

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

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

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr P Williams, Mr M Stevens, Mrs D Richards, Mr V Hughes, Mr B Porter, Mr S Stretton & Mr V Massey.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr K Dyer & Mr D Joslin.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr J Edney, Mr R Adcock & Mr J Edwards.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: Mr D Jeanes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application no. 45/07/00019 for Mr & Mrs R Jenkins, as a close neighbour.	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday June 4 th 2007 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Affordable housing – the clerk had been in touch with Felix marsh, who had advised that all new projects remain on hold due to a lack of funding.</p> <p>ii) Allotments – Mr B Porter has met with about 6 persons interested in taking on part or whole allotments, and others in the village are being canvassed to assess whether there is yet further interest. The land is rented to Malcolm Williams until November 2007, and upon expiry of his tenancy firm commitments will be sought, with possibly a request for 5 years' rental in advance. The necessary fencing can then be carried out.</p> <p>iii) Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Declarations of Members' Interests – all forms are now in, except those belonging to Mr R Adcock, who will be reminded of the need to produce them at the next meeting.</p>	
5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – due to the absence of Mr J Edwards there were no reports for this meeting. However, a letter had been received from Mrs M Husband regarding Church Path, and the clerk was asked to forward this to the Highways Officer at SCC.	SK
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts- current account ££3509.01 credit, capital reserve account £18952.26 credit.</p> <p>ii) Cheque no. 410 for £71.12 in favour of Sedgemoor District Council in respect of uncontested election costs was confirmed.</p> <p>iii) Allocation of £400 offered by Mr J Edney - members recalled that a possible use for this money had been identified at a previous meeting, but those present could not remember what that was! The matter was therefore deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>iv) Allocation of RLT2 payments totalling £1473 – members recalled that this money had already been earmarked for the skateboard park, and the clerk was therefore asked to forward the paperwork to Ken Edwards in order that he could submit the claim.</p> <p>Mr D Joslin left the meeting at 8.26pm.</p>	SK

7.	<p>Planning items: <u>Applications decided since last meeting</u>: None. However, notice had been received that applications nos. 45/06/00025 (Mr G Harrison) and 45/06/00027 (Mrs W M Kirkpatrick) had gone to appeal.</p> <p>At this point Mr V Massey declared a personal & prejudicial interest as a close neighbour who would be directly affected by the outcome. Members had nothing further to add in respect of Mr Harrison's application, but wished to add further emphasis to their comments in respect of Mrs Kirkpatrick's application. The clerk was asked to write to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating that the site is entirely inappropriate for further development on the basis of restricted space, poor access, the intrusion on neighbours' privacy and fierce local opposition. It needs also to be pointed out that a serious accident occurred at the junction of Peartwater Road and High Street only a few weeks ago. Mr V Massey then returned to the room.</p> <p>ii) <u>New Applications</u>: 45/07/00014 Mrs A Smith, erection of 1st floor rear extension and front porch at 2 Bush Road, Spaxton – no observations. 45/07/00015 Lord & Lady de Bear, formation of pond with landscaping and associated engineering works on OS Field no. 2480, Church Road, Spaxton – members wished to actively support this application, with the proviso that the field retains its agricultural use and character and that it is not sought to bring it into the residential cartilage.</p> <p>45/07/00016 Mr F J Boulton, erection of rear conservatory at Lynton, Charlynch Road, Four Forks, Spaxton – members wished to support this application.</p> <p>45/07/00018 Mr & Mrs M May, conversion of 1st floor store to study & bathroom, including installation of dormer window to replace 2 existing dormer windows – no observations, although members did consider that the proposed new dormer window was inferior in design to the 2 existing ones.</p> <p>Mr D Jeanes left the room at 8.55pm and Mr P Williams took the chair.</p> <p>45/07/00019 Mr & Mrs R A F Jenkins, erection of conservatory to SW elevation at Currypool Cottage, Currypool, Cannington - no observations.</p> <p>Mr D Jeanes returned to the room and resumed the chair at 8.57pm.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">SK</div>
8.	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.	
9.	<p>Matters of report & items for the next meeting: Mr V Hughes explained to members that since the public meeting concerning the proposed bio-fuel scheme at Cannington Cold Stores, he had become aware of new information regarding this type of scheme that might affect members' willingness to support it. He expressed disappointment that members' support had been expressed, in writing, by the clerk before he had had an opportunity to voice his concerns.</p> <p>It was pointed out to Mr Hughes that, unfortunately, he did not attend the previous month's meeting, nor did he alert the Chairman or clerk to the fact that he wished to discuss the matter further, and that the clerk's letter was written in good faith based on the discussions held at the June meeting.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that the formal planning application has yet to be submitted, and that the parish council will have further opportunities to comment when this occurs.</p> <p>Mr B Porter had received a complaint about the state of the cemetery opposite St Margaret's Church, and the clerk was asked to pass these concerns to Mr R Adcock in the hope that he would make appropriate enquiries.</p>	
10.	Date & time of next meeting: Monday July 30 th at Spaxton Village Hall, and Monday September 3 rd at Aisholt Village Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.40pm.	