

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 2nd June 2025 in the Village Hall.

Cllrs present: S Dunhill (Chair), K Bew, S Woodford, S Hall, E Calnan, M Cheesley, R Rutherford, B Cooper (DC)

Members of the Public: 4

Agenda

25/68. To Receive Apologies: None

25/69. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/70. Ward Councillor Report: No report.

25/71. Update from the Traffic Working Party: No report although the data collection for the 20mph proposal is ongoing.

25/72. Open Forum: Ongoing issues regarding the building work adjacent to the School.

The dropped kerb by the School playground has still not been raised. Clerk to chase Highways.

Cllr Rutherford has indicated that the Old Parlour (formerly the Shack) will be opened shortly as a coffee shop and bar. Date to be confirmed.

Cllr Hall raised the subject of the speeding motorcyclist seen regularly doing “wheelies”. The Police have been advised but declined to assist. Clerk to contact the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Woodford advised that some preparatory work needs to be carried out in the Committee Room prior to the drylining.

Items for Decision:

25/73. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 12th May 2025 were agreed and signed by

Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Woodford.

Signed *S Dunhill*

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25/74. Approve and sign 2024/25 Receipts and Payments Summary: The clerk displayed the revised summary and explained the differences between the two years' figures. Approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Bew.

25/75. Review results of Resident's survey: The summary of the results of the survey was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The summary will be published on the website and distributed to residents by leaflet drop. A working document of Parish Council recommendations was discussed as follows:

1. Village shop feasibility – Cllr Dunhill to progress.
2. Community Transport Support – Cllr Calnan to discuss the ongoing use of the Community WhatsApp group with the administrator.
3. Play Area Access – Cllr Cheesley to discuss with the Headteacher.
4. Increasing Use of The Mead – Cllr Cheesley to discuss with Headteacher regarding nature visits etc.
5. Encouraging participation in Informal Groups – consider more advertising.
6. Trailway Access Improvements – considered adequate at present.
7. Traffic Mitigation Measures – Regular requests to be made regarding hedge trimming and inconsiderate parking.
8. Speedwatch Programme – clerk to send out further request for a coordinator. If no response is received then this will be abandoned.
9. Website Modernisation – clerk to contact Phil Bew to review website and content.

25/76. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:

A copy of the accounting statements for May were displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

25/77. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Domain Name – it is now www.spetisburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Audit – papers are now with the external auditor. The clerk has approached a new internal auditor and has a further meeting booked.

Rights of Way Officer – meeting still to be held.

Old Priory Flat – tenant has given notice. To be marketed by Dorset Property.

Village Hall Garden – someone has been dumping grass cuttings over the wall.

25/78. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Signed

S Dunhill

Dated

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