

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday October 5th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: the Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr V Massey, Mr J Edwards, Mr S Stretton, Mr T Bird, Mr B Porter, Mr R Adcock & Mr V Hughes.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer.	
iii)	Members of the public present: Mr Tony Fairfax, Mr John Lloyd.	
	No public session was requested.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin & Mr J Edney.	
2.	Declaration of members' interests: Mr T Bird declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application regarding Cook's Cottages, as a trustee.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 7th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing – the report had been received from Felix Marsh, detailing the three sites identified. A further meeting is to be held at the end of this month, and the sub-committee will report back to the November meeting. • Dog bins – the clerk had not managed to talk to anyone at SDC regarding the scale of charges for emptying dog bins, but would contact them again. • Spaxton Churchyard – there were strong feelings expressed about the state of the churchyards at both Spaxton and Charlynch, although at the moment Aisholt is being kept tidy. The clerk was asked to write to the Reverend Watkins expressing concern regarding Spaxton and Charlynch, and suggesting that an application be made to close Charlynch officially so that responsibility for the upkeep can pass to the County Council. 	
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – please see attached reports.	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts: current account: £3881.43 cr following receipt of the second precept instalment, capital reserve account £9449.98 cr.</p> <p>ii) The following payments were agreed: cheque no. 460 for £300.00 in favour of Mark Husband in respect of grasscutting for the year.</p> <p>iii) An additional suggestion was made in respect of the £800 County Councillor's grant, namely the repair of the Village Pump at the junction of the High Street and Peartwater Road. Mr B Porter offered to assess the likely cost.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: 45/09/00029 Mr E Bird, application for works to trees in conservation area at 1 Cooks Cottages, Splatt Lane, Spaxton. Mr T Bird left the room at 8.44pm but, there being no observations, returned at 8.45pm. 45/09/00030 Mr A Irvine, erection of detached double garage with games room over (amended scheme) at Padnoller Cottage, Keenthorne – no observations.</p> <p>With reference to planning matters in general, Mr V Hughes observed that there appeared to be a newly-erected building at Rowdens Farm for which planning permission did not seem to have been sought. Members agreed that the Enforcement Team should be alerted, although few details regarding the building were known.</p> <p>Mr J Edwards offered to attend the planning workshops being run for councillors, along with Mr V Massey and possibly Mr T Bird.</p> <p>Mr V Hughes advised members that the appeal lodged by Tony Fear in respect of the holiday chalet on land at Tuxwell had been dismissed.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter had been received from Somerset Highways regarding overhanging hedges at Culverwells and Lawyers Hill, together with a request for the Parish 	

	<p>Council to identify the landowners. These are Mrs Rowe, and the proprietor of Chafflock Barm, whose identity is unknown. The clerk was asked to respond accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letter regarding the Quantock Strategic Parish Cluster was passed to Mr J Edwards. • There were no volunteers to attend the meeting regarding the electoral boundary review. 	
9.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: Mr B Porter pointed out that 3 of the current allotment holders have failed to tend them properly, whereas there are 4 families on the waiting list. He requested permission to speak with the 3 in question and to evict them if necessary, and members were happy for him to do this.	
10.	Date & time of next meetings: as already decided, namely November 2 nd and December 7 th 2009, then January 4 th , February 1 st , March 1 st , April 5 th and May 10 th 2010. All at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall except for the November 2009 meeting. Mr V Hughes gave his apologies for the November meeting.	
	The meeting closed at 9.04pm.	