

Springthorpe Parish Meeting

10th November 2025 7pm

Minutes

Parish Meeting

Chair: Steve Gelder email: chair_SPM@outlook.com

Present: Ella Collins, Adrian Winter, Sue Winter, Michael Anyan, John Oaks, Julie Oaks, Wendy Gelder, Marian Graham, Tom Graham, Vanda Coleman, Fiona Smith, Russ Smith, Jean Gelder, Gilli Procter, Paul Howitt-Cowan, Marjorie Norman, Penny Sedgewick, Jill Cowan, Julian Cowan, Sue Dewsbury, Mike Dewsbury, Joy Horton, Richard Horton, Lorraine Batty, Paul Batty, Matt Bagley, Maggie Bagley

Apologies: Brian Cameron,

Annual Parish Meeting Meeting opened 7pm

1. New Chair Steve Gelder opened the meeting with a welcome to all those present.
2. The minutes from the last meeting 10th July, were discussed and agreed as a true record, approved by Tom Graham seconded by Adrian Winter.

Sturgate defib update: Defib has been ordered and is awaited with no current time frame from West Lyndsey who are supplying this. It will be free standing on a post located near "Littleholme"

Village Green Registration update: Some issues remain around the Registration process, Burton & Dyson are supporting on the legal aspect and the Chair has agreed no further costs with them. The Chair is expecting an update on the Registration from West Lyndsey 11/11/2025

Speed limits update: Chair is arranging a walk around the Village with Highways department to assess hazards associated with speeding vehicles through the village. Positive discussion around the purchase of white gates at the village entrances to encourage speed reduction. A Community grant will be required due to the high cost of these, Chair to apply for this.

Will need to assess verge size, Tom Graham and Richard Orton have agreed to support the Chair with this task.

Paul Howitt-Cowan to approach County Counsellor about speed reduction through the village.

Michael Anyan raised the potential use of "Speed Bumps" as a deterrent

Joint Parish Council with Heapham update: Agreement that we will remain as Springthorpe and Sturgate Parish Meeting and not join with Heapham to form a Parish Council.

3. **Financial report:** Financial report discussed, some clarity required following handover of Chair, Julian Cowan agreed to support new Chair to clarify accounts.

Precept discussed, and agreed to include cost for playing field grass cutting of £550, agreed in principal by those present.

4.AOB

Flag Pole on Village Green: Chair proposed a flag pole on the Village Green, there was general agreement from all those present. A Community grant will need to be applied for to cover the cost. Those with properties around the Village Green to be involved with the positioning of the Flag Pole. General agreement to the purchase of a Union, St George and County Flags.

Village appearance; hedges, verges, entrances: 3 “Village hero’s” were commended including a trophy for Tom Brumby for his excellent hedge cutting around the village and Harry Horton the Grandson of Joy and Richard for his great work litter picking on Hill Road. Continued effort with Village appearance was encouraged and included entrance gates as previously discussed and sign cleaning.

Playing field Maintenance: Julian confirmed that with the renewal, next year, of the Village Hall lease with the Estate, the playing field would be added to that agreement. Goal posts require repair, inside hedge requires cutting and the suggestion of basketball posts was made by Joy Horton. Once the Field comes under the Village Hall committee, grants can be applied for to cover these costs. Thanks were given to Richard and Chair for their support to maintain the grass in a well cut manner.

Tillbridge Solar: Reminder of a meeting with 7000 Acres in Glenthams village hall 12 November regarding a judicial reform following the approval of the project.

Christmas Party for over 65’s: Paul Howitt-Cowan to support with funding from the Willingham Medical charity, for the provision of a post Christmas party, arrangements yet to be agreed and a Party committee was set up consisting of, Wendy Gelder, Fiona Smith, Russ Smith and Ella Collins. In addition Jo Lewis, Tracey Moody and Claire Hubbard to be asked if they would like to help. It was confirmed that all eligible households in Springthorpe and Sturgate would be, as previous years, notified by a letter drop.

Salt: will be arriving, as requested, for use around the village over winter, for storage at the rear of the Village hall. Hill road will continue to be gritted by West Lyndsey as it is a bus route.

Vanda Coleman raised that the Dog bin at the entrance to Sturgate has been removed and asked for this to be replaced. Paul Howitt-Cowan to support with providing a replacement bin.

Paul Batty raised the need for a 7 1/2 tonne vehicle weight limit in the village to minimise the usage of the route by LGV’s. Exemptions would be made for local need such as businesses and farm vehicles but would reduce other LGV use.

Jean Gelder raised the issue of resident safety with no footpath to the South side of the Village, this will be highlighted on the Highways village walk around but has previously been disregarded due to cost.

Jill Cowan raised concerns regarding the setting off of large fireworks and the trauma this caused for animals within the village, with the suggestion that low noise fireworks were used in future.

Pot holes outside New Church Farm were raised, Wendy Gelder to report on "Fix my Street"

Meeting ended 8.25PM

Next meeting: TBC