

# Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

## Minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr V Massey, Mr V Hughes, Mr M Stevens, Mr S Stretton , Mr B Porter, Mr R Adcock & Mr P Williams.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr D Joslin.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr K Dyer & Mr J Edney.	
2.	Declaration of members' interests: None.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 6th 2009 were read and approved.	
4.	Matters arising: i) Parish Council vacancy – the Chairman had spoken with Ted Bird, who would be willing to be co-opted, but the clerk had also made enquiries and there is a need for the vacancy to be formally advertised first. Notices will be displayed on the Parish notice board shortly.	
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – please see attached report. Mr J Edwards mentioned that he would be unable to attend the next Cluster meeting, and Mr V Hughes offered to try and go on behalf of the Parish Council.	<b>VH</b>
6.	Financial items: i) Statement of Accounts – current account £3995.66 credit, capital reserve account £6447.84 credit. A transfer of £3000.00 from current account to capital reserve account was agreed. ii) There were no payments to be made. iii) The form for the Recreation & Amenity grant had been received and it was agreed that the clerk should complete this and send it in. iv) Bank signatories – the remaining signatories signed the mandate, which was ratified for onward transmission to the Natwest Bank in Bridgwater.  Mr D Joslin left the meeting at 8.15pm and did not return.	<b>SF</b> <b>SF</b>
7.	Planning items: i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.  ii) New Applications: <b>45/09/00007</b> Mr & Mrs T Groves, erection of single-storey extension to E elevation to form store room at Watermans Garage, Four Forks, Spaxton – members wished to support this application in view of the fact that expansion of the garage business will benefit the local economy, providing not only a valuable service but also jobs for local people. <b>45/09/00008</b> Mr S Penny, formation of new access on land at Hawkridge Wood, Lawyers Hill, Spaxton - no observations. Documentation for the application submitted by Mr G Porter had not been received; therefore it could not be discussed at the meeting. Given that it had appeared on the agenda, giving interested members of the public an opportunity to have their say, it was decided that Mr P Williams, Mr V Hughes and Mr R Adcock would visit the site and assess the application pending receipt of the plans.	
8.	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting other than: i) A letter regarding RLT3 payments was handed to Mr V Hughes for discussion at the next Cluster meeting. ii) The SALC agenda for June 11 was handed to Mr J Edwards. iii) Members were alerted to a problem in Peartwater Road, whereby the fence to the allotments has been cut through, and the gap used to deposit sheets of asbestos in the back garden of number 7, presumably ready for the erection of some sort of shed or garage. There is particular concern because the owner of	

	<p>the neighbouring house has asbestosis, and Mr B Porter had tried to have a polite word with the people concerned, but the door was slammed in his face before he could speak. The clerk was therefore asked to write to the EHO and also to the Housing Dept. as the property concerned is a Council tenancy.</p> <p>iv) The clerk was also asked to speak to Somerset Highways about cutting the grass for safety reasons at the exit from Barford Road onto Enmore Road and at the triangle near the Travellers Rest.</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 170 1449 241" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div> <div data-bbox="1353 282 1449 353" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p>Matters of report &amp; items for the next meeting: Mr R Adcock asked if Broadband could be installed at the Village Hall so that the clerk could access the SDC website etc. during meetings, but it was felt that in view of the state of the VH finances, this was not a priority at the present time. Mr R Adcock also reiterated a request to ask a member of the planning team to come to a PC meeting to advise on general planning matters, and the clerk was asked to write to them again.</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 456 1449 528" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p>Date &amp; time of next meetings: Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Aisholt Village Hall, and Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall. Mr P Williams gave his apologies in advance for June.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.47pm.</p>	