

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPOFFORTH-WITH-STOCKELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LONG MEMORIAL HALL, SPOFFORTH, ON WEDNESDAY 18th March 2026 AT 7:30PM

03202601 PRESENT

Chairman June Geddes, Vice Chairman Gerald Heslop, Councillor Carl Marston, Councillor James Roberts, Cllr Andy Paraskos

03202602 APOLOGIES

Councillor Mike Thompson

03202603 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

03202604 WELCOME

The chairman welcomed Amrit Kaur, who has accepted the position of Clerk to the parish council. All present wished her a long and happy service. The Chairman confirmed that 2 parish members had expressed interest in joining the council ; Mrs Gill Hewitt and Mr Graham Berville. Councillor Hewitt then joined the table. Due to prior commitments Councillor Berville was unable to attend.

03202605a THE MINUTES

The minutes from the ordinary meeting on 18th February 2026 were approved and signed.

03202605b ACTION POINTS

The action points were discussed and updated.

03202606 CLERK REPORT

03202606a 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.

03202606b **NYCC** had been advised of cigarette butts accumulating at entrance to Village Hall – Chairman to advise cleaners to check on a regular basis.

03202606c **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.

03202606d **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.

03202607 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

03202608 MATTERS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

03202608a 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.

03202608b It was agreed for a pay rise to employees from 01.04.2026.

03202608c Coun. Paraskos confirmed that the site on Haggs Road does have planning as a Waste Transfer Station.

03202608d 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.

03202608e Year end accounts to be completed by Clerk and reviewed by Auditor – Rachel Marston.

03202608f 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.

03202608g 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.

03202609 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 Stegges | 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

03202609b To approve the following invoices:

03202610 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:

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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 14 being prejudicial to the public interest.

Amrit Kaur appointed Clerk to the Parish Council with effect from 18th March 2026.

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

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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 15th April 2026 at the Long Memorial Hall at 7:30pm

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TO NOTE THE DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:45