

# Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall.**

<b>i)</b>	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr V Hughes, Mr J Edwards, Mr B Porter, Mr M Stevens, Mr S Stretton, Mr V Massey, Mrs D Richards, Mr P Williams & Mr R Adcock.	<b>Action</b>	
<b>ii)</b>	District Councillors present: none.		
<b>iii)</b>	Members of the public present – Miss C Jenner, Mr J Shattock.		
	<p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held in which Miss Jenner explained that she had re-submitted her planning application in exactly the same format, and was hopeful of active support from the Parish Council this time, should members feel that sufficient planning grounds existed for such support.</p> <p>Mr J Shattock was in attendance in respect of Tony Fear's planning application, and outlined the steps that had been taken to address the concerns expressed by members last time, most notably a reduction from 2 units to just 1. Mr Shattock had also driven out to Plainsfield to satisfy himself that the unit would not be visible across the open countryside, and had prepared guidance notes demonstrating that the proposals would not be contrary to policies STR3 and PPS7.</p> <p>The formal meeting commenced at 8.25pm.</p>		
<b>1.</b>	Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin.		
<b>2.</b>	Declaration of member's interests: Mr D Jeanes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the planning application submitted by Watermans, as a neighbour. Mr V Hughes and Mrs D Richards declared personal & prejudicial interests in the planning application submitted by Mr D Fox, as neighbours.		
<b>3.</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday January 12 <sup>th</sup> 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall were read and approved after a couple of minor amendments had been made, at the request of Mr V Hughes.		
<b>4.</b>	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>i) Mobile home at Luxborough – Mr V Hughes had now visited this mobile home himself, and felt certain that it was being used as a dwelling, not least because it now apparently possesses its own postbox! Further, the barn that is being renovated has been substantially demolished, with only 2 walls remaining, and does not seem to have been the subject of a planning application. The clerk was asked to report this to the Enforcement Team.</p> <p>ii) Cannington Cold Stores – Mr V Hughes asked that this be discussed at the next meeting, as some information still appears to be missing and he has written to SDC requesting clarification of various points.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1337 1554 1433 1626"><b>SF</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>SF</b>
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<b>5.</b>	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – nothing to report this month, other than the fact that we have been asked to comment on a guide being prepared in connection with the footpaths around Hawridge, and Mr J Edwards had contributed a couple of amendments.		
<b>6.</b>	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts – current account £165.37 credit, capital reserve account £6946.29 credit.</p>		

	<p>ii) The following cheques were agreed: no. 000450 for £29.00 on favour of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, re subscription renewal. A transfer of £500.00 from Capital Reserve to Current Account was also authorized.</p> <p>iii) Further correspondence had been received regarding RLT3 payments, and it was decided to forward this to Glyn Richards. It was generally recognized that both the senior and junior football pitches required attention, although in the case of the latter it was felt that the soil had merely become compacted and that it would suffice to use an aerating machine since the underlying drainage system remained fit for purpose.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: <b>45/08/00037</b> Messrs J Waterman, erection of agricultural building at Sunnyhill Farm, Pigs Hill Lane, Nether Stowey – Mr D Jeanes left the meeting at 8.43pm and Mr P Williams took the Chair. It was felt that the family had farmed in the area for many years and were seeking only to modernize their farming practices, therefore members were in support. Mr D Jeanes returned to the meeting at 8.50pm and resumed the Chair. <b>45/08/00038</b> Mr P Clist, application of certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a porch to E elevation and detached garage at Rosecot, High Street, Spaxton – discussion deferred as application not yet received, although it was not felt that there would be any objections. Mr B Porter and Mr V Massey offered to take a look at the property and the plans, and to report back to members if they discovered anything untoward. <b>45/08/00039</b> Mr A J Fear, erection of one log cabin for holiday accommodation on land at Tuxwell Farm, Tuxwell Lane, Spaxton – there was a full and frank discussion regarding whether or not this application contravenes planning policy, culminating in a vote in which 5 members were in favour and 4 against, with 1 abstention. Mr J Shattock left the meeting at 9.12pm. <b>45/08/00040</b> Mr D Fox, internal alterations to Splatt Mill, Splatt Lane, Spaxton – Mr V Hughes and Mrs D Richards left the meeting at 9.13pm, but there were no observations and they returned soon afterwards. <b>45/09/00001</b> Miss C Jenner, erection of 2-storey side extension, partly on site of existing (to be demolished) at 4 Stockholm Terrace, Spaxton – this application is identical to the one previously submitted and now, as then, members could see no objection. They decided to support it on the basis that the proposals are in keeping with neighbouring properties, do not appear to contravene policy, and there is a clearly demonstrable need for the applicant to extend her living space.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Matters of report &amp; items for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no volunteers to attend the Quantock pre-Cluster meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Mr J Edwards asked if any progress had been made regarding the Spaxton Charities' funds. The clerk had heard nothing more, and was asked to write again to the Reverend Watkins.</li> <li>• Mrs Russell at Cridlands Barton had complained about dog fouling outside her house, and in the absence of being able to identify the culprit(s), another appeal would be placed in the April/May edition of Community News.</li> <li>• The footpath at Hawkridge reservoir remains overgrown, and the clerk was asked to write again to Highways requesting that it be cleared by Spring so that wheelchair users could gain access.</li> <li>• Mr J Edwards commented that the drains between Four Forks and the School had become blocked during the recent bad weather, and were being cleared on a somewhat piecemeal basis. The blockages appear to be</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">SF</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">VH</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">SF</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">SF</div> </div>

	happening more and more frequently due, he felt, to the lack of a regular sweeping programme in the Village. The clerk was asked to obtain a copy of Highways' sweeping schedule.	
<b>10.</b>	Date & time of next meeting: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.40pm.	