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HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on **the 16th September at 19:00** in the Old Chapel School, High Street, Holme upon Spalding Moor, YO43 4.

Present

Cllr. Amanda Gupta	AG	Chairman
Cllr. Nick Milner	NM	Councillor
Cllr. Suzanne Southgate	SG	Councillor
Cllr. Paula Mountain Agar	PM	Councillor
Cllr. Stephen Towse	ST	Councillor (left at 21:00)
Cllr. David Thompson	DT	Councillor

Attended by
Officers

Catherine Simpson	CS	Clerk & RFO

There were 2 members of the public present

Action

26/27-68 WELCOME

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

26/27-69 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.

The following issues were raised:

A member of the public raised an objection to planning application 26/02119/PLF.

26/27-70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Stephen Long and Cllr. Kirsty Burke and the reasons approved.

26/27-71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. Cllr. David Thompson declared and interest in item 9b
Cllr. Stephen Towse declared an interest in item 9a

b. There were no dispensations.

26/27-72 **CO-OPTION**

There has been no interest in the remaining vacancies.

26/27-73 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

a. There were no observations or comments in respect of the minutes of the following meetings:

   Ordinary Meeting 23rd July 2026

b. **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the above meetings be adopted as a true record.

26/27-74 **WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was no ward councillor presence.

26/27-75 **FINANCE**

a. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of August and sign the bank reconciliation.

b. **RESOLVED:** to approve the following payments:

GEM Trading	£78.00	Storage charges
James Reid	£300.00	Christmas organ
Autela	£117.30	Payroll services
White Pine Hub	£30.00	Room hire
T J Tippers	£300.00	Skip hire
Grasshopper	982.00	Gardening services
SLCC	£67.00	Subscription
Unity Bank	£7.00	Bank charges
Clerk	Redacted	Salary
HMRC	Redacted	PAYE
Adi Hancock	£680.00	Maintenance
NEST	Redacted	Pension contribution
Adi Hancock	£853.82	Maintenance
Kinetic Resources	£312.00	Removal of damaged equipment

c. Unity Bank grant: there is a fund available. Council needs to have a project including supporting quotations. This will hopefully apply to the playground revamp.

d. Grant requests from 76 Squadron:

   RESOLVED: that grants of £250.00 and £1,000.00 be approved in respect of wreaths and flowers and Santa's Grotto, once the organisation has established its own bank account.

26/27-76 **PLANNING**

a. **26/02189/PLF** – Marl Farm, Cliffe Lane

Proposal: erection of a general purpose, agricultural storage building

RESOLVED: that there were no comments to make

b. **26/02119/PLF** – Land & building Northwest of Oakfield, Skiff Lane

Proposal: Change of use of land to storage and distribution (Use Class B8 (for siting of self-storage containers following demolition of existing warehouse)

RESOLVED: to object on the grounds that an additional storage facility is not required as there is already one in the village. There is also concern for the Oak trees on the land and the intrusive light lighting.

c. **26/02059/PLF** – Canine Colosseum Ltd

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to a specialist dog training and close protection security services facility, erection of security chalet, welfare and storage buildings. Indoor training studio, 5 dog agility course structures, 6 dog training enclosures with 2.0 metre high timber fencing and gates to front (retrospective application)

RESOLVED: that there were no comments to make.

26/27-77 **PLAYGROUND**

a. Cllr. Amanda Gupta showed various playground designs from 2 different companies with prices ranging from £93,000 to £99,913.00. A third quotation is awaited.

Funds are available from several sources including grants, commuted sums, public works loans and local businesses.

It was agreed that a figure of £10,000 would be a reasonable amount for the Council to fund itself.

Cllr. Stephen Towse suggested that money may be also available from one of the solar farm developments, however, it was agreed wise not to apply until after the applications have been passed.

The issue of safety in the playground was raised and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Village Hall Committee to ask them if they will repair the CCTV system.

The question was raised by Cllr. Stephen Towse as to who the actual owner of the land is. This will be looked into.

b. Playground signage: in the absence of Cllr. Kirsty Burke this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

26/27-78 **HIGHWAYS**

ERYC has confirmed that speed bumps and other vertical traffic calming methods will not be allowed on Skiff Lane. The reason given is that Skiff Lane does not have a collision record that would justify the installation of such measures.

26/27-79 **CEMETERY**

1. Church of England Churchyard Regulations with regards to the placement of items on graves:
   RESOLVED: to adopt these to fall in line with All Saints Church

   These also need to be on the website. Cllr. Paul Mountain-Agar will look at these prior to the next meeting.

It is noted that grave diggers are leaving soil piled up in the hedge bottoms. A suggestion was made that this could be moved to the left-hand side of the cemetery and made into a memorial garden.

ACTION: Cllr. Paul Mounta-Agar to look at the Churchyard regulations. **PM**

26/27-80 **BT PHONE BOX**

Despite letters and phone calls to Grasby's, the whereabouts of the phone box is unknown. It was agreed that this would be reported to the Police as a theft. Cllr. Amanda Gupta will provide the Clerk with the serial number of the box.

ACTION: Cllr. Amanda Gupta to provide serial number of phone box to Clerk. **AG**

26/27-81 **CHRISTMAS**

A meeting will be arranged between the committee and other village organisations who wish to be involved with the planning.

26/27-82 **COUNCILLOR SURGERY**

The only issue raised concerned barking dogs, which Council has no control over.

26/27-83 **MEADOWFIELDS**

A suggestion was made that Council purchases its own war memorial to be sited at Meadowfields. Cllr. Amanda Gupta will undertake some research.

ACTION: Cllr. Amanda Gupta to research war memorials. **AG**

26/27-84 **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

26/27-85 **NOISE DISRUPTION**

There have been reports of excessive noise down Lock Lane which has been attributed to the increased number of lorries carrying straw bales.

26/27-86 **ADMINISTRATION**

2. HR policies: **RESOLVED** to adopt the following:

   Disciplinary Policy
   Grievance Policy
   Health & Safety

3. HR Committee: this will be carried forward to the next meeting

4. Task list: this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

26/27-87 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Relative emails have been circulated.

26/27-88 **COUNCILLOR & CLERK EXCHANGE**

The playground grass will be cut on the 17th September and then it can be reopened.

Cllr. Stephen Towse asked that an item be placed on the next agenda to discuss the Triangle Garage road, North Cave.

26/27-89 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on the 21st October 2026.

26/27-90 **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:

   To approve the NALC annual pay award in respect of the Clerk's salary which is to be backdated to the 1st April.

b. Freedom of Information:

   It is noted that a FOI request has been received relating to a staffing issue and has been dealt with.

Meeting closed at 21:20

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

Cllr. Amanda Gupta, Chairman

Date: