

DRAFT Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 10th January 2022 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 9

Agenda:

22/1. To Receive Apologies: None

22/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: All Councillors present were granted dispensation to vote on items 22/6 and 22/7.

22/3. Open Forum: Cllr Kerby gave an update on the proposed repairs to the wall by the Church. The Highways team are going to put a temporary fix in place but are looking at a wider tranche of repairs to make the whole area safer. The proximity to the School is of major concern.

Cllr Kerby also gave his opinion of the proposed Planning Application (22/5) and stated that he had called this in for a committee hearing.

A question was raised about the proposed positioning of the Remembrance Silhouette. The Chairman stated that this will be discussed at a later meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the post of Footpath Liaison Officer – this will be on the agenda in February. Concern was also raised about another diversion of the footpath at The Old Mill. Chairman to raise with Dorset Rangers.

Part of the grass verge at Crawford Crossroads is being severely damaged by the hirers of the field parking their vehicle on it daily. Cllr Rutherford will speak to them about how to resolve this.

Items for Decision:

22/4. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 6th December 2021 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.

22/5. To consider Planning Application P/FUL/2021/05437 – Land South of St John’s Church – Erect replacement wall with wrought iron railings and gates 2m high and create new vehicular and pedestrian access: A full discussion took place and it was unanimously decided to object to this proposal on the grounds of road safety, unnecessary development and possible adverse effect on listed buildings and environment. There has been significant public response in objections to this. The clerk will produce a copy of the objections to Councillors before submission and a copy of the response will be viewable of the Dorset Council Planning Portal.

22/6. To agree Budget for Financial Year Commencing 1st April 2022: The Clerk presented the proposed budget for 2022/23. Allowances had been made for a 10% general increase in costs although this is likely to be higher. This budget was just about break even with an increase in Precept of 18%. The clerk reiterated that it was important not to use reserves for day-to-day expenditure. Costs are monitored closely. The Council voted to accept the proposed budget.

22/7. To agree and set the 2022/23 Precept: It was agreed to set the precept at £9500. Six Councillors voted in favour and one abstention.

22/8. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for December was displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.

22/9. Correspondence and Clerk’s report: A list of emails circulated was displayed.

22/10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

22/11. Matters of Information & Interest: Cllr Adams asked that the Police Community Involvement day be advertised on Spetisbury Events.

The Clerk advised that it is planned to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22nd March 2022, Covid restrictions allowing. This will be decided at February’s meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.28pm.