

Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 7th April 2025 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Dunhill (Chair) K Bew, S Woodford, S Hall, E Calnan, M Cheesley. Members of the Public: 5

Agenda

25/38. To Receive Apologies: Cllrs Rutherford, Cooper (DC)

25/39. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/40. Update from the Traffic Working Party: No report. Mr Kerlogue reported that a second member of the Speedwatch group is standing down. The group will be carrying out sessions this week.

25/41. Open Forum: It was raised that there are some footpaths that are becoming overgrown including behind the Outlook. The sign at Layton Bridge is broken – clerk to contact Dorset Rangers.

Several concerns were raised regarding the development of the entrance to the field by the Church. It was confirmed that the Council have raised enforcement objections. A question was raised regarding the large sign at the Station which is missing. Clerk to contact the project.

25/42. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 3rd March 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Woodford.

25/43. Agree quote for safety upgrade to first floor wiring: Cllr Woodford asked that further quotes be obtained.

25/44. Repairs to end internal wall in Committee Room: There are still damp issues. Cllr Woodford to obtain quotes for tanking and dry lining.

25/45. Potential purchase of additional hedgehog warning signs: Initial costings for these are £400 each as Dorset Council will not allow them to be attached to anything other than lampposts. Proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Bew, that the Council do not join this scheme.

25/46. Initial Discussion on Resident Survey results: Cllr Calnan to carry out further analysis. Carried forward to June meeting.

25/47. Civility and Respect Pledge: A discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Woodford, that the Council should not sign the pledge. A vote took place and this was defeated by 3 votes to 2 with one abstention. The Council will, therefore, sign up to the pledge.

25/48. Discuss 20mph speed limit proposal adjacent to the School: The Chairman reported that an initial meeting had taken place with representatives from Dorset Council and the School. Concerns were raised about the lack of adequate footways and the dangers of crossing the road at the bottom of West End. It was proposed by Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Bew, that the Council supports further work and discussions on this proposal.

25/49. Audit 2025 – Disclose any conflict of interest with BDO LLP: The councillors confirmed no conflict of interest.

25/50. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:

A copy of the accounting statements for March were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Calnan.

25/51. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Planning – The proposed development at Park Hill, Charlton Marshall has been rejected.

10/11 West End – an appeal has been launched against the decision.

VE Day Beacon Lighting – will take place on 8th May at 9.30pm on the Rings.

Litter Pick – Successfully took place although numbers were disappointing.

Audit 2025 – Spetisbury has been selected for an intermediate audit which is a random 5% selection of all smaller authorities.

Speedwatch – with two resignations and no volunteers for a co-ordinator, there is a danger that this will cease.

Village Gateways – initial quote from Highways is for £5-6k. Installation timescale is c6 months.

25/52. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.45pm. This is the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. Meeting closed at 8.37pm.