

Spaxton Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.46 pm on Monday 12th May 2008 at Spaxton Village Hall.

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i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr P Williams, Mr M Stevens, Mr V Hughes, Mr B Porter & Mr S Stretton.	
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer.	
iii)	Members of the public present: none	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mrs D Richards, Mr D Joslin & Mr J Edney.	
2.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 th May 2007 were read and approved.	
3.	Matters Arising: none	
4.	<p>Chairman's report: Mr D Jeanes reported that it had largely been an uneventful year, although Members found themselves rather thrown in at the deep end with regard to the implementation of new consultation procedures for major planning applications, of which the application for a biogas plant at Cannington Cold Stores was one.</p> <p>He thanked all of the parish councillors for their help and support, likewise the County councillors and the clerk.</p>	
5.	<p>District Councillors' report: Mr K Dyer reported that there were serious financial issues at SDC arising from the Government-imposed concessionary fare scheme. Based on issued guidelines, SDC earmarked a budget of £200k to administer the scheme, only to find that the criteria were subsequently altered, and by month 10 the scheme had cost SDC over £1m. This is likely to lead to a deficit of £1.3m for the year, to which must be added unforeseen costs in relation to the waste recycling scheme, culminating in an overall deficit of £1.8m. As a result, the District Council has had to make redundancies, and the next 2 years are likely to be very challenging.</p> <p>He invited questions, but there were none.</p>	
6.	Resolutions for discussion: none.	
7.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: none	
	The meeting closed at 7.55pm.	