

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2021 online. (In accordance with Coronavirus Act 2020)

Cllrs present: A Cummings, K Adams, S Woodford, K Bew, S Dunhill

Members of the Public: 2

Agenda:

- 21/1. To Receive Apologies:** Cllrs Hall and Kerby (DC)
- 21/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** All councillors present declared an interest in items 8 and 9 and the Clerk issued a grant of dispensation.
- 21/3. Open Forum:** Cllr Woodford reported that the kitchen window in the Old Priory Flat is in urgent need of replacement. To be discussed in Item 8.
Cllr Adams reported that there is some foliage that has fallen at the entrance to the Trailway at South Farm Lane. Cllr Cummings will report this.

Items for Decision:

- 21/4 . Minutes of the Meeting Monday 7th December 2020 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.**
- 21/5 . The Woodpecker Site – overview presentation by developer’s agent:** Matt Holmes from Spruce Town Planning presented the proposed plans for 5 units on this site. Three of them will be terraced properties within the existing building with one between the old pub and Marigold Cottage and the other in the car park, retaining the existing large tree. The buildings will be in a traditional style with adequate parking. Highways have given advice on the access from the A350. The plans have been submitted to Dorset Council but not accepted yet. Residents of Beech Close will be consulted.

Signed

A Cummings

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- 21/6. The Mead:** Cllr Hall had submitted a quotation for a brushcutter totalling £385 inc VAT. It was decided to carry this forward to the February meeting so that Cllr Hall can give some further information about regular cutting of the site.
- 21/7. Funding Request from Blandford Town Council re Public Toilets:** The Clerk provided some figures of support from other Parishes and the Council decided to defer a decision until next year's donations are decided.
- 21/8. To Agree Budget for the Financial Year commencing 1st April 2021:** The Clerk gave a presentation of this year's budget v actual together with an estimate of year end figures. The budget for 2021/2022 was also presented and agreed.
- 21/9. Agree and Set the 2021/2022 Precept:** The budget presented showed a small deficit and it was agreed that the Precept should be increased by £500 to £8000, an increase of 6.67%. The effect on a Band D is an increase of £1.31(4.47%). One councillor voted against.
- 21/10. Play Area – further discussion:** Cllr Dunhill has held discussions with the Station Project about increasing the play equipment. They would appear to be comfortable with that proposal providing the equipment is train-related. To continue to discuss.
- 21/11. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:** A copy of the accounting statements for December were displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.
- 21/12. Correspondence and Clerk's report:** A list of emails and correspondence to councillors had been circulated previously.
Footpath 9 – no contact from Dorset Council – clerk to chase
Highways “gateways” – awaiting contact
Dog Fouling Signs – now installed. Cllr Adams requested earlier in the meeting that a reminder be placed in Three Villages News about dog owners' responsibilities.

Signed *A Cummings*

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21/13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm online.

21/14. Matters of information and interest: None.

The Meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

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