

Spaxton Parish Council – Meeting MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday June 4th 2007 at Spaxton Village Hall.

i)	Members present: The Chairman – Mr D Jeanes, Mr M Stevens, Mr V Massey & Mr P Williams.	Action
ii)	District Councillors present: Mr J Edney & Mr K Dyer.	
iii)	There were also 5 members of the public present.	
	<p>Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a short public session took place. Mrs Karen de Groot acted as spokesperson for those members of the public present, and requested that consideration be given to their wish to take on an allotment, or portion thereof. Since Mr B Porter could not be present at the meeting, it was difficult to know whether any allotments might be available, or whether acceding to this request would require converting some of the new pasture land back to allotments – which would require significant expense in terms of fencing etc. The Chairman explained that in the past it had been difficult to find tenants for the allotments, despite earnest attempts to do so via Community News, and that eventually the Council had been obliged to seek out other possible uses for the land. Money had therefore been spent on grass seed and fencing in order to produce paddocks for either sheep or ponies, and these paddocks were currently being rented by Malcolm Williams for sheep.</p> <p>Karen explained, however, that several of those requesting allotments were new to the village and were very keen to give the Parish Council a firm commitment to the proper upkeep of an allotment.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was decided that Karen would contact Bruce to see whether any allotments are currently available for rent, and Mr M Stevens will also contact Bruce to look at ways in which new allotments might be created at minimal cost. Mr M Stevens will also contact existing allotment holders to see whether any of them wish to give their allotment up. In the meantime, Karen will also canvas others in the village to see exactly how many people would like an allotment and what commitment to it they are prepared to give.</p> <p>The clerk was also asked to check previous minutes to see how long Malcolm Williams had been given the tenancy of the pasture land for.</p> <p>The item will be discussed again in July.</p>	<div data-bbox="1329 1126 1463 1193" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">KdG</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1227 1455 1294" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">MS</div> <div data-bbox="1353 1373 1455 1440" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SK</div>
1.	Apologies for absence: Mr D Joslin, Mr V Hughes, Mr J Edwards, Mr S Stretton & Mrs D Richards. Mr R Adcock arrived at 8.20pm.	
2.	Declaration of member's interests: None	
3.	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 14 th 2007 were read and approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>i) Declarations of Acceptance of Office – Mr V Massey handed in his completed forms.</p> <p>ii) Affordable Housing – the clerk has yet to re-contact Felix Marsh.</p> <p>iii) Those present who had been unable to attend the public meeting on May 24th regarding Cannington Cold Stores Ltd were informed of the proposals.</p> <p>iv) Allotments – this item had been fully dealt with in the public meeting.</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 1843 1455 1910" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">SK</div>

5.	Footpath: SALC: QHJAC: Parish Cluster Reports (as appropriate) – there were no reports this month, due to the absence on holiday of Mr J Edwards.		
6.	<p>Financial items:</p> <p>i) Statement of Accounts Current Account £3875.30 credit following receipt of the precept, Capital Reserve Account £18867.17 credit.</p> <p>ii) There were no payments to be made.</p> <p>iii) Amenity Grant Scheme – the clerk was asked to submit this in accordance with funds expended during the year.</p> <p>iv) Mr J Edney advised members that he would be able to allocate £400 towards a new project that might benefit the whole community and that otherwise might not be possible. He asked that these funds be claimed by the end of September, and this matter will therefore be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1353 360 1439 427">SK</td> </tr> </table>	SK
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7.	<p>Planning items:</p> <p>i) Applications decided since last meeting: 1/45/07/00007 Mrs B Jones – permission refused. 1/45/07/00009 Lord de Bear – to committee 19/06/07. 1/45/07/00010 Mr & Mrs IJW Kett – permission granted. 1/45/07/00011 Wessex Water – permission granted.</p> <p>ii) New Applications: 1/45/07/00008 Messrs J & T Merchant, erection of agricultural worker's dwelling on land to the west of The Gables, Peartwater Road, Spaxton – no observations. 1/45/07/00012 Mrs C Ling, change of use and conversion of barns to dwelling on land to the west of Merridge Hill, Spaxton – no observations other than that without the creation of a visibility splay access onto the highway is deemed to be dangerous.</p>		
8.	Correspondence received: circulated at the meeting.		
9.	Matters of report & items for the next meeting: None		
10.	Date & time of next meeting: Monday 2 nd July 2007 at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall.		
	The meeting closed at 8.59pm.		