

# Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday July 7 2008 at Aisholt & Merridge Village Hall.

		Action
i)	Members present: the Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr S Stretton, Mr V Massey, Mr P Williams, Mr B Porter & Mr V Hughes.	
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr J Edwards, Mr D Joslin & Mr J Edney.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: Mr D Jeanes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the planning applications for Mr J Conder and Mr A Staple, as a neighbouring landowner.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 2 2008 were read and approved. Mr R Adcock arrived at 8.04pm.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) It was pointed out that an item in the March minutes regarding unauthorized caravans at Currypool needed clarifying, since it seemed to refer to the caravan site at Currypool, whilst the actual location of the offending vehicles was at Swang Cottages.</p> <p>ii) Swang Farm – nothing to report on either front, and the clerk will query this yet again.</p> <p>iii) There was concern at the procedure adopted by the planners at SDC with regard to the application for gallops at Rowdens Farm. This application suddenly ceased to be classified as a major application a couple of days after our last meeting! However, it was felt that there was little to be gained by querying this now.</p>	SF
5.	<p>Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – Mr J Edwards had kindly circulated his reports prior to the meeting. It was reported at the meeting that the dog notice on footpath 37 is to remain.</p> <p>Mr P Williams attended the June Cluster Meeting, but had little to report, other than to say that the Community Police Officers are keen to attend Parish Council meetings. He commented that attendance at the Cluster Meeting was very disappointing.</p>	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts: current account £1392.23 cr., capital reserve account £22845.52 cr.</p> <p>ii) It was decided to proceed with the insurance quotation offered by Came &amp; Company, which offered a reduction in premium of around £50 in the first year, together with an ongoing no claims discount, for improved cover.</p> <p>iii) The following payments were agreed: cheque no. 432 for £5.00 in favour of Richard Young in respect of the annual internal audit, cheque no. 433 for £267.70 in favour of Came &amp; Company in respect of the annual insurance premium and cheque no. 434 for £300.80 in favour of Delta in respect of the sanitaryware for the disabled toilet facility at Aisholt &amp; Merridge Village Hall.</p> <p>iv) County Councillor's grant – after a brief discussion it was decided to use these funds to purchase a new notice board for Aisholt &amp; Merridge Village Hall, but to decommission the one at the Church as it had fallen into a state of such disrepair. Mr V Hughes was asked to progress this.</p>	VH
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) <b>Applications decided since last meeting:</b> as per the published agenda.</p> <p>With regard to the application to remove the agricultural tie at Culverwells, Mr D Jeanes informed members that the applicant had asked to attend the meeting in order to plead his case further, but that he had advised him against it on the basis that the matter has not yet gone to Appeal and the Parish Council therefore has no legitimate means by which to alter its stance – even supposing it wished to. He reiterated the Council's previous advice, namely that the services of an expert planning consultant needed to be engaged.</p>	

	<p>ii) <b>New Applications: 45/08/00011</b> Mr G Harrison &amp; Mr K Scadden, change of use and conversion of barns to dwelling and garage (amended scheme) on land to the west of Merridge Hill, Spaxton – no observations. <b>45/08/00012</b> Mr &amp; Mrs P Ebsary, erection of two-storey extension at Martindale, Aisholt – this application was received between meetings and, given that SDC were unable to agree an extension of time and that there was insufficient time to call a special meeting, the clerk referred the matter to the Chairman and objected on the Council's behalf. Members confirmed these objections, namely that the proposed construction was inappropriate within the AONB and against planning policy.</p> <p>Mr D Jeanes left the room at 8.46pm and Mr P Williams took the Chair.</p> <p><b>45/08/00013</b> Mr A P T Staple, renewal of planning permission 45/03/00018 for the erection of a 2-storey front extension at Radlett Paddock, Spaxton – no observations. <b>45/08/00014</b> Mr J Conder, application for variation of condition 3 of planning permission 1/45/94/27 to allow use of store building as annexe accommodation – this is a free-standing building that is away from the main house and, as such is unsuitable for annexe accommodation. Members felt that the condition imposed in 1994 would have been put there for good reason, and the applicant had not proved that there had been a material alteration in circumstances that would warrant its removal. There were also concerns about further development within the AONB, given the recent application for a log cabin within the curtilage. Essentially, this application is for a change of use by another name, and members were unanimous in their objection to it.</p> <p>Mr D Jeanes returned to the room at 9.05pm and resumed the Chair.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting other than:</p> <p>i) A letter regarding an Affordable Housing Open Day was passed to Mr V Hughes who said he would try to attend, although the emphasis did seem to be more for tenants and services rather than for those interested in creating new affordable housing schemes.</p> <p>ii) Once again, complaints had been received about the hedgecutting in the Parish which, this year, has been exceptionally poor. Once again, the clerk was asked to write to the Highways authority, although with little hope of anything being done. Mr P Williams offered to take some photos for inclusion in the letter. It was felt it might be useful to invite Lawrence Hackling to the next meeting.</p> <p>iii) The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Kirkpatrick at The Old Smithy, requesting that she cut back the trees in her garden that are overhanging the junction of Peartwater Road and Bush Road and affecting visibility at the junction.</p> <p>iv) Mr V Hughes offered to liaise with Wessex Water regarding the location of the meter, as Mr B Porter had tried several times to contact them without success.</p> <p>v) It was reported that Mr M Husband had received complaints about the standard of strimming around the Church and cemetery, but wished members to know that recent weather conditions had prompted more growth than usual and, although he would like to do the work more often, the Church was not in a position to pay for this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">SF</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">SF</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Matters of report &amp; items for the next meeting – none.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date &amp; time of next meeting: Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>, for which apologies were offered by Mr R Adcock and Mr V Hughes, and Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.21pm.</p>	