

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 7th February 2022 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: A Cummings, K Bew, S Woodford, S Hall, R Rutherford, S Dunhill

Members of the Public: 6

Agenda:

22/12. To Receive Apologies: Cllr Adams, Cllr A Kerby (DC)

22/13. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None

22/14. Open Forum:

A question was asked about whether the Parish Council would fund part of the Church Platinum Jubilee celebrations. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Concern was raised about the Highways solution to the wall and road by the Church/School. It was decided to await more definite plans but to lobby Cllr Kerby.

The Precept increase was queried. The Clerk to respond accordingly.

A350 Resurfacing – a question was asked as to when this would be completed. No dates are yet available.

A resident also attended the Dorset Police drop in event and raised the speeding issues with the Officers present. They continue to monitor and target specific areas.

Items for Decision:

22/15. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 10th January 2022 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed

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- 22/16. Spetisbury Station Project Update:** Dean Cockwell, the Project Manager gave a brief update. There has been a limited response for volunteers, unfortunately, most from outside of the village. The improvements to the ramp are unlikely to take place in the near future due to funding issues, although Cllr Dunhill is in negotiations with Dorset Rangers and there is a possibility of funding from Sustrans. The project are not intending going ahead with the purchase of a lease at the present time. The project also requires some storage space for some heritage items. The Clerk suggested that the shed at the village hall may be available.
- 22/17. Role of the Footpath Liaison Officer:** The Chairman read a prepared statement following an article that appeared in the Three Villages News. Discussion took place regarding how the Parish Council wished to proceed and the Clerk will update the current guidelines to be voted on at the March meeting. It was decided to ask if there is a volunteer willing to take on this role at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.
- 22/18. Dorset Deserves Better Campaign:** There have been several emails from this lobbying group regarding the Dorset Council Local Plan. The Chairman gave his views in support of this. The councillors will vote on whether to join this Group at the March meeting.
- 22/19. Annual Parish Meeting – scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March 2022:** This will take place at 7.30 in the Village Hall. It was decided not to carry out a letter box drop for this but it will be advertised widely within the village and all local media.

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22/20. Jubilee Celebration Planning: The Chairman and Clerk are to attend a further meeting with Charlton Marshall. Current plans are for a fun day at Charlton Marshall on Thursday 2nd June followed by beacon lighting etc on Spetisbury Rings in the evening. The Church are hosting an event at Clapcotts Farm on Sunday 5th June.

22/21. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for January was displayed to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.

22/22. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of emails circulated was displayed. Parking on the verge at Crawford Crossroads. Cllr Rutherford has spoken to the residents and also Dorset Highways have seen them. The issue should be resolved when they start to use their quadbike. Clerk to ask Landowner whether the entrance to the field could be altered to allow for off road parking.

Village Gardening – major clearance of ivy and shrubs has taken place at Crawford Crossroads and the Village Hall. There is an issue with a tree overhanging cables in the Village Hall garden – clerk to contact a tree surgeon to rectify.

Land adjacent to St John's Church – Consultation extended to 9th February. Clerk to ask Cllr Kerby why this is shown as delegated decision rather than committee.

Future meetings – the Clerk advised that the April meeting will now be held on April 4th – Cllr Woodford will act as clerk. The May meeting will be held on May 9th.

22/23. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

22/24. Matters of Information & Interest:

A question was asked regarding the new dog bin – clerk to chase.

The Panto has been postponed and will now take place in November 2022.

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The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

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