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## HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 15<sup>th</sup> January at 19:00** in the Community Room of the Village Hall, High Street, Holme upon Spalding Moor, YO43 4EN.

#### Present

Cllr. Amanda Gupta	AG	Chairman
Cllr. Kirsty Burke	KB	Vice Chairman
Cllr. Ann Dowson	AD	Councillor
Cllr. Suzanne Southgate	SS	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Long	SL	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Towse	ST	Councillor
Cllr. Nick Milner	NM	Councillor

#### Attended by

##### Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Locum Clerk
Cllr. Victoria Aitken	VA	Ward Councillor

#### Action

#### 25/26-17 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration.

#### 25/26-18 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

#### 25/26-19 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 25/26-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- There were no declarations of interest.
- There were no dispensations.

#### 25/26-21 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCIES

There has been no further interest in the vacancies.

#### 25/26-22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- There were no issues or observations on the minutes of the following meeting(s)

Ordinary Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- b. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the aforementioned minutes as a true record.

**25/26-23 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Cllr. Victoria Aitken arrived after this point in the meeting therefore no report was given.

**25/26-24 FINANCE**

- a. The accounts were approved to the end of December and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman.
- b. The following payments were approved together with those on Schedule 2 (circulated):
- C R Wright - £436.00 – Christmas tree
  - Grasshopper Gardens - £861.00 – garden maintenance

**25/26-25 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There were no ward councillors present at this point in the meeting.

**25/26-26 PLANNING**

ERYC has confirmed that a site visit at has been carried out at Snowdrop Garth by an enforcement officer. The developer has been advised that the development is not in accordance with approved plans and the works are liable to enforcement action.

**25/26-27 STREET LIGHTING**

Following the vandalism to 12 vehicles in the grounds of The Shires, a request for advice was made to ERYC and copied to the Ward Councillors regarding the possible installation of additional lighting in that vicinity. To date no response has been received and the Clerk will follow this up.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up response from ERYC.

**CS**

**25/26-28 OUTDOOR SPACES**

Village flower beds:

A discussion took place over the best way forward with regards to the various flower beds in the village, namely:

- Back Lane
- Chapel Fields
- The Rocking Horse shop
- Village Green
- Meadowfield
- Baileywood Lane

Some of these flower beds are sponsored and the displays changed twice a year.

Possible options included self-watering hanging baskets containing seasonal trailing plants. The flower beds could then be planted with bulbs.

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr. Gupta obtain a quotation for 10 baskets.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Gupta to source quotations.

**AG**

**25/26-29 HIGHWAYS**

There is a definite need for a pedestrian crossing on High Street, however, the criteria for such is strict and there is uncertainty as to whether it is even possible. Cllr. Aitken recommended that the Clerk write to ERYC Road Safety Team to find out what is feasibly possible to support a crossing patrol and school drop off/pick-up system.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact ERYC Road Safety Team.

**CS**

**25/26-30 BUS SHELTERS**

A request has been made that the Council provides bus shelters on the Village Green and Back Lane (Chapel Garth) and Station Lane (end of Main Street). It was agreed that the best way forward would be to send a flyer around the village asking residents for their ideas as to what they would like the Council to do and what their priorities would be.

**25/26-31 STORAGE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY**

Following on from the last meeting, the Council does not have anywhere to store its equipment and this is currently shared out across several locations. Members were asked to bring their ideas to this meeting.

A suggestion was made that a container may be purchased. Potential locations for the container were discussed which would perhaps involve payment of rent. There are also containers to hire on the airfield.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Milner to enquire as to whether there are any vacant garages on Beacon View.

**NM**

**25/26-32 COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

This is a Council run event and 2026 will be its third year. It will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and will hopefully feature:

- Birds of prey
- Children's races
- Tug of war
- Dog show
- Fun fair
- Face painting
- Dancing display
- Classic cars
- Craft stalls
- Alpacas

**ACTION:** Cllr. Gupta to approach the Village Hall Committee.

**AG**

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**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

A discussion took place about creating a village newsletter, however, this can be very time consuming. It was therefore agreed that a better idea would be to have a calendar of events, a What's On.

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**COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hold councillor surgeries, the purpose of which would be to enable members to pop in and talk to someone about any issues pertaining to the village.

**RESOLVED:** that monthly surgeries will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month between 1pm and 2pm at White Pine Hub, Village Courtyard, starting in February.

**RESOLVED:** to extend the meeting to enable all business to be transacted.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Relevant emails have been circulated.

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**COUNCILLOR EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Christmas tree
- Sands Lane – developers piling
- Church costs & possible support
- ID badges

**ACTION:** Clerk to invite a representative from All Saints' Church to the next meeting.

**CS**

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting is planned for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

**RESOLVED:** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting (Section 1(2), Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960):

**Human Resources:**

Ongoing staffing issues were discussed and a decision reached.

Meeting closed at 21:35

to confirm the above Minutes are a true and accurate record of this Meeting:

Cllr. Amanda Gupta, Chairman

Date: