

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday November 2nd 2009 at Merridge Village Hall.

| i) | Members present: the Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr V Massey, Mr J Edwards, Mr S Stretton, Mr B Porter, Mr R Adcock, Mr M Stevens & Mr P Williams. | Action |
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| ii) | District Councillors present: none. | |
| iii) | Members of the public present: Mr Tony Fairfax, Mr James Doble. | |
| | No public session was requested. | |
| 1. | Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin, Mr K Dyer, Mr J Edney, Mr M Stevens & Mr T Bird. | |
| 2. | Declaration of members' interests: Mr B Porter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application for Mr Foster, who is Mr Porter's son's employer, and Mr D Jeanes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in the planning application submitted by Mr & Mrs Dare, as a neighbour. | |
| 3. | The minutes of the meeting held on Monday October 5th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall were read and approved. | |
| 4. | <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing – a further meeting had been held and, in all, 7 potential sites identified. The next steps involve writing to the relevant landowners and talking to the planners, prior to another meeting on December 7th. • Dog bins – the clerk had ascertained that it would cost between £150 and £180 to site a dog bin, depending on location and whether a fence post was available to attach it to, and that the costs of emptying are currently £2.63 a time, with a recommendation that the bin be emptied twice a week. Mr J Edwards was asked to convey this to the Village Hall Committee. • Allotments – 3 allotments had been taken back and re-allocated due to the tenants being unable to tend them regularly. There remains one potential allotment holder on the waiting list. | |
| 5. | Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – circulated prior to the meeting. | |
| 6. | <p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts: current account: £3478.88 cr, capital reserve account £9449.98 cr. A request had been made of Natwest bank to transfer the bulk of the monies on current account into the capital reserve, but the instruction had clearly fallen victim to the recent postal strikes.</p> <p>ii) There were no payments to agree.</p> <p>iii) It was unanimously resolved to use the £800 County Councillor's grant towards the refurbishment of the village pump and surrounding area.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda, except that it was not made clear that application 45/09/00030 for Mr Irvine had been granted permission.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: 45/09/00031 Mr R Foster, retention of ménage with woodchip base and erection of 5-bay steel-framed building to cover existing ménage on land to the south of Swang Farm Cottages. Mr B Porter left the room at 9.05pm. It was felt that this development would be well-screened by existing trees, and that the work was likely to be done well, if the rest of the site was anything to go by, hence there were no observations. Mr B Porter returned to the room at 9.13pm, at which point Mr D Jeanes left. 45/09/00032 Mr & Mrs R Dare, erection of part two-storey, part single-storey extension to NE elevation, erection of double garage and formation of access at Raisons Cottage, Currypool – no observations. Mr D Jeanes returned to the room at 9.17pm and resumed the Chair. Planning application 45/09/00034 in the names of Mr & Mrs A Fairfax had been received on the day of the meeting, but could not be discussed as it had not been received in time to feature on the published agenda.. It was therefore resolved to hold a special meeting on Thursday November 12th 2009 at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall to discuss this and any other applications that might arrive in the interim.</p> | |

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| 8. | <p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter had been received by the Chairman requesting nominations for an award recognising the contributions of individuals to village life. A suitable candidate was identified and the name will be put forward. | |
| 9. | Matters of report & items for the next meeting: none. | |
| 10. | <p>Date & time of next meetings: as already decided, namely November 12th and December 7th 2009, then January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th and May 10th 2010. All at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall except for the November 2009 meeting. Mr V Hughes gave his apologies for the November meeting.</p> | |
| | The meeting closed at 9.29pm. | |