Spaxton Parish Council

**Minutes of meeting held on**

**Monday 5th December 2022 at 7.30pm at**

**Spaxton Village Hall**

**Members present:** The Chairman – Simon Stretton, David Jeanes, Mike Hodson, Shelly Duggan, Josh Schwieso, Alan Cable, Pete Williams and Robert Adcock.

**County & District Councillors present:** none.

**Members of the public present:** John Tomlinson and Gillian Wintle.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held in which:

* Gillian Wintle introduced herself as a candidate for co-ooption to the Parish Council vacancy.
* John Tomlinson offered a brief fingerpost project update.

The formal meeting commenced at 7.39pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B Bolt, M Caswell, J Pay, and Martin Brown.
2. **Dispensation requests:** none.
3. **The minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 were agreed and signed, with one small amendment.
4. **Matters arising:**

* Hawkridge Reservoir – the sub-group tasked with forming a Friends of Hawkridge Reservoir Group was not yet in place, although Alan Cable had made contact with both Phil Timings at Wessex Water and John Conder.
* Disabled parking bay in Barford Road – Martin Brown will continue to work on this upon his return from leave.
* Second dog waste bin – agreed by Clean Surroundings, although installation will not be until after Christmas now.
* Dirty road signs - a list of signage in the Parish has not yet been forthcoming from County Highways.
* Parish Council vacancy – members voted unanimously to co-opt Gillian Wintle.
* Strimming – our volunteer is clearly finding it difficult to commit time to strimming on the Parish Council’s behalf, and it was decided to request that she returns the equipment to Shelly Duggan, and to seek a new volunteer.
* Shelly Duggan has decorated a Christmas tree at St Margaret’s Church on the Parish Council’s behalf.
* Robert Adcock observed that the salt bins in Aisholt had not been replenished nor had the existing contents been loosened to make them usable.

1. **Reports:**

* Allotments – 2 allotment holders have surrendered their holdings. One other has been unkempt all year and the Chairman/Vice Chairman will investigate.
* Footpaths – there is an overhanging tree on BW30-8.
* CLT -the CLT is seeking representation on its Board from an allotment holder.
* Emergency planning – Nothing to report. In future this agenda item will be known as ‘Warm Spaces’ in line with the country-wide initiative.

1. **Financial items:**
2. Statement of accounts – current account £24073.11 credit, business reserve £9146.21 credit.
3. The following cheques were confirmed:

886 05.12.2022 £178.20 A Jarah, reimburse Christmas tree lights

887 05.12.22 £80.00 S Felstead, reimburse Church Christmas tree decorations

888 05.12.22 £744.30 Spaxton Village Hall, room hire + broadband

889 05.12.22 £95.00 Gammon’s Take, wesite hosting fee

890 05.12.22 £684.00 J Tomlinson, fingerpost expenses.

The Clerk had made tentative enquiries as to whether it might be possible to use electronic banking on a two-signature basis, and was told that both the Co-Op Bank and Unity Trust offer this facility. She will explore further and report back to the annuary meeting.

1. **Planning items:**

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

**New applications**:

**45/22/00031** Spaxton Parish Council, erection of pavillion extension to the North West elevation and stop ball net along the West boundary, also the siting of storage container, at Spaxton Village Hall, High street, Spaxton – since the Parish Council is the applicant, there was no need to discuss this further.

**45/22/00033** Mr & Mrs Skeates, erection of a single storey extension to NE elevation, on site of existing (to be demolished), at Four Forks House, Charlynch Lane, Four Forks, Spaxton – no observations.

**45/22/00034** Mr & Mrs Foster, erection of single storey extension and first floor extension to the East elevation. Demolition of porch to the North elevation, at 109 Swang Farm Cottages, Currypool, Cannington – no observations.

**45/22/00035** Mr & Mrs Burdett, erection of first floor extension to the SE elevation, at Hillview, Four Forks, High Street, Spaxton – no observations.

**45/22/00036** Mr Furfaro, erection of a single storey extension to the NE elevation, at 7 Peartwater Road, Spaxton – no observations.

1. **Correspondence received:**  none.
2. **Matters of report** **and items for the next meeting**: it was remarked that a disproportionate number of accidents are occurring opposite Swang Farm, where the road dips at the kerbside edge. The Clerk was asked to speak to Highways.
3. **Date & time of next meeting:** Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Spaxton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.