

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

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

		Action
i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr J Edwards, Mr V Hughes, Mr P Williams, Mr B Porter, Mr S Stretton & Mr V Massey.	
ii)	District Councillors present: None	
iii)	Members of the public present: Mr & Mrs S Millard, Mr & Mrs Watkins, Mr R Tibballs & Mrs C Massey.	
iv)	<p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held and those members of the public present were invited to speak. All had attended to air their views on the planning application lodged by Mrs W Kirkpatrick, and the plans were therefore shown to those Parish Council members who had not yet seen them.</p> <p>Objections to the plans were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the 5 reasons for refusal listed by the planning officer on a previous submission had been addressed. • The applicant continues to mislead with the implication that the access lane forms part of her property, when this is absolutely not the case. • This recent application also includes a detached garage, and the site is deemed too small for the proposed dwelling as it stands, let alone a garage as well. • Construction work is likely to damage the access lane beyond repair. • Permission would establish a dangerous precedent, given that there are undoubtedly numerous similar plots within the village that could then be developed, destroying the nature and beauty of Spaxton. • The development would require the destruction of several trees covered by TPOs. • There was a general fear that if a dwelling were to be allowed on the site, the developer might not necessarily stick to the plans as presented, resulting in further detriment to the surrounding area. <p>Mr K Dyer arrived at 8.16pm.</p> <p>The formal meeting then commenced.</p>	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr M Stevens, Mrs D Richards, Mr J Edney, Mr D Joslin & Mrs L Cartwright. Mr Dyer thanked members on behalf of Mrs Cartwright for the flowers that had been sent to her during her continuing period of ill health. She had also telephoned both the clerk and the chairman personally.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: Mr V Massey declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Mrs Kirkpatrick's planning application as a very close neighbour. Mr D Jeanes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Mr & Mrs N Wills' planning application, also as a close neighbour.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday December 11 th 2006 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Village Hall porch project – Mr P Stokes would be presenting various quotes at the Village Hall committee meeting the following day, so this will be discussed more fully at the February meeting.</p>	

	<p>ii) Mr D Jeanes had spoken with Mr K Bellinger about the possibility of cricket nets, and it was felt that the overhead cables in the area might present a problem. Mr K Bellinger offered to speak with SWEB / Western Power or whoever regarding the possibility of the cables being buried, although it was feared that this would be expensive.</p> <p>iii) Thankful Villages – a reminder had been sent to the clerk regarding the need to reply to the original letter, dated October 2006, and the clerk agreed to pass the reminder on to Roger Phipps.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">SK</div>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: None</p> <p>ii) New Applications: 1/45/06/27 Mrs W M Kirkpatrick, erection of dwelling on land to the NE of The Old Smithy, High Street, Spaxton. Mr V Massey left the room at 8.28pm.</p> <p>A letter from Mr S Millard to the Parish Council was read out by the clerk, outlining neighbours' objections to the development, all of which had been aired at the public session. The Parish Council saw no reason to alter their previous view, namely that the proposal was unwelcome and contrary to policy on various counts. The clerk was asked to write to SDC accordingly. Mr V Massey rejoined the meeting at 8.35pm.</p> <p>1/45/06/26 Mr & Mrs N Wills, erection of detached dwelling with single storey linhay garaging and detached double garage with first floor studio. Mr D Jeanes left the room at 8.48pm and Mr P Williams took the Chair. This development is essentially another construction within a residential garden, and if allowed would set a dangerous precedent. The site lies outside of the village envelope, and development in the open countryside is contrary to policy. It was felt that the proposal was unwelcome, coming so quickly after the granting of permission for an apiary which now, clearly, is going to have to be re-sited in order to make way for this unusually large dwelling and annexe. The impact on the landscape was judged to be detrimental, and the clerk was asked to voice members' objections accordingly. Mr D Jeanes rejoined the meeting at 8.48pm.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">SK</div>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – the QHJAC meeting report was circulated with the January agenda. Please note footpath and SALC reports attached. The next Parish Cluster meeting will be held on January 11th.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts: current account £682.75 cr, capital reserve account £20,286.89 cr.</p> <p>ii) The following payments were agreed: cheque no. 374 for £110.00 in favour of Spaxton Village Hall regarding monthly meetings in 2006, and cheque no. 375 for £130.00 in favour of Gammon's Take regarding the renewal of the domain name, hosting of the website for a further year and monthly updates.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Government White Paper: the letter from the Chief Executive outlining the 3 options for local government in future was read out, although members had already received it on an individual basis. After a brief discussion it was decided that a unitary authority was the least preferred option, and that overall members would like to see an enhanced version of the present 2-tier system. The clerk would respond accordingly.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">SK</div>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Correspondence received - circulated at the meeting other than:</p> <p>i) The response from Jim Fitzpatrick MP regarding the possible closure of some rural Post Offices was passed to Mr V Hughes for action / comment.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">VH</div>

10.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: The clerk was asked to include the Village Hall porch and the cricket nets in the February agenda.	
11.	Date & time of next meetings: Monday February 5 th and Monday March 5 th 2007, both at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.35pm.	