

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday April 2nd 2007 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	<p>The meeting did not commence until 8.20pm due to the late arrival of the clerk.</p> <p>Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr M Stevens, Mr P Williams, Mr B Porter, Mr V Massey, Mr V Hughes, Mr S Stretton, Mr R Adcock & Mrs D Richards.</p>	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer & Mr J Edney.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin & Mrs L M Cartwright.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: None.	
3.	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday March 5th 2007 were read and approved, although Mr V Hughes was under the impression that members had objected to the planning application for the erection of a haybarn submitted by Mr S Franks, on the grounds of size. Members felt that an objection had been raised by Mr V Hughes on that basis, but that others did not share his view.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Parish Council Elections – the nomination forms for Mr D Jeanes and Mr V Massey had been returned as their original proposers did not reside in the correct Spaxton ward – they both undertook to make the necessary amendments and re-submit their own forms. Mr B Porter also said that he would complete and submit his nomination form by the deadline. Mr S Stretton's form had also been returned, since his proposer had moved house and no longer featured on the electoral roll – the clerk agreed to submit the amended form by the deadline.</p> <p>ii) Affordable Housing – the clerk had not received a reply to her email to Felix Marsh, and undertook to ring him prior to the next meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – the SALC and Cluster meeting reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some concern was expressed at the fact that in future Village Design Statements may be regarded as being of minor importance in relation to planning matters, which seems very disappointing given the large amount of work carried out and the goodwill thereby generated.</p> <p>The only issue for discussion relating to footpaths was the issue of dog fouling which is once again becoming a major problem. Two residents had written in to the Chairman complaining, and items in Community News appealing for dog owners' cooperation in clearing up after their dogs had had little impact. After a brief discussion it was decided that Mr J Edwards would ask the County Council to supply him with a number of notices free of charge which could then be displayed around the village, and a further item would also be placed in Community News advising that a resident in Nether Stowey had actually been fined as a result of not clearing up after his dog, in the hope that this might act as a deterrent.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to reply to the 2 residents who had written in.</p>	<div data-bbox="1329 1552 1433 1624" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">JE</div> <div data-bbox="1329 1675 1433 1747" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">VH</div> <div data-bbox="1329 1798 1433 1870" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SK</div>
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>The clerk had not had an opportunity to prepare a monthly financial statement, and the bank account statements had not yet been received, but since the last meeting allotment monies of £75 had been received.</p>	

7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) <u>Applications decided since last meeting</u>: As listed on the April 2007 agenda.</p> <p>ii) <u>New Applications</u>: none. There was some concern as to certain local residents' feelings about a new silo that had been erected at Splatt Farm, but it was decided to await a formal complaint before considering any action.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting, other than the invitation to attend one of the meetings being held to discuss the proposed Unitary Authority for Somerset - there were no volunteers to attend.</p>	
9.	<p>None, other than the fact that a planning application that some will regard as controversial is likely to be submitted in relation to Swang Farm. The clerk was asked to keep an eye out for it in case an extra meeting is required.</p>	
11.	<p>Date & time of next meeting: Monday May 14th 2007 at Spaxton Village Hall.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.16pm.</p>	