

## SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Village Hall.

A one minute's silence was held in memory of former Councillor Jan Ellis-Child

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

Members of the Public: 6

#### Agenda

**24/23. To Receive Apologies:** Cllr Cummings, Cllr Kerby (DC)

**24/24. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** None.

#### **24/25. Open Forum:**

A question was raised regarding ongoing issues with the wall and pavement at the School. Cllr Dunhill had raised this with Cllr Quayle from Dorset Council who is passing it on to Cllr Bryan, Portfolio holder for Highways.

It was reported that steps and ramps leading to the Trailway are damaged and slippery. Clerk to raise this with Dorset Rangers via Rights of Way Officer.

A complaint was raised regarding the parking on the verge at Crawford Crossroads and also the abandoned road signs. Clerk to raise with Community Highways Officer.

Questions were raised regarding the two tenanted properties which are being discussed in item 24/30.

#### **Items for Decision:**

**24/26. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill.** Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Bew.

**24/27. Litter Picking:** Charlton Marshall have advised that they are carrying out a litter pick on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that we would do the same on that date. To be advertised on village media.

**24/28. D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Meeting with Charlton Marshall to be arranged.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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- 24/29. Update from Traffic Working Party:** Mr Rayner gave an update. He attended a meeting with the Chairman and Cllr Quayle from Dorset Council. There were several points raised which the councillor took away. Discussions regarding the 20mph speed limits are ongoing together with feasibility studies. The clerk was asked to advise residents of the need to report any accident, however minor to the Police and Dorset Council Highways. It was also requested that a letter is drafted to deliver to residents who park irresponsibly.
- 24/30. Rent Reviews for both Properties:** A full discussion took place and the estimated current market rental from the Letting Agents for each of the properties was considered. The clerk is to obtain a second opinion on this for both properties before further decisions are taken. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Woodford.
- 24/31. Community Initiatives:** There have been a number of questions raised about the whole nature of our community. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Rutherford and Calnan would head this up and compile a list of questions for the residents. Mr Cheesley offered his assistance. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.
- 24/32. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:**  
A copy of the accounting statements for February were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Woodford.
- 24/33. Correspondence and Clerk's report:** A list of circulated emails was displayed.  
Annual Parish Meeting – to be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.  
WiFi in the Hall – Utility Warehouse charges are increasing. Gigaclear indicated that we may be entitled to Community Hub discount. Clerk to investigate.  
Village Garden – Clerk has contacted the contractors regarding shrub clearance.
- 24/34. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.45pm.**

The Meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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