

## SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 online. (In accordance with Coronavirus Act 2020)**

Cllrs present: A Cummings, K Adams, S Woodford, K Bew, S Dunhill, S Hall, E Higgins, A Kerby (DC)

Members of the Public: 1

#### **Agenda:**

**21/15. To Receive Apologies:** None

**21/16. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** None

**21/17. Open Forum:** Woodpecker development - The villager who attended the meeting expressed the view that the proposal had a pleasing aspect and that the size of the properties suggested that they may be affordable.

Cllr Adams expressed her thanks to the Rangers for the speedy clearance of the foliage etc on the Trailway. Cllr Kerby passed this on.

Cllr Woodford suggested that more warnings from Dorset Alerts be placed on Spetisbury Events. Clerk to action.

#### **Items for Decision:**

**21/18. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.**

**21/19. Co-option of new councillor:** Mrs Elaine Higgins was welcomed to the meeting. After a brief introduction, she was duly co-opted to the Council.

Signed *A Cummings*

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**21/20. To consider Planning Application P/FUL/2020/00369 The Woodpecker -**

**Conversion of existing building to form 3 No. dwellings and erection of 2 No.**

**dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping:** This proposal had been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting and had been the subject of a pre-application briefing in January. A full discussion took place, including comments made by villagers. Although the Council was disappointed that the property would no longer be a Public House, they felt that there were no material reasons to object to the development as the proposal was in keeping with the other properties within the village and the size and number of properties was not detrimental. Also, the fact that the existing building was being retained was a positive factor. Consequently, this proposal was supported unanimously.

**21/21. Old Priory Flat – quotation for window replacements:** The Clerk presented the quotation for replacement windows on the first floor of the Old Priory Flat. These will be the same design as the other windows and will bring the flat up to date. The quotation is for £9500 including fitting and VAT. Approved unanimously.

**21/22. The Mead – discuss maintenance timetables and potential tool purchase:** Cllr Hall stated that a timetable is not yet available and therefore any tool purchase is not currently necessary. He will advise when this is to be discussed. Cllr Woodford asked that The Mead become more visible to residents via the website etc. to encourage more use.

**21/23. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:** A copy of the accounting statements for January were displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed *A Cummings*

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**21/24. Correspondence and Clerk's report:** A list of emails and correspondence to councillors had been circulated previously.

Footpath 9 – no contact from Dorset Council. Cllr Kerby to chase

Highways “gateways” – Cllr Kerby to chase

Dog Fouling Signs – a Charlton Marshall resident contacted the Chairman and has been directed to Dorset Council.

The Precept request has been acknowledged.

**21/25. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm online.

**21/26. Matters of information and interest:** Cllr Dunhill enquired about the date for A350 resurfacing. Cllr Kerby has stated that it is intended for this year.

Play Area – to be an agenda item in March.

Cllr Woodford enquired whether the bypass is still being pursued. Cllr Kerby confirmed that he is still pushing Dorset Council and it is known that the MP is also keen for it to be built.

The Meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

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