

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 6th September 2021 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 5

Agenda:

21/93. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill, Kerby (DC)

21/94. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None

21/95. Open Forum: A resident advised that the lettering for the redundant bus stop outside the School is going to be rewritten as part of the resurfacing. Clerk to contact Highways.

The Parish Council have been asked to support a temporary pause in the traffic on Remembrance Day. The Council will only support this if it has the necessary permission from the Police and Dorset Highways.

Following the Grenfell Tower enquiry, it was suggested that a Fire Review be carried out. Cllr Woodford and the clerk will undertake this with the VHMC Chairman.

It was reported that there is graffiti on the silo at North Farm. Concerns were also raised about the scaling ladder on the side of this. Clerk to contact landowner regarding making this safe.

An email has been received regarding “Revitalising Spetisbury” and appealing for volunteers for the various groups. The Parish Council will support any requests made via the normal channels on behalf of the organisations.

Items for Decision:

21/96. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 5th July were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed *A Cummings*

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- 21/97. Spetisbury Station Project:** Dean Cockwell gave an update. There has been little work carried out during the pandemic although more has been done recently. An appeal for more volunteers will be made via email and the website. The running in boards have been removed and are currently being rebuilt. The clerk reported that a new general waste bin is to be purchased and will replace the current bin which will be moved to Louse Lane end of the railway.
- 21/98. Overgrown Footpaths:** The pavement between Spetisbury & Charlton Marshall is overgrown and almost impassable in places. Clerk to contact Highways. There are several paths where signs are either missing or obscured. The Chairman is to be furnished with a list of these once Mr Lauder has carried out an audit. The area at Crawford Crossroads has overgrown shrubbery which is a danger to traffic & pedestrians. Clerk to contact Tim Munford. Clerk will also contact the landowner re the footpath from Clapcotts Farm to the Coach House.
- 21/99. Pavement Parking:** There have been several instances where pedestrians have had to walk in the road due to inconsiderate parking. Clerk to remind people to park considerately and leave space for a pushchair or wheelchair to pass safely.
- 21/100. Gable End Wall update:** Cllr Woodford has received a specification from the surveyor and will contact contractors to ascertain costs. It was decided not to go for the Monorex system as this will be too expensive.
- 21/101. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:** A copy of the accounting statements for July & August were displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed *A Cummings*

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21/102. Correspondence and Clerk's report:

A list of emails circulated was displayed.

Damaged Wall at the Church – Clerk emailed Highways but has yet to receive a response.

Village Hall Gas Supply – Clerk has renewed contract with a saving of around 10%.

Electric Smart Meter – first Floor to be installed on September 20th.

Planning Applications – The Woodpecker is still under consideration.

21/103. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

21/104. Matters of Information & Interest: The Clerk was asked to send a further email to Wessex Water regarding the noise generated at the Treatment Plant.

The Meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

Dated 4th October 2021

The Clerk advised that Councillor Higgins had tendered her resignation due to work commitments, he will advise Dorset Council regarding posting of notices etc.