

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 6th June 2022 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 7

Agenda:

22/64. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Bew, Rutherford, Kerby (DC)

22/65. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None

22/66. Open Forum:

Thanks were expressed to the organising committee for the Jubilee Celebrations. Concern was expressed regarding the granting of Planning Permission for the proposed access to the paddock next to the Church. The Chairman shared those concerns but confirmed that there was no further action that the Parish Council could take.

Cllr Woodford advised that the scaffold at the Village Hall will remain for approximately 6 more weeks.

Items for Decision:

22/67. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 9th May 2022 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Adams, seconded Cllr Cummings.

Signed

S Dunhill

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22/68. Income/ Expenditure for tenanted properties: The clerk presented a breakdown of costs and income for the two properties. It was decided that no further discussion needs to take place until the tenancies are due for renewal. Clerk to check that the current charges from Dorset Property are competitive.

22/69. Hedgehog Highway Project: Any donation to this would be in breach of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. No action taken.

22/70. Scamps Playgroup – consider donation: Cllr Adams has requested a donation towards this village amenity. Further details to be provided before a decision can be made.

22/71. Public Participation in Meetings – discuss way forward: The Chairman stated that he wished to limit public participation to the Open Forum in accordance with Council Standing Orders. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the current scheme be continued with the public asking to speak. This will continue to be monitored. It was also decided to abolish the agenda item “Matters of Information and Interest” as this can be covered under Open Forum.

22/72. Highway Matters – update:

Resurfacing of the South end of the A350 - Still awaiting Highways timescales.

School Wall – awaiting Highways Safety Officers report on permanent solution.

Potential 20 mph speed limit – At present, Spetisbury does not meet the criteria for this but this may change.

Employing an Independent Road Safety Consultant – the Clerk advised that this could cost between £500 and £1500 per day, minimum, and this is not in the current budget.

Further consideration to be given in 2023/4.

Chairman to continue to speak to Cllr Kerby to put pressure on Dorset Highways and also contact the Head Teacher.

The Community Speedwatch scheme is still ongoing.

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22/73. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement for May was displayed to Councillors and proposed by S Hall, seconded by K Adams, signed by Cllr Dunhill.

22/74. Correspondence and Clerk's report:

New Dog waste bin for the trailway has been chased again.

Footpaths – the RoWLO is arranging a meeting with the Ranger team.

Spetisbury Station Project – Mr J Ivay is the new point of contact. The volunteers are covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

Village Garden – The tree surgeon has confirmed that a mature Elm tree needs to be felled. There are two self-sown trees which will be left but regularly checked. Cost for felling is £450 which is agreed.

22/75. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.45pm.

22/76. Matters of Information and Interest: The Clerk played the video of the beacon lighting supplied by Mr Richard Jones.

The Meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Signed

S Dunhill

Dated

4th July 2022