Spaxton Parish Council

**Minutes of meeting held on**

**Monday 9 May 2022 at 8.06pm at**

**Spaxton Village Hall**

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

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

**Members of the public present:** Di Wilson, Carol Harmon.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, a public session was held, in which the Chairman formally thanked Di and Carol for the work they carried out on behalf of the Parish Council, particularly with reference to the allotments and Parish footpaths and presented them each with a token gift.

There being no other public business, the formal meeting commenced at 8.06pm, at which point Di and Carol left the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Martin Brown,Cllr J Pay, Cllr B Bolt and Cllr M Caswell.
2. **Dispensation requests:** none.
3. **The minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**

* Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by David Jeanes and Alan Cable.
* Hedgecutting – there has not been any progress, and Village and road safety signage is now completely obscured. If discussions cannot bring about a satisfactory conclusion, the matter will be reported to Highways.
* SID device for Spaxton – the device has been delivered and will be installed shortly.
* Dog waste bins – now installed. There is a set schedule for emptying, which will be put in place until the level of usage is determined.
* A plaque commemorating the ‘Queen’s Green Canopy’ has been purchased for installation adjacent to the new trees at the Village Hall as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

1. **Reports:**

* Allotments – EDF have requested the Parish Council’s permission to install new poles at the allotment site, which members voted unanimously to give.
* Footpaths – the damaged footpath sign at The Gallops has been reported to Highways. The bridleway leading from Crossmoor Hill to Gothelney is very overgrown, but this is possibly within Durleigh Parish. The Clerk was asked to alert the Clerk for Durleigh. The footpath at Halsey Cross has not been attended to as promised by the landowners in April so Shelly Duggan will investigate and report back to the July meeting.
* There were no other reports.

1. **Financial items:**
2. Statement of accounts – current account £28407.76 credit, business reserve £9140.81 credit.
3. The following cheques were confirmed:

860 06.06.22 £36.00 CPRE subscription renewal

861 06.06.22 £2640.00 Elan City, purchase of speed indicator device.

1. Alison Bond has very kindly volunteered to assist with the upkeep of the verge areas at the entrance to the Village and has made an impressive start. Funds have been requested to purchase plant and a planter to create additional impact and it was unanimously agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman to agree expenditure up to £500 for this purpose.
2. Given the level of funds being held by the Parish Council, it was felt that members could embark upon some sort of project that would benefit the entire community. An electric vehicle charging point was suggested, which will be put to the Village Hall Committee at the next meeting. Other ideas were requested.
3. **Community Land Trust** – The public meeting is scheduled for 25 June at which the architect will present initial ideas for community feedback.
4. **Parish Council vacancy** – no one has yet come forward to volunteer to fill this vacancy, which will now be advertised**.**
5. **Planning items:**

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

**New applications**: there were no new applications requiring comment.

1. **Correspondence received:**  John Conder had written to the Clerk expressing dismay at the state of the car park and surrounding areas at Hawkridge Reservoir, and offering to negotiate with Wessex Water as to remediation possibilities – including that of volunteering to do some of the work himself. Members felt this was a valid point and a generous offer, and the Clerk was asked to thank John and request that he proceed.
2. **Matters of report** and items for the next meeting:

* Robert Adcock proposed that a letter of thanks be written to the Village Hall committee thanking them for their sterling efforts in organizing the Jubilee celebrations. The Clerk was asked to write to Glyn Richards accordingly.

1. **Date & time of next meeting:** Monday 4 July 2022 at 8pm at Spaxton Village Hall. Robert Adcock offered his apologies in advance.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.