

DRAFT Summary Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 2nd September 2024 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Dunhill (Chair), S Hall, S Woodford, M Cheesley, E Calnan. Members of the Public: 4

Agenda

24/89. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Bew, Rutherford

24/90. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

24/91. Open Forum: A question raised regarding whether the grass cutting for the Mead was in budget. Clerk confirmed it was. Cllr Cheesley asked what villagers do with their rainwater as most of it goes into the watercourses. He asked whether this could be included in the survey.

24/92. Ward Councillor Report: Cllr Cooper reported that he is dealing with Dorset Highways regarding the traffic options at the School. This is ongoing.

He has also spoken to the County Land Agent regarding the unused fields immediately adjacent to West End with a view to improving drainage.

Items for Decision:

24/93. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 1st July & Tuesday 16th 2024 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Calnan.

24/94. Potential Rent Increase – Old Priory Flat: Under the terms of the lease, the rent could be increased by up to £45pcm. It was decided that as the current rent is at the estimated market rent, no action was to be taken. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

24/95. New Bench at the Woodpecker Bus Stop: The clerk advised that he had not received a response from the developers and had approached Gigaclear. He will chase them. Installation permission would be required from Dorset Council.

24/96. Update from the Traffic Working Party: Mr Rayner reported that there are several initiatives ongoing including 20mph limits particularly at the School; possible rumble strips; no overtaking signs at either end of the village. Funding for village gateways is still awaited from Metka UK. Cllr Cooper is to arrange a meeting to discuss installation of these. He also asked about the reinstatement of the Speed Camera. Clerk to chase Dorset Police.

24/97. Building Repair Strategy: To be carried forward. Cllr Woodford reported that the drainage outside the hall in the Lodge garden needs to be improved. He will arrange for Groundwork companies to quote.

24/98. Residents Survey: Cllr Dunhill thanked Cllr Calnan for the work on preparing this. A full review of the questions will be carried out at the October meeting.

24/99. Review of Direct Debits: In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the following Direct Debit payments were confirmed: British Gas, SSE, Utility Warehouse, Information Commissioner. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Woodford.

24/100. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:

A copy of the accounting statements for July & August were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Woodford. The clerk also displayed the proposed prices for the electricity contract for the 1st floor rooms. It was agreed that this should be switched to EDF for a 3 year term. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

24/101. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Annual Audit - completed with no outstanding issues.

Village Garden Trees – application for pruning approved. Tree surgeon instructed.

SID – one of the batteries may need replacing.

24/102. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.