

## SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in the Village Hall.**

Cllrs present: A Cummings, K Adams, S Woodford, S Hall, E Higgins,

Members of the Public: 2

#### **Agenda:**

**21/69. To Receive Apologies:** Cllrs Dunhill, Bew, Kerby (DC)

**21/70. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** None

**21/71. Open Forum:** Mr Collett has a contact who may be able to replace the stolen bus stop sign. He will obtain costings.

Mink are an issue on the river and have probably been responsible for deaths of cygnets and other waterfowl. Mr Collett is in contact with the necessary authorities.

There are a number of footpaths affected by overgrown vegetation. These will be reported by the Chairman.

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

**21/72. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.**

**21/73. New Code of Conduct for Councillors:** NALC have finalised the new Code of Conduct and this was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that this should be adopted. Clerk to personalise it to Spetisbury Parish Council and send a copy to each councillor.

Signed *A Cummings*

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- 21/74. Village Hall Gable End Wall:** A full discussion took place and it was agreed that a surveyor be asked to carry out an assessment of the work to be carried out. Cllr Woodford to advise the Clerk of a suitable surveyor.
- 21/75. The Mead:** The clerk had received an email from a resident regarding lack of signposting etc. It was decided to add a section to the website and add it to the village linear map. Clerk to contact Highways and Blandford Men's Shed re signposting.
- 21/76. Tree Preservation Orders:** The Clerk reminded the councillors that Tree Preservation Orders are the responsibility of Dorset Council as principal Council, and that any requests submitted by residents should be forwarded on to them.
- 21/77. Willow Tree Felling etc:** A complaint had been received regarding Health & Safety concerns around the felling of the willow trees. This was referred to the landowner and the tree contractors. A complaint was also made to Dorset Council. The work has now been completed and no further action is considered necessary.
- 21/78. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:** A copy of the accounting statements for May were displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.
- 21/79. Correspondence and Clerk's report:**  
A list of emails circulated was displayed.  
Costs etc for a new dog waste bin on the Trailway have yet to be confirmed.  
No update available for footpath diversion at The Old Mill.  
The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with Cllr Kerby, Simon Hoare MP and representatives from Dorset Council and British Gas. There are plans for major roadworks throughout the village in the next few months – dates to be confirmed.
- 21/80. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed

*A Cummings*

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**21/81. Matters of information and interest:** Cllr Adams reported on the “Connecting Rural Dorset” seminar. Copies of the presentation will be forwarded to councillors.

Cllrs Adams and Dunhill attended a site meeting at the Station Project with Graham Stanley, Dorset Council and Dean Cockwell from the project. Several options for additional play equipment were discussed and more details are being sought. The Project are always grateful for any practical help and working party days will resume as soon as they are able to do so under Covid rules.

Volitalia have offered to host a Parish Council meeting at their site once the new portacabins are in place.

The Meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

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