

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm online. (In accordance with Coronavirus Act 2020)

Cllrs present: A Cummings, K Adams, S Woodford, S Hall, N Houghton, K Bew, S Dunhill,
Members of the Public: 0

Agenda:

20/12. To Receive Apologies: Cllr Kerby (DC)

20/13. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None

20/14. Open Forum: Cllr Houghton updated the meeting that the “Woodpecker Walks” on the website were being altered to start at Clapcotts Farm. Thanks to the Hannam family for allowing this. Also, the rangers have been asked to replace the sign for the footpath at Layton Bridge and to repair the stile by the Walled Garden.

Cllr Woodford has requested that councillors become a bit more proactive – he has taken responsibility for the buildings and War Memorial. Other councillors will consider their roles.

Cllr Adams thanked the village for continuing to support the “Clap for Heroes” initiative.

Items for Decision:

20/15. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 4th May 2020 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.

20/16. Minutes of the Annual Meeting Monday 18th May 2020 were agreed and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed *A Cummings*

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20/17. Set 2020/2021 Section 137 Donations: Following discussions, the following donations were agreed:

Spetisbury PCC	£900
VHMC Table Tennis	£300*
Twinning Association	£300
SODS	£150
Citizens Advice	£250
RBL Poppy Appeal	£100
Air Ambulance	£200
A350 Community Group	£100
Spetisbury Station	£150
Village Fireworks	£200
Blandford Leisure Centre	£100

*will be reduced due to closure of Village Hall

The remaining donations were set to continue at existing rates.

20/18. Effects of COVID-19 on VHMC income: It was agreed that, although the Management Committee had received a business interruption grant, the Parish Council would meet the full cost of the first quarter's utility bills.

20/19. Future of the Cricket Pavilion: There is some evidence that the pavilion is being used for nefarious purposes. Clerk to ask the landowner to secure it.

20/20. To Receive Financial Statement and sign the same: A copy of the accounting statement was previously circulated to councillors and signed by Cllr Cummings.

Signed *A Cummings*

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20/21. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of emails to councillors had been circulated previously.

Village Garden – The clerk is to ask the contractors to tidy it up as some of the memorial stones are becoming overgrown.

Village Hall – The dehumidifier is not yet installed. However, a visual inspection has been carried out and the committee room is significantly drier.

A350 Resurfacing – The clerk is to write to Highways as the surface is rapidly deteriorating in places and is becoming a danger.

20/22. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.30pm online

20/23. Matters of Information and Interest:

Cllr Kerby had advised that the Dorset Council bounce back loans were now available to businesses.

There was some concern that The Mead is not well advertised on the website or mentioned in the Welcome Packs. Clerk to contact Rob Clarke.

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The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed *A Cummings*

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