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HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 18th March 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. David Thompson	DT	Councillor
Cllr. Nick Milner	NM	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Locum Clerk
There was one member of the public present		

Action

25/26-61 WELCOME

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

25/26-62 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There was 1 member of the public present. No issues were raised.

25/26-63 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Stephen Towse and the reason approved.

25/26-64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Ann Dowson declared a pecuniary interest in item 22b (land).
- There were no dispensations.

25/26-65 ALL SAINTS CHURCH GRASS CUTTING

Following the presentation by representatives from All Saints Church last month the issue of assistance with grass cutting was discussed.

RESOLVED: that Council fund the grass cutting in the Churchyard, 6 cuts per year. This will be reviewed in 12 months.

25/26-66 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCIES

There has been no further interest in the vacancies.

25/26-67 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

25/26-68 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

There was no Ward Councillor presence.

25/26-69 FINANCE

- a. The accounts were approved to the end of February 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
 - Grasshopper - £1062.00
 - WEL Medical £64.70 – defibrillator pads
 - Hazel Preece £1749.60 – HR advice
 - Starboard Systems £947.52 – subscription
- c. Bowling Club: a request for a grant has been received. It was agreed that once the Grant & Donation Policy has been adopted this be sent to the club for completion and return.

At the last meeting it was agreed to apply for a business debit card. By way of an update the Clerk advised that Unity Bank does not operate a debit card facility at the present time, however, it could offer a cash card. This is an item for another agenda.

It was agreed to transfer £15,000 to the Current account.

25/26-70 STREET LIGHTING

ERYC has been contacted regarding the possibility of erecting an additional light at Moor End and a response has now been received. It is suggested that a site visit be arranged and it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr. Burke attend.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with ERYC re a meeting date.

CS

25/26-71 OUTDOOR SPACES

a. Benches:

Various designs were circulated for consideration.

RESOLVED: that two Ilkley benches plus fixings be purchased. It is also the intention to place plaques on these benches which will be installed at Meadowfields.

ACTION: Clerk to order benches.

CS

25/26-72 HIGHWAYS

- a. ERYC has been contacted with the What3words grid reference for a potential pedestrian crossing and a response is awaited. Clerk to chase.
- b. School crossing: the Clerk will chase ERYC for a response on this.
- c. Cast iron bollards: there are concerns over dangerous parking in parts of the village. A discussion took place over whether the situation would be eased by placing a form of bollard along problem stretches of pavement/verge. The Clerk has emailed ERYC for advice on whether this is possible and it was agreed that this could be explored further once a response has been received.

25/26-73 PLANNING

26/00581 – Marl Farm

Proposal: Erection of agricultural workers dwelling (all matters to be considered)

Location: Marl Farm, Cliffe Lane, Holme Upon Spalding Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO43 4EB

Application Type: Approval of Reserved Matter

RESOLVED: that Council had no observations to make on this application.

25/26-74 MAINTENANCE

- a. Red Lion drain: in the absence of Cllr. Towse this item will be carried forward to the April meeting.
- b. Water End damaged drain: this has been reported with photos to ERYC and a response is awaited.

25/26-75 CEMETERY

- c. Perimeter hedging: a discussion took place around the purchase of trees/ hedging to plant around the edge of the cemetery. It is estimated that approximately 300 saplings would be required. In view of the fact that it is the wrong time of year to be planting them it was agreed to revisit this in September.

RESOLVED: in principle to purchase hedging/trees towards the back end of the year.

25/26-73 STORAGE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY

The Village Hall Committee has agreed a rent of £50.00 per month in respect of the siting of a container in its carpark.

There is also the option to place the container in the Blacksmiths Arms car park. Details of costs to be confirmed.

A container will cost around £1495.00 plus VAT and measure 10 x 8 feet. It was agreed that from a privacy point of view it would be better placed in the car park at the Blacksmiths Arms as it would be more secure.

Clerk will check insurance implications.

25/26-74 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

The second councillor surgery took place on the 7th March and was quite well attended. The following issues were raised:

- Santa mailbox
- Village litter pick
- Footpath 21 – this has been reported to ERYC. Cllr. Thompson will remove the barbed wire.
- Potential TPO on an Oak tree required – Cllr. Gupta to provide details to the Clerk.

The next surgery will take place on the 4th April.

25/26-75 ADMINISTRATION

- a. Policies and procedures: it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies:

IT Policy
Reserves Policy
Grants & Donations Policy

25/26-76 CORRESPONDENCE

- Relevant emails have been circulated.
- Electoral roll updates have been received – copies were requested by Cllr. Gupta, Cllr. Dowson and Cllr. Thompson.

25/26-77 COUNCILLOR EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- The state of Back Lane, only one pothole has been fixed since this was reported.
- Private road at the doctors surgery – it was suggested the Clerk write to them and ask if anything can be done.
- A tree has today been hit by a lorry and ERYC has had to remove it. Cllr. Gupta is to request that the company concerned replaces this.
- Emergency Plan

25/26-78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting is planned for Wednesday 15th April.

25/26-79 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):

- a. Human Resources:
RESOLVED: to confirm the appointment of the Clerk / RFO.
- b. Land for rent: 2 acres on the edge of the village, on the west side of Moor End (A614).
RESOLVED: to obtain more information on the length of lease and whether the landowner would agree to sell.

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

Cllr. Amanda Gupta, Chairman

Date: