

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday July 30th 2007 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: Mr P Williams, Mr J Edwards, Mr M Stevens, Mr V Hughes, Mr B Porter, Mrs D Richards & Mr R Adcock.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr J Edney.	
1.	In the absence of the Chairtman, the Vice-Chairman – Mr P Williams – took the Chair. Apologies for absence: Mr S Stretton, Mr D Jeanes, Mr K Dyer & Mr D Joslin.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: None	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday July 2 nd 2007 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>1) Allocation of £400 available from Mr J Edney – Mrs D Richards recalled that mention had been made of putting this money towards the installation of cricket nets at the Village Playing Field. She was under the impression that Mr D Jeanes had planned to speak with the Cricket Club to ascertain the likely cost and also whether the Cricket Club would be willing to contribute. During the discussion, other ideas emerged, such as the possible replacement of a couple of windows at the Village Hall, the erection of seating around the proposed skate park, and the purchase of a new Village noticeboard.</p> <p>It was decided that Mrs D Richards would investigate the likely cost of the windows, Mr V Hughes would look at noticeboards, and all members would give the matter some thought with a view to reaching a decision at the September meeting.</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 869 1449 947" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">DJ</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1014 1449 1093" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">DR</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1115 1449 1193" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">VH</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1216 1449 1294" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">ALL</div>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – see attachment. (Mr J Edney left the meeting after these reports were given verbally, at 8.35pm). • Application from the Trail Riders Fellowship to upgrade Restricted Byways BW 15/18 and BW 15/19 to Byways open to all Traffic – deep concern was expressed by members that regular and frequent use of these byways by vehicles would lead to a rapid deterioration, to the point where they would quickly become impassable on foot or horseback. Since they both lie within the AONB, the point of which is to preserve the countryside as a means of enjoying quiet pursuits, it is entirely inappropriate that they should be given over to noisy and destructive vehicular use. In the past the Parish Council has sought, in conjunction with Enmore PC, to have a Traffic Regulation Order imposed, but was persuaded to defer action pending new Government guidelines. Such guidelines did not appear, but the roads were instead made into Restricted Byways by Central Government thus – ironically – creating the opportunity for the Trail Riders Fellowship to submit their current application! It was decided that the clerk would write to County Hall expressing concerns re. noise, protection of wildlife, preservation of the routes themselves, danger to humans and to horses etc, and also stating that the established precedent for this route is of vehicular access by the 	<div data-bbox="1353 2000 1449 2078" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SK</div>

