

Spaxton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 1st June 2026 at
at Spaxton Village Hall at 8.00pm

Members present: The Vice Chairman - Richard Bufton, Mike Hodson, Katrina Hinkley, Ian Jeanes, Amy Weir.

Somerset Councillors present: None

Members of the public present: Phil Ham, John Tomlinson, Alison Jarah

Public Session:

Alison Jarah, Treasurer of Spaxton Village Hall, outlined the current financial pressures on the Village Hall and reported that the insurance premium for the children's play area is due for renewal. She noted that the Parish Council has contributed towards this cost in previous years and that the Village Hall Trustees hope this support will continue. An application for financial assistance will be submitted to the Parish Council once the renewal premium has been received.

Alison Jarah left the meeting at 8.11pm

Phil Ham thanked the Parish Council for the article provided for the Spaxton Community News.

John Tomlinson provided an update on the refurbishment of the Parish fingerposts and reported that volunteers hope to complete two further posts this year which will incur casting costs of approximately £2,000. Councillors thanked John and the volunteer team for their work and expressed their support for the ongoing maintenance plans.

The formal meeting commenced at 8.25pm

1. **Apologies for absence:** Martin Brown, Shelly Duggan, Kathryn Frawley, Tim Roe, Joshua Schwieso
2. **Dispensation requests.** None
3. **The minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - Parish Council positions requiring appointment were discussed and the matter will be revisited at the following meeting.
 - An update on parking at Four Forks was provided.
 - Traffic speed in the village was discussed. It was noted that a 30 limit repeater sign is missing from the road near the Four Forks junction. The Clerk will report this to Highways.
 - The threat of Yellow-Legged (Asian) Hornets was discussed and the importance of reporting sightings. Literature to be posted online by the Clerk to raise awareness.
 - New Data Management and Document Retention policies have been drafted for approval. The proposal was put forward by Amy Weir, and seconded by Katrina Hinkley.
 - The Parish Council banking arrangements were discussed. It was proposed that the Clerk investigate if there are suitable alternatives and the comparative costs.

5. Reports:

- **Allotments** - Nothing to report
- **CLT** - The legal process for the transfer of the land is continuing to progress.
- **Flooding sub-group** - Nothing to report
- **Footpaths** - Following up on issues with 30/17 & 30/18
- **Hinkley Point SSG** - Nothing to report
- **LCN** – Nothing to report
- **QHJAC** - Nothing to report

6. Financial items:

a) Statement of accounts as at 5th May 2026:

- Current account £15,442.97 credit
- Capital Reserve account £9510.67 credit

b) The following payments were agreed:

001026	£133.45	Simon Stretton - Clerk retirement gift
001027	£375.35	H Schwieso - Laptop and software reimbursement
001028	£60.00	SALC - Clerk Training
001029	£300.00	Zurich - Parish insurance policy

7. Planning items:.

Applications decided since the last meeting as per the published agenda.

New applications: none at the time of writing

8. Correspondence received:

- Spring COVID-19 vaccination programme - Clerk to distribute online

9. Matters of report and items for the next meeting.

A report was received regarding Byway 15/18 by Parish Land Lane which was closed due to flash floods in September 2023. Clerk to investigate.

10. Date & time of next meeting: Monday 6th July at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm