

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 8th January 2024 in the Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 5

Agenda

24/1. To Receive Apologies: Cllr Kerby (DC)

24/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: All councillors present have an interest in agenda items 24/5 and 24/6. The Clerk granted dispensation for all.

24/3. Open Forum:

The pedestrian access signs for the Mead will be erected as soon as the weather improves.

Homewatch – clerk to contact current coordinator.

Damp Issue – Cllr Woodford gave an update. An estimate has been received excluding materials. It was proposed by Cllr Bew, seconded by Cllr Woodford that the estimate is accepted with a limit of £4000 excluding VAT.

Items for Decision:

24/4. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 4th December 2023 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

24/5. To agree the Budget for Financial Year 2024/25: The clerk gave a presentation outlining year to date v budget together with a year end estimate. The budget for the next financial year was also presented. It was proposed by Cllr Woodford, seconded by Cllr Hall that this be accepted.

24/6. To agree and set the Precept for 2024/25: The precept was set at £11000. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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24/7. Agree Electricity Contract for Village Hall: Carried forward to February meeting.

24/8. Update from the Traffic Working Party: There is to be a count of the number of people crossing the A350 from Clapcotts Farm to assist in any decision regarding a crossing patrol.

There was further discussion regarding an application for a 20mph zone at various points through the village. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

The clerk will also contact Highways and Charlton Marshall PC regarding traffic issues.

24/9. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:

A copy of the accounting statements for December were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

24/10. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of emails circulated was displayed.

Planning: Vine Cottage – the application has been withdrawn and an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development is awaiting decision.

The sycamore in the Village Garden – still awaiting advice from the Dorset Council tree team. The near neighbour has advised that there is some root movement during high winds.

Speed Indicator Device: if anyone notices that this is not working, please advise the clerk.

Fallen road Sign at Clapcotts Farm/ A350 – this has been reported. Anyone can report an issue to the Dorset Council website.

The upgrade to the fire alarm system is due to commence on 15th January.

D-Day Celebrations – to be discussed at February meeting.

23/144. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 5th February 2024 at 7.45pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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