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

PRESENT: Cllrs Geddes (Chairman) Hislop (Vice Chairman), Hewitt, Roberts, Thompson, Paraskos (Ward Councillor) and S Reid (Proper Officer)

Commenced: 19.34 hours
Concluded: 21.27 hours

10202601 Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.

10202602 Welcome from Chairman.
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

10202603 Apologies and reasons for Absence.
Apologies were received from Coun. Graham Berville and Peter Shipston, who were unable to attend due to business commitments.

10202604 To receive any declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest made.

10202605 To listen to those members of the public who wish to address the Parish Council.
There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

10202606 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September as a true and correct record.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held 16.09.2026 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

10202607 To review the action points from the last meeting.

10202608 Clerk Report.
AGAR Notice of Completion – Prepared a notice of completion, with copies available for viewing.

10202609 Planning Applications.

a) 26/05689/FUL - Eastfield Farm Planning Application
RESOLVED That the Parish Council had no objections to the application.

b) Planning Decisions.

c) Planning Enforcement.

10202610 Matters Requested by Councillors

1. YLCA weekly bulletin and training opportunities
2. Long Memorial Hall - website and booking system
This is still under consideration.
RESOLVED To defer to next meeting.
3. Christmas tree festival at All Saints Church
It was reported that Cllr Roberts daughters are looking a ideas for the Parish Council's submission.
4. Christmas tree lighting on Village Hall
RESOLVED That Cllr Geddes will purchase some festive lighting for the village hall and Cllr Roberts will purchase a commercial tree holder suitable to take the weight and size of at least a 12 foot Christmas tree.

5. Remembrance Day service in Spofforth for all Councillors.
   Members were reminded of the Remembrance Day Service.
   RESOLVED That a donation of £40 will be made to the Royal British Legion.

6.Film nights in autumn and winter.
It was reported that a grant of £1000.00 had been received from Inspire which will pay for the required licence and monthly charge per film for the first 6 months. This will allow for a period of growth in the project.
It was suggested that a 'one off' Christmas Special be organised, the idea being that this is for families only, to take place on a Sunday, with two sessions taking place.
RESOLVED All members were supportive of the Christmas Special. Cllr Geddes is to put together a working document on how this should proceed to present at the next meeting of the council for finalising.

7. Christmas Carol Service - Millennium Garden
   RESOLVED
   - That the PC will provide the mulled wine and mince pies at the service to be held 18.12.2026.
   - Cllrs Heslop and Roberts will arrange lighting for Millenium Garden. This will all be in place and working by 4.30pm on the day.
   - Tables and chairs will be borrowed from the village hall and a gazebo will be erected.

8. Update regarding activity on Railway Embankment - NYC
   It was reported that it is unclear s to the ownership of the land in which the gentleman is occupying.
   RESOLVED No further action to be taken.

9. Trouble at Ginny Greenholes- Gill Hewitt
   It was reported that there has been some issues with older children bullying younger ones and a mother received verbal abuse when she intervened. The possibility of cameras was suggested.

10202611 Financial Matters.

Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Pay	Income	Date
PA NOLAN	Glass	£3308.40			03/09/26
British Gas	Gas	£84.09			04/09/26
DP Building	Disabled Access	£22,328.07			17/09/26
[BT Group		£61.60			17/09/26
North Yorkshire Council	Bins	£13.13			22/09/26
North Yorkshire Council	Recycling	£46.38			22/09/26

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Film Bank	Deposit	£150.00			30/09/26
British Gas	Gas	£84.09			04/09/26
R. Harrison	Open Spaces Caretaker				
B. Middleton	Village Hall Caretaker		£136.00		17/09/26
Joan Steggles	Village Hall Bookings clerk		£171.00		17/09/26
Ralphie Harrison			£136.00		17/09/26
Amrit Kaur	Parish Clerk		£150.00		17/09/26
E. Edwards	Village Hall Cleaner		£252.00		17/09/26
HMRC	Emma Edwards		£63.00		17/09/26
June Geddes	Expenses	£90.52			17/09/26
INCOME					
Snooker Club				£140.00	01/09/26
JA Coates	Hall booking			£40.00	02/09/26
WI				£25.00	09/09/26
D Jepson	Hall Booking			£60.00	17/09/26
Leah Flintoft	Hall Booking			£140.00	25/09/26
Emma Spalding	Hall Booking			£140.00	29/096/26
NYC	PRECEPT			£6375.66	30/09/26

Name of supplier / contact	Payment for	Expenses	Pay	Income	Date
TOTAL		**£26,212.63**	**£908.00**	**£6,920.66**	

Total £3,392.99

PKF Invoice for AGAR approval - £1008.00

Accounts update from April to August Rachel Marston - £250.00

Bank accounts as at 13.10.2026 - Current account - £8095.55

Reserve account - £56,149.49