

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday April 6th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr V Massey, Mr V Hughes, Mr R Adcock & Mr M Stevens.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr D Joslin.	
iii)	Members of the public present: Mr F Marsh.	
	<p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held at which Mr Marsh outlined the results of the Affordable Housing Needs Survey. This elicited a good response, and 10 households registered a need, all of whom meet the selection criteria. The 10 respondents comprise a mix of single people, couples and families, but at present only 2 of these are registered on the District Council's housing waiting list.</p> <p>The next step is for the Parish Council to formally discuss and confirm its desire to go ahead, and to then form a small working group to work with Felix, Mary Chorley, the District Council and a selected housing association. The working group will help to identify possible sites, either inside or outside the permitted development boundary, and SDC will then assess their suitability, approach landowners etc.</p> <p>Felix Marsh left the meeting at 8.32pm, when the formal meeting commenced.</p>	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr P Williams, Mr S Stretton, Mr B Porter, Mr K Dyer & Mr J Edney.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: Mr V Massey declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the planning applications submitted by Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mr M Husband, as a neighbour.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 2nd 2009 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>i) Cannington Cold Stores – Mr V Hughes expressed disappointment that this matter was discussed at last month's meeting, when he was not present. He explained to members that the Council's belief that both planning matters pertaining to this site had been resolved was in fact mistaken, and that the Certificate of Lawfulness had still not been issued, leaving the current operations at the site unauthorized.</p> <p>A heated debate then ensued, based on some members' frustration that the Enforcement Team appear to have little appetite for actually enforcing planning conditions at Cannington Cold Stores, leaving the Parish Council open to possible criticism of their apparent inaction. Mr V Hughes objected to the wording of the minutes also, but no amendments were made.</p> <p>Mr D Joslin left the meeting at 9.04pm.</p> <p>ii) The clerk had spoken with John Merchant regarding the lychgate at Charlynch Church, and had been advised that its purchase and installation had been funded by local residents. He had no idea who was responsible for its maintenance, and rather suspected that no one actually was. The clerk will reply to the enquiry accordingly.</p> <p>iii) The clerk had spoken with Tony Fairfax at Somerset Highways regarding the path at Hawkridge reservoir, and had been advised that the Council are prohibited from cutting any vegetation back until July, as it is bird-nesting season.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SF</div>

5.	Resignation of Parish Councillor: At the end of the March meeting, Mrs D Richards had tendered her resignation, and members were therefore asked to consider whether there was anyone who would be willing to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr D Jeanes mentioned Ted Bird, and will make enquiries	
5A.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – Mr J Edwards circulated reports from SALC and the Hinkley Point SSC at the meeting, and gave a short footpath report also.	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Statement of Accounts – current account £576.27 credit, capital reserve account £6447.84 credit. ii) Cheque no. 000452 for £30.00 in favour of the Community Council for Somerset in respect of our subscription renewal was confirmed. iii) Bank signatories – those members present signed the new bank mandate form. The other signatories will be collected at the next meeting. 	
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: Mr R Adcock declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the planning application submitted by Mr M Husband, as Mr Husband's employer, and both he and Mr V Massey left the room at 9.40pm. 45/09/00002 Mr A M Husband, siting of metal container to store equipment on land to the N of telephone exchange in Church Lane, Spaxton - no observations, other than the fact that the container should be painted to blend in with the environment. Mr V Massey & Mr R Adcock returned to the room at 9.43pm. 45/09/00003 Mr Brohn, erection of single-storey extension to S elevation, partly on site of existing outbuilding (to be demolished)at Wayside, High Street, Spaxton – no observations. 45/09/00004 Mrs W M Kirkpatrick, fell 3 conifers in area G1 at The Old Smithy, High Street, Spaxton – members felt that these trees had indeed been damaged by the snow, but that the damage was not sufficiently severe to warrant the trees' removal. 45/09/00005 Gotherney Hall Farm, carrying out internal alterations, repairs and replacement of windows and doors, installation of boiler flue, erection of shed to house water processing plant and replacement oil tank at Gotherney Hall, Charlynch – no observations.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Affordable Housing – members unanimously agreed to go to the next stage, and the working party was identified as Mr D Jeanes, the clerk, Mr R Adcock and – if willing – Mr S Stretton. 	
9.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: none	
10.	Date & time of next meeting: Monday 11 th May 2009, at Spaxton Village Hall, starting with the annual meetings at 7.30pm. The June meeting will take place on June 8 th , at Aisholt Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.58pm.	