

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday January 12th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr V Hughes, Mr J Edwards, Mr B Porter, Mr M Stevens, Mr S Stretton & Mr R Adcock.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: none.	
iii)	Members of the public present – Lora & Karen, PCSOs from Bridgwater Police Station.	
	Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held in which the two PCSOs were invited to speak as part of the PACT initiative. With no other members of the public present, there were no particular issues to discuss, although Lora and Karen did volunteer to come and speak to any youth or school groups, or to give a security talk to the elderly. The clerk will pass the message on. In the meantime, they also suggested that a notice regarding anti-social behaviour be displayed at the Village Hall as a deterrent. Contact numbers for PACT are: Lora – 07825 125099, Karen – 07917 529456, Rob – 07717 701683 and BW Police Station (non-emergencies) – 0845 456700.	SF
1.	Apologies for absence: Mrs D Richards, Mr P Williams & Mr D Joslin.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: none	
3.	The minutes of the meetings held on Monday December 1st and Monday December 15 th 2008 at Spaxton Village Hall were read and approved. A couple of amendments were made, namely to reflect the fact that Mr J Edwards had been present at the meeting on 1 st December, that the reports for that meeting included both QHJAC <u>and</u> the Cluster meeting, and that no firm decision had been reached with regard to the £2k provisionally earmarked for possible drainage works to the junior football pitch.	
4.	Matters arising: 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.	SF
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – SALC report to follow.	
6.	Financial items: i) Statement of Accounts – current account £757.39 credit, capital reserve account £6946.29 credit. ii) The following cheques were agreed: 445 for £18.39 in favour of Wessex Water re. the supply to the allotments, 446 for £460.00 in favour of Notice-It Ltd re. the new noticeboard for Merridge Village Hall, 447 for £52.50 in favour of Spaxton Village Hall re. hire for meetings and 448 for £61.00 in favour of the SLCC re. membership renewal. iii) Cheque no. 442 for £300 to Mark Husband had finally been traced back to his account, but had not been immediately recognisable to him as it had been paid in as part of a larger credit totalling £540.00. No further action required, although Mark	

	is to pursue with his bank the matter of how it got there, as he is certain that he did not receive it, nor did he pay it in.	
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: 45/08/00035 Mr G Harrison & Mr K Scadden, change of use and conversion of barns to dwelling and garage (amended scheme) at barn on land to the W of Merridge Hill, Spaxton – members were concerned that suddenly they were being faced with an application for 2 dwellings on the site rather than one, and voted against it on the basis of overdevelopment of a rural site.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to invite a member from Development Control to address a future PC meeting in the hope of explaining a bit more about SDC's approach to planning decisions.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SF</div>
8.	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.	
9.	<p>Matters of report & items for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr V Hughes expressed continuing concern regarding Cannington Cold Stores and its application for a Certificate of Lawfulness. He had been advised that the Certificate had been issued, but his requests for further information regarding the content of the decision notice had met with resistance. The clerk was asked to contact Development Control and try to ascertain the requirements of the S106 order, including what the nature of the business on the site is now, what it is permitted to be in future, and what materials are to be permitted as fodder for the biogas digester. • The Affordable Housing Survey will be distributed with the February/March 2009 issue of Community News. • Mr M Stevens asked the clerk to report one of the council houses in Peartwater Road to the Enforcement Team, as a hedge had been partly removed to allow off-road car parking. Whilst the principle is laudable and will help ease congestion, the hedge removal should not have been carried out without the benefit of planning permission. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SF</div>
10.	Date & time of next meeting: Monday 2 nd February 2009, and Monday 2 nd March 2009, both at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.16pm.	

