

# Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday July 6th 2009 at Spaxton Village Hall.**

		<b>Action</b>
i)	Members present: the Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr R Adcock, Mr V Massey, Mr M Stevens, Mr J Edwards, Mr P Williams, Mr S Stretton & Mr V Hughes.	
ii)	District Councillors present: none.	
iii)	Members of the public present: none.	
	There was no request for a public session to be held.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr K Dyer, Mr J Edney & Mr D Joslin.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: none.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 8th 2009 at Aisholt & Merridge Village Hall were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Parish Council vacancy – the statutory notice period had expired, and the clerk had been advised that co-option was now permitted. Members voted unanimously to co-opt Ted Bird.</li> <li>ii) The clerk had repeated the request for a member of Development Control to come and speak at a Parish Council meeting, and had been advised that there were plans for Development Control to attend Cluster meetings in the Autumn. The suggestion was therefore made that a visit to a separate Parish Council meeting could take place after that if there were questions that remained unanswered.</li> <li>iii) Members were advised that Ken Edwards had completed the RLT3 funds application for the playwall, and had handed it to Mr V Hughes for the Parish Council's endorsement. The clerk was asked to provide Mr V Hughes with the necessary letter for the Council. In the meantime, Mr R Adcock requested that the wall be coated with anti-graffiti paint.</li> <li>iv) Affordable housing – it was agreed that the Affordable Housing sub-committee should request a meeting with the representatives from Sedgemoor District Council on either the first Monday of the month, or a Friday.</li> </ul>	
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – Mr J Edwards gave a brief footpath report. He also advised members that at the recent SALC meeting Parish Councillors were advised of an opportunity to get young people involved in local politics by recruiting a 16-year-old member for a period of one year. It was decided to advertise this opportunity in Community news.	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Statement of Accounts: current account: £3308.21 cr, capital reserve account £9448.79 cr.</li> <li>ii) There were no payments to be agreed.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Applications decided since last meeting: as per the published agenda.</li> </ul>	

	<p>ii) New Applications: <b>45/09/00019</b> Mr &amp; Mrs R Dare, erection of part two-storey, part single extension to NE elevation and erection of detached garage/workshop and formation of access, partly on site of existing (to be demolished). Mr D Jeanes declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a neighbor, and left the room at 8.36pm, when Mr P Williams took the Chair. The proposed alterations appeared to be in keeping with the rest of the building and with the surrounding area, and no one had any knowledge of local objections. However, this application arrived too late to feature on the published agenda, so an extension of time would be requested by the clerk. Mr D Jeanes returned to the room at 8.45pm.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.	
<b>9.</b>	<p>Matters of report &amp; items for the next meeting: Mr P Williams had had some dealings with Lawrence Hackling at Somerset Highways concerning verge and hedge cutting. Despite Lawrence's assertion that his team do not carry out Hedge cutting, the hedges and verges had indeed been cut, in some places to a height of 8'. All members commented on the quality of the workmanship, and asked the clerk to write to Lawrence thanking him for the verge, hedge and bank cutting!</p> <p>Keith Bellinger had again approached Mr R Adcock about the installation of cricket nets on the playing field, and had been asked to put his request in writing together with an estimate as to cost. It was pointed out that the overhead cables represent a real problem, however, as the cost of routing them underground is prohibitive.</p> <p>Mr R Adcock commented on the state of the junior football pitch, which is very overgrown. No one was sure what action could be taken at this stage, as the costs involved are high and the Junior Football Club seem not to have the funds available to take remedial action.</p> <p>Mr V Hughes advised members that Spaxton School had received a glowing report from its School Improvement Partner, who rated it as outstanding.</p> <p>Mr M Stevens mentioned that the tarmac at the junction of Twinhill Lane and Peartwater Road required attention.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	Date & time of next meetings: August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , September 7 <sup>th</sup> , October 5 <sup>th</sup> , November 2 <sup>nd</sup> and December 7 <sup>th</sup> 2009, then January 4 <sup>th</sup> , February 1 <sup>st</sup> , March 1 <sup>st</sup> , April 5 <sup>th</sup> and May 10 <sup>th</sup> 2010. All at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall except for the November 2009 meeting.	
	The meeting closed at 9.13pm.	