

## **Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in the Village Hall.**

Cllrs present: K Bew (Chair), S Woodford, M Cheesley, S Hall, R Rutherford, E Calnan, B Cooper (DC).

Members of the Public: 3

### **Agenda**

- 25/1. To Receive Apologies:** Cllr Dunhill.
- 25/2. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation:** The Clerk issued a blanket dispensation to all councillors present regarding Item 25/7.
- 25/3. Ward Councillor Report:** Cllr Cooper reported that he had received a reply from the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the static speed camera. He advised that the A350 will be closed overnight from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> to allow resurfacing. He is still awaiting meeting dates with Highways. He advised that funds had been allocated for pothole repairs and that budgets for next year will be tight.
- 25/4. Update from the Traffic Working Party:** Mr Rayner reported that the speed camera was now working. He mentioned that incident reports are still not being completed.
- 25/5. Open Forum:** A further question was raised about the path by the School. Highways have agreed to raise the kerb. There will be a Speedwatch session this week. The Residents' survey will be issued this month. A question was asked regarding the number of hay rolls which are disintegrating on the meadows. Cllr Rutherford to speak to Clive Tory.
- 25/6. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were agreed and signed by Cllr Bew.** Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.
- 25/7. To agree Budget and set the Precept for 2025/26:** The clerk presented a review of the finances for this financial year and also the proposed budget. This had already been circulated to councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Woodford that the budget be adopted and the Precept set at £11,500, an increase of 4.55%.
- 25/8. Consider switching to a “.gov.uk” domain for website & emails:** There is a concerted effort from Central Government for all Councils to have a “.Gov.uk” domain name. It was decided to pursue this and the clerk will make further enquiries. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Hall.
- 25/9. Consultation on standards and conduct & Civility and Respect Pledge:** Councillors were encouraged to take part in this survey. It was decided that as the Council has adopted the Code of Conduct, no further action is to be taken. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Cheesley.
- 25/10. Management of Rental properties:** It was decided that the Council should retain the services of Dorset Property as letting agents. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.
- 25/11. 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 Bew. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Calnan.
- 25/12. Correspondence and Clerk's report:** A list of circulated emails was displayed.  
Planning – School request for new foundations for mobile classroom approved.  
Safer Streets – clerk attended a Zoom seminar but this provided no useful information.  
British Gas are to install a smart meter in the Hall.
- 25/13. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7.45pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.33pm.