memorial Hall, the other for the Open Spaces.

Councillor Gerald Heslop will lead the Open Spaces sub-Committee
Ginny Greenholes -

to review the future investment in the site and look at ways to increase our eco-friendly facilities etc. It is looking to the future to keep improving the facilities and amenities which we have to offer. Wildflower meadow etc....

Millennium Garden – liaise with Tim regarding future developments..

Working with Coun. Heslop will be Coun. Gill Hewitt and Coun. James Roberts.

Councillor June Geddes will lead the Long Memorial Hall Committee with Councillors – Graham Berville, Mike Thompson and Peter Shipston.

The sub-committee for the hall will be responsible for the development of the gov.uk website; social media, the hall booking process and key access suggestions

Accounting processes, and the presentation of the hall on the website.

Also review booking process online with electronic key access etc...

Start preparation for celebrations for the Centenary for the Long Memorial Hall.

These Committees will meet outside the Council meetings and report back as necessary.

07202609 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

07202609a The AGAR has been submitted and already a few questions answered.

Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Remuneration
British Gas Lite	Gas	£89.60	
British Gas Lite	Electricity	£39.25	
North Yorkshire County Council	Bins	£32.80	
North Yorkshire County Council	Recycling and Admin Charge	£46.38	
North Yorkshire County Council	Grass cutting donation		259.09
Chris Dutton – Mascow Designs	Print costs for Open Day	254.00	
BT	Broadband	£61.60	
J Geddes	Village Hall Expenses	£50.82	
HMRC	Emma Edwards	56.60	
Gary Marston	Mowing Millennium Garden	396.00	

Gary Marston	Mowing Ginny Greenholes Playground	540.00	
Gary Marston	Village Hall and East Park Road - Hedge	217.20	
Gary Marston	Strimming of Cheshire Home bank	132.00	
E. Edwards	Village Hall Cleaner		£226.90
R. Harrison	Open Spaces Caretaker		£136.00
B. Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£136.00
Joan Steggles	Village Hall Bookings clerk		£171.00
Amrit Kaur	Parish Clerk		£403.00

07202609b May bank statements reviewed by Councillors and approved

07202609c Bank accounts as at 14.07.2026 - Current account - £8,645.43

Reserve account - £47,829.29

07202610 **EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.**

07202610a 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.

07202610b NYCC to be informed of the appointment of Councillor Peter Shipston. Chair to confirm to Coun. Shipston.

07202611 **Correspondence:**

07202611a J.Cooke - further complaint regarding Pharmabox. Dealt with by NYCC.
A resident has requested to see the annual accounts and review invoices etc. – Chair will liaise with Judith South to present the information.
A resident requested information regarding the noise from the railway embankment and also the new site entrance at the Golf Club – this was covered in the planning stage of the meeting.

07202612 **TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

06202612 **TO NOTE THE DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

General Meeting: **No Meeting to be held in August.**
Wednesday 16th September
Wednesday 21st October.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.59