

# PLEASE NOTE REVISED APRIL MEETING DATE

## Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr V Massey, Mr P Williams & Mr B Porter.	<b>Action</b>
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer.	
iii)	Members of the public present: Mr Roger Phipps	
	<p>Mr R Adcock arrived at 8.02pm.</p> <p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held in which Mr R Phipps was invited to speak about the installation of a toilet facility for disabled people at Aisholt &amp; Merridge Village Hall. He explained that he had not considered applying for a grant, on the basis that this often leads to a loss of independence regarding what and how something is eventually built, and the committee preferred to “go it alone”. Nevertheless, he was asked to make enquiries of Carol Ensor at SDC and to report back to the next meeting, and in the meantime Mr B Porter will take a look at how the work is progressing. The overall cost of the facility is estimated at £1800, and there was some discussion as to whether the Parish Council might, for example, purchase the chinaware and offer it as a donation.</p> <p>Mr R Phipps left the meeting at 8.07pm, and the formal meeting then began.</p>	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr S Stretton, Mr M Stevens, Mr J Edney & Mr D Joslin.	
2.	Declaration of member’s interests: None	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2008 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Allotments – the new allotments have now been fenced, ploughed and allocated. 6 allotment holders have paid their 5-year rent, with 2 still to pay. Mr B Porter wondered whether we could obtain a printed receipt book, and the clerk will look into this.</p> <p>ii) Enforcement matters - a reply had been received from the Enforcement Team confirming that the new gateway at Radlet does require planning permission, which the owners have been requested to submit within 6 weeks. The matter of the caravans at Currypool has yet to be investigated, but the caravan site is about to change hands, so the problem may resolve itself.</p> <p>iii) Affordable housing – the survey to establish a need for affordable housing within Spaxton could be carried out early in 2009 and we have been asked to confirm that we still wish to go ahead. Members were unanimously in favour of pursuing this, and the clerk will advise Felix Marsh accordingly.</p> <p>iv) Allotment water meter – the clerk had received confirmation from Wessex Water that a meter is installed, and Mr B Porter had indeed managed to locate it! It did not look as though it had been read for some considerable time, which begs the question of how the substantial bill received last month was arrived at. The clerk is</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 1525 1445 1615" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1839 1445 1928" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1984 1445 2074" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SF</div>

	<p>to pursue this with Wessex Water – current reading 85 <b>2876</b>.</p> <p>v) Charlynch Lane – Wessex Water have apologized for the heavy traffic using Charlynch Lane, and have issued further instructions to their drivers not to use that route. They request that if we have further problems we advise them of the relevant vehicle registration numbers. The clerk was asked to convey this to Ray Stanlake.</p> <p>vi) Mr V Hughes asked whether the clerk had made further enquiries with regard to the Certificate of Lawfulness at Cannington Cold Stores. The clerk had researched via the website, which revealed that there had apparently been no movement on this application since October 2007, and Mr V Hughes requested most emphatically that the clerk take the matter up with the relevant planning officer.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">SF</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">SF</div>
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – see attachment(s).	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts: Current account £797.31 credit, Capital Reserve account £20680.05 credit.</p> <p>ii) The following payments were agreed: cheque no. 426 for £528.75 in favour of A Vickery in respect of the allotment fencing, and cheque no. 427 for £214.63 in favour of SALC in respect of the 2008/09 affiliation fee. A transfer of £2000 from the Capital Reserve account to the Current account was also agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: None.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: <b>45/08/00002</b> Mr &amp; Mrs L Waring, removal of condition 1 of planning permission 79941/A to allow occupation of the dwelling by a person other than a person employed or last employed full-time locally in agriculture as defined in Section 221 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962, or in forestry, and the dependants of such persons, at Culverwell Stables, Aisholt. Members unanimously felt that the agricultural tie provided the only justification for building this property in the first place, and that nothing had changed to make it any less relevant or desirable today. The clerk was therefore asked to submit the Council's objections to the proposal. <b>45/08/00003</b> Mr &amp; Mrs J Dillon, conversion of loft to living accommodation and erection of porch at The Paddock, High Street, Spaxton – no observations.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">SF</div>
8.	<p>Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting other than:</p> <p>i) The letter from SDC regarding the validation of planning applications was read out to members.</p> <p>ii) Letter re Post Office closures – it seems that Spaxton Post Office is not under threat at the present time.</p> <p>iii) Letter from Messrs. Conder &amp; Granville regarding mud on the road at Bush Lane – this has been a problem for some time, but is particularly bad at present. The clerk was asked to report the matter to Lawrence Hackling.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">SF</div>
9.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: Mr R Adcock had observed that the 2 noticeboards in Aisholt are in a poor state of repair, and wondered if we would consider renewing them. Members felt that this might be a suitable use for the funds usually allocated to the Council by John Edney, and will bear it in mind when the time comes.	
10.	Date & time of next meeting: <b>Monday April 14<sup>th</sup></b> and Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup> , at Spaxton Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.21pm.	