

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 9th January 2023 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: K Adams (Chair), R Rutherford, K Bew, S Woodford

Members of the Public: 6

Agenda:

23/1. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Dunhill, Hall, Cummings, Kerby (DC)

23/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: Cllrs Adams, Rutherford, Bew, Woodford re items 23/5 and 23/6. Dispensation granted.

23/3. Open Forum:

A question was raised regarding the wall by the School, this has been temporarily repaired. The gullies in West End have been cleared.

War memorial – Cllr Woodford gave an update including quotes which will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The fireworks on New Years Day raised in excess of £1000. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for the donation and also Cllr Hall for the hard work put in.

The Rights of Way Policy is still to be finalised although it is confirmed that volunteers are able to carry out minor works. Mr Lauder also asked whether the previous Council decision regarding the Permissive Paths at Home Plantation can be reconsidered. To be discussed at February's meeting.

A resident asked questions about the amount of hay waste that remains on the carriageway after the tractors have gone through and whether it can block the drains.

It was also raised about whose responsibility is it if drains are blocked by this.

Parking on the pavements still cause issues. Reminders to be issued.

An updated Fire Risk assessment on the Village Hall has been carried out and the report is awaited.

Signed

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Items for Decision:

- 23/4. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 5th December 2022 were agreed and signed by Cllr Adams.** Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Rutherford.
- 23/5. To agree Budget for Financial Year commencing 1st April 2023:** The Clerk gave a presentation of the current financial year together with the proposed budget. After discussion this was agreed. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Bew.
- 23/6. To agree and set the 2023/4 Precept:** Following the Budget presentation, it was agreed to set the precept at £10450, an increase of 10%. This raises the Band D equivalent rate to £39.51. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Bew.
- 23/7. King Charles III Coronation:** There are a number of proposals being considered in conjunction with Charlton Marshall. There is an edict from Buckingham Palace that beacons will not be lit to celebrate this event. A joint committee will be set up to discuss events.
- 23/8. Agree meeting dates for 2023/24:** A list of meeting dates was displayed and the clerk pointed out that the May meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday due to the two Bank Holidays on 1st & 8th.
- 23/9. Discuss further financial support for Spetisbury Craft Club:** This is a well attended community venture and it was proposed by Cllr Rutherford, seconded by Cllr Woodford that the Parish Council fund half the cost of the Hall hire for the foreseeable future. Agreed. Club to be asked to give an update to the Parish Meeting.
- 23/10. 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 approved. Proposed by Cllr Bew, seconded by Cllr Woodford, signed by Cllr Adams.

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23/11. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of emails circulated was displayed.

Station Project – Account balance now received and ringfenced in Reserves.

Dog Bins – two new bins have been installed; one at the Louse Lane end of the Trailway and one replacement at the station. These are for use for general waste as well as dog waste.

The Silhouette Soldier statue will be covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy. It will need to be professionally installed. Farwells will remove all spoil.

Funding Request received from Life Education Wessex regarding a presentation they will be giving at the School. To be discussed at February meeting.

23/12. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.45pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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