

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday January 4th 2010 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: the Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr V Hughes, Mr S Stretton, Mr P Williams, Mr T Bird, Mr V Massey, Mr J Edwards and Mr R Adcock.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr J Edney.	
iii)	Members of the public present: Mrs D Richards.	
	<p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held. Mrs D Richards conveyed her objection to the planning application recently submitted by Mr & Mrs Fairfax, expressing the view that the alleged brownfield status of the site was highly questionable, and the proposed building would be highly visible and totally incongruous with the local landscape.</p> <p>Mr J Edney explained that he had expressed his support for the proposal, having been approached by the applicant, on the basis that he felt it was only equitable that it should come before the planning committee and not be dealt with under delegated powers.</p> <p>Mr V Hughes offered to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee on January 12 2010 on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The formal part of the meeting commenced at 8.20pm.</p>	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin and Mr K Dyer. Members were pleased to learn that Mr K Dyer was making a good recovery after a recent bout of ill health.	
2.	Declaration of members' interests: None.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 7th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr J Edwards explained that the proposed electoral boundary changes related to ward boundaries and not parish boundaries. The implications seemed to be that the number of ward members might be reduced to two, with a new Quantock ward being created that would have its own ward member. • Affordable housing – Mr S Stretton and Mr R Adcock attended the most recent meeting, at which 2 main sites were identified, namely the allotment land and a plot of land in Splatt Lane owned by Mrs Sarah Watson. The next big hurdle to overcome would be the Highways Authority, but if their approval can be obtained then the whole thing is likely to go ahead. A further meeting is scheduled for January 22nd. 	
5.	Mr J Edwards had received a questionnaire from EDF via the Quantock Cluster Group, and wished to discuss our response at the meeting. Issues included the possible construction of a river crossing, a new park and ride, new housing and a freight transfer depot. The Parish Council's responses were formulated by consultation and Mr J Edwradns undertook to ensure they were submitted to EDF.	
6.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – please see attached.	
7.	<p>Financial items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Statement of Accounts: current account: £654.28cr, capital reserve account £11951.37 cr. ii) There were no payments outstanding. <p>Mr J Edney left the meeting at 9.04pm.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Applications decided since last meeting</u>: as per the published agenda. ii) <u>New Applications</u>: none. iii) <u>Development Control Meeting 12 January 2010</u>: Objections to the Fairfax application had been received from Mrs D Richards, Mr P Ham, Mr G Wilson, Mr P Harris and Ms J Chesher. Mr V Hughes had drafted a statement to be read out at the Development Control Meeting, setting out the Parish Council's objections, and it was agreed that he would make a few minor amendments and then re-circulate it for approval. 	
9.	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.	

<p>10.</p>	<p>Matters of report & items for the next meeting: the clerk had not yet contacted Mr D Brohn regarding the wall surrounding the village pump and the siting of his rubbish bins at the site, but undertook to do so before the next meeting, Mr T Bird expressed concern at the likely fate of the Village shop and Post Office, plus also the state of the roads around Spaxton following the recent spate of bad weather. Mr R Adcock told the meeting that the grasscutting at the Cemetery and Churchyard would shortly go out to tender. Mr S Stretton commented that the website was looking a bit out of date and asked the clerk to liaise with Kate Barrington to make the necessary amendments.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date & time of next meetings: as already decided, namely February 1st, March 1st, April 5th and May 10th 2010. All at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.34pm.</p>	