

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday 7th August 2006 at Aisholt & Merridge Village Hall.

		Action
i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr M Stevens, Mr V Hughes, Mr B Porter & Mr S Stretton.	
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer & Mr D Joslin.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr R Adcock, Mr P Williams, Mr J Edney & Mrs L M Cartwright.	
2.	Declaration of Member’s interests: Mr S Stretton declared a personal & prejudicial interest in his own planning application, namely planning application no. 45/06/00016 in the names of Mr & Mrs Stretton. Messrs. Jeanes and Stevens declared personal & prejudicial interests in planning application no. 45/06/00017 in the name of R F Barrow & Son, as near neighbours.	
3.	The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 3 rd July and Thursday 20 th July 2006 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Path alongside Hawkridge reservoir – the grass between the road and the path has now been cut; however, there is still vegetation hanging over the path, and growing between the wall and the path, which is obstructing access, especially for wheelchair users. The clerk was asked to write again.</p> <p>ii) Councillor vacancy – Debbie White has had to decline, due to other commitments. It was decided to now advertise the vacancy in the Community News.</p> <p>iii) Sale of allotment land – the clerk had spoken with Kit Barrington, who said he would chase things up with the other solicitors.</p> <p>iv) Play wall – the Village Hall Committee are still considering the various options.</p> <p>v) Village seat – this is now fully installed, and in use.</p> <p>vi) The clerk and Chairman had each received letters regarding the decision of the Standards Board in respect of Mr M Aveyard, and a summary was read out to members.</p> <p>vii) The clerk had received verbal confirmation from Somerset Highways that the chevron sign at Swang Corner will be re-sited.</p> <p>viii) Affordable housing – Felix Marsh, who is deputizing for the enabling officer due to illness, will attend the September meeting to give members detailed information regarding the way forward.</p>	<div data-bbox="1350 931 1445 1003" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SK</div> <div data-bbox="1350 1077 1445 1149" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">VH</div>
5.	<p>Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate). <u>Footpaths</u> –Circulated at the meeting. <u>QHJAC</u> – Circulated at the meeting. <u>SALC</u> – the AGM will take place at the end of September.</p>	
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts – Current account £2754.84 cr., Capital Reserve account £8189.28 cr.</p> <p>ii) To agree payments as necessary – the following cheques were agreed: no. 395 for £5.00 in favour of Richard Young in respect of the internal audit, and no. 396 for £8.04 in favour of Wessex Water in respect of the allotments.</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning items: Mr D Joslin left the meeting at this point, and did not return. i) <u>Applications decided since last meeting:</u> TPO (no. 15) 2006 ii) <u>New Applications:</u> 45/06/01 Mr S Franks, amended plans for change of use of barn and conversion to dwelling on land at Merridge Hill, Spaxton – no observations. 45/06/16 Mr & Mrs Stretton, conversion of loft, in single storey section, to living accommodation including increasing roof height and installation of dormer windows and roof lights, at Tanyard, Barford Road, Spaxton – Mr S Stretton left the room while this application was discussed, and members voted to support the scheme on the basis that it was visually attractive and did not appear to contravene policy. Mr S Stretton then re-joined the meeting, and Messrs Jeanes and Stevens left the meeting while application no. 45/06/17 for R F Barrow & Son in respect of the change of use of agricultural buildings to equestrian, use of land for agricultural and equestrian use, construction of horse walker, siting of temporary portakabin for ancillary equestrian use and the laying out of gallops on land at Great Knowles Farm, Peartwater Road, Spaxton was discussed. This meant that the meeting was then inquorate and comments could only be made informally. Such comments comprised a wish that footpaths BW 30/4 and 30/8 should not in any way be impeded, and a desire to see additional landscaping & screening around the new development. Messrs Jeanes and Stevens then re-joined the meeting. 45/06/15 Mr & Mrs A Baldwin, erection of single storey extension to East elevation, installation of replacement windows and removal of one chimney at Redstone Barn, Carlinch, Spaxton – unfortunately, the plans were unavailable at the time of the meeting; however, they were discussed fully with the Chairman the following day, and support was given to the application on the basis that it would restore much of the original “feel” to the barn and greatly enhance its appearance.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Correspondence received: Circulated at meeting.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Matters of report & items for the next meeting – the clerk was asked to write to Highways requesting that the white line at the end of Four Forks Lane be repainted, and the words “No Parking” added. A mirror for the use of drivers exiting Four Forks Lane would also be useful.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px; margin: auto;">SK</div>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: Monday September 4th 2006 at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.</p>	