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HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on **the 20th May 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. Nick Milner	NM	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Long	SL	Councillor
Cllr. David Thompson	DT	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Towse	ST	Councillor

Attended by

Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk & RFO
		There were 14 members of the public present
Cllr. Victoria Aitken	VA	Arrived at 19:50

Action

26/27-1 WELCOME

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

26/27-2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Amanda Gupta be re-elected as Chairman.

26/27-3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Kirsty Burke be re-elected as Vice Chairman.

26/27-4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Suzanne Southgate and the reason approved.

26/27-5 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

26/27-6 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

26/27-7 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: to engage the services of Richard Dixon of Public Sector Audit as internal auditor for the year ending 31st March 2027.

- 26/27-8 OUTSIDE BODIES**
RESOLVED: to elect Cllr. Kirsty Burke and Cllr. Amanda Gupta as ERNLLCA representatives.
- 26/27-9 ASSET REGISTER**
Review of the asset register will be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 26/27-10 INSURANCE**
The insurance was reviewed and the Clerk drew Council's attention to the apparent lack of Fidelity Guarantee cover. She will obtain a quotation to add this section.
- 26/27-11 COUNCILLOR ROLES**
The Clerk advised that each councillor needs to be allocated a specific role and the following were therefore agreed:
Cllr. Amanda Gupta – Events & Social
Cllr. Kirsty Burke – Finance
Cllr. Steve Long – Finance & Cemetery
Cllr. David Thompson – Street furniture
Cllr. Steven Towse – Finance
Cllr. Nick Milner - Planning
- 26/27-12 DATES OF MEETINGS**
RESOLVED: that meetings be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall, commencing at 19:00.
- 26/27-13 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**
RESOLVED: that the meeting be temporarily suspended for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow for a period of public participation during which members of the public may address the Council on any matter affecting the parish.

No issues were raised.
- 26/27-14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
a. Cllr. Amanda Gupta declared a pecuniary interest in item 19.
b. There were no dispensations
- 26/27-15 CO-OPTION**
RESOLVED: to elect Paula Mountain Agar and Kay Strickland as councillors.
- 26/27-16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**
a. There were no observations or comments in respect of the minutes of the meeting of the 15th April.
b. **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the above meeting be adopted as a true record.
- 26/27-17 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**
There was no ward councillor presence at this time.

26/27-18 **FINANCE**

- a. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of April and sign the bank reconciliation.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments:
 - Cllr. Amanda Gupta - £14.99 – garden sprayer
 - Helen Close - £200 – contribution towards electricity for festive lighting.
- c. The internal audit report has been received. The Clerk will create an action plan from this.
- d. **RESOLVED:** to approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
- e. **RESOLVED:** to approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

26/27-19 **HUMBERHEAD SOLAR FARM**

The Chairman read out a report from MP David Davis which pledges help in fighting against the many solar farm applications in this area. The Clerk will write to his office and enquire as to whether he may be able to attend one of our meetings or offer more information and support.

Cllr. Victoria Aitken arrived at 19:50 and it was **RESOLVED** to close the meeting to accept comments from members of the public.

The overall consensus of opinion is that construction of these solar farms will have a devastating effect on business and that the surrounding villages need to have a strong community voice.

The meeting was reopened at 20:05

26/27-20 **BENCHES**

Four quotations have been requested by local contractors in respect of the installation of the two new benches, however, only two had been received at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: to approve the quotation from Craig Boynton. It is noted that Cllr. Amanda Gupta did not take part on the vote.

26/27-21 **CEMETERY**

- a. Fees: **RESOLVED** to apply a 20% on all fees across the board.

26/27-22 **STORAGE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY**

RESOLVED: to rent a storage unit on HOSM Industrial Estate at a cost of £65 plus VAT per month.

26/27-23 **COUNCILLOR SURGERIES**

The surgery took place on the 16th May and the following issues were raised:

1. Dangerous parking opposite Holme Brew
2. Resurfacing work at Moor End – photos have been sent to ERYC.
3. Bowls Club – the grant application has been withdrawn as it did not wish to complete the required paperwork.
4. Church Hill – pot holes – photos have been sent to ERYC.

26/27-24 CHRISTMAS 2026

- a. Christmas fayre – the question was asked whether this ought to be changed from the first Friday of December to the first Saturday.

RESOLVED: to keep the date as the first Friday as to change it to the Saturday would cause problems due to the football and also this has historically always been on the Friday.

26/27-25 CORRESPONDENCE

A baby bank is opening on the 22nd May at Oaks Farm at 13:00. This will be a place where clothing, toys, prams etc can be exchanged. It was agreed that Cllr. Steve Long would attend this.

Damage to a car has been sustained on Baileywood Lane as a result of pot holes. These have been reported to ERYC. It was agreed that a link be put on the website and Facebook pages where residents can report these directly to ERYC.

26/27-26 COUNCILLOR & CLERK EXCHANGE

The following issues were raised:

- The flashing speed sign on Selby road is not working. This has been reported t ERYC.
- Letter needs sending to the Moor End residents regarding the request for additional lighting.
- Sewage at the allotments – this has been sorted by Yorkshire Water.
- Skiff Lane – HGVs are causing shaking to nearby houses. Could the speed limit be changed from 40 to 30 miles per hour?
- Sinking drain near Laveracks Farm. Cllr. Victoria Aitken suggested that the Clerk emails her and she will take this up with ERYC.
- Play area – could there be one created at the back of Chestnut Drive and Cherry Drive?
- Hedge at the doctors surgery needs cutting back.
- A water butt has been donated to the Council.

Items for next agenda:

- Christmas lights switch on date
- 76 Squadron – Christmas fayre and lights

26/27-27 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

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. To further discuss land for rent: 2 acres on the edge of the village, on the west side of Moor End (A614).

RESOLVED: that Council does not wish to take this matter further.

It was also suggested that the Clerk creates an auto reply on the email account.

Meeting closed at 21:05

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

Cllr. Amanda Gupta, Chairman

Date: