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HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 18th February 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. Ann Dowson	AD	Councillor
Cllr. Suzanne Southgate	SS	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Long	SL	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Towse	ST	Councillor
Cllr. David Thompson	DT	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Locum Clerk
Hazel Preece	HP	HR Consultant

Action

25/26-39 WELCOME

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

25/26-40 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were 4 members of the public present.

25/26-41 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Janet Stiff and the reason approved.

25/26-42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Suzanne Southgate declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10, Planning.
- There were no dispensations.

25/26-43 ALL SAINTS CHURCH REPORT BY CHURCH WARDEN & TREASURER

There has been general tidying up in the Churchyard. There are a few maintenance issues and Council was asked to consider sharing the cost of the grass cutting.

The Churchyard is usually cut 6 times per year at a cost of £377.00 per cut and the Catholic part of the Churchyard 3 times per year at a cost of £69.00 per cut.

Five of the pews have woodworm, along with a section of book shelf.

The boiler in the old school needs insulating and also the double glazing needs replacing.

25/26-44 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCIES

There has been no further interest in the vacancies.

25/26-45 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

25/26-46 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

There was no Ward Councillor presence.

25/26-47 FINANCE

- a. The accounts were approved to the end of January and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman.
- b. The following payments were approved together with those on Schedule 2 (circulated):

- Tesco Mobile £8.00 – mobile phone
- Unity Bank £6.00 – charges
- Locum Clerk – redacted
- Ings Park Alpacas £35.00 – deposit for fun day
- Bryan Denness £29.70 – Electrical work
- Grasshopper Garden £751.00 – gardening services
- White Pine Hub £30.00 – room hire for councillor surgery
- Parish Online £108.00 - subscription

- c. Debit card: **RESOLVED** to apply for one for use by the Clerk and Chairman when required.

25/26-48 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

25/26-49 PLANNING

1. 1 Snowdrop Garth: to receive an update on the outcome of the investigation by ERYC.
RESOLVED: that the decision made by ERYC be challenged.
2. **26/00169/PLF** – Reega, 35 Selby Road
Proposal: Construction of 2 dormers to front, erection of porch to front, and installation of roof light to rear.
Application Type: Full Planning Permission
RESOLVED: that there were no objections.

3. Sands Lane development: ongoing piling work is causing nearby properties to shake. It was agreed that Cllr. Gupta will keep in regular contact with the developer and act as liaison between them and the village.

25/26-50 STREET LIGHTING

ERYC was contacted regarding the possibility of erecting an additional light at Moor End and a response is awaited as to a date when a possible site visit could take place.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up response from ERYC.

CS

25/26-51 OUTDOOR SPACES

a. Benches:

A grant of up to £500 has been secured from HOSM In Need and Education Charity to replace one of the seats at Meadowfield which is in a poor state. The bench must be made of a more sustainable material than wood and a plaque must be attached to acknowledge the Trust involvement in replacing this facility for the elderly residents. The Clerk will obtain quotations. It is also noted that concrete bases will be required to site them on.

b. Christmas tree

This will be discussed later in the year, however, it is noted that many positive comments have been made on how nice the 2025 looked in its new location.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for benches.

CS

25/26-52 HIGHWAYS

ERYC has been contacted regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing on High Street. The what3words grid reference for the suggested location (spark.congested.horses) will be provided by the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk to provide reference to ERYC.

CS

25/26-53 STORAGE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY

Cllr. Gupta and Cllr. Southgate attended a Village Hall Committee meeting and raised the issue of potential storage options. The Committee kindly agreed that the Council can place a small container at the front of the car park. The rent is yet to be agreed.

25/26-54 COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Cllr. Gupta advised that sadly the Community Fun Day may not be able to go ahead this year as Holme Rovers have advised that the required pitch is not available. Alternative venues have been looked into but so far none are viable. Cllr. Gupta is awaiting a response from the school.

25/26-55 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

The first councillor surgery took place on the 7th February but sadly no residents attended. The next one will take place on the 7th March.

25/26-56 ADMINISTRATION

- a. **ID badges:** Cllr. Gupta and Cllr. Dowson already have these. The Clerk will send the relevant link to other members who wish to order these. The cost can be reimbursed.
- b. **.gov.uk domain and email addresses:**
in accordance with Assertion 10 of the Practitioners Guide the Council needs to have at least one .gov.uk email address.

RESOLVED: to proceed initially with the purchase of a .gov.uk domain and email addresses and to revisit a new website further down the line. Cllr. Gupta advised that Parish Online are currently offering free domains and the Clerk will look into this.

ACTION: Clerk to send link for ID badges & contact Parish Online.

CS

25/26-57 CORRESPONDENCE

Relevant emails have been circulated.
Electoral roll updates have been received

25/26-58 COUNCILLOR EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Footpath 21 needs woodchips to help alleviate the mud problem
- Hedge planting at the cemetery
- Internal Drainage Board – drain at Red Lion

25/26-59 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting is planned for Wednesday 18th March.

25/26-60 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 21:10

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

Cllr. Amanda Gupta, Chairman

Date: