

Draft Summary of Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.45pm on 14th July 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: 2

Agenda

25/79. To Receive Apologies: None

25/80. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/81. Ward Councillor Report: Cllr Cooper advised that the new Recycling Centre booking system is being introduced to prevent non-residents from using the facilities and also to avoid queues building up in peak times. It will not apply to Blandford at present.

The Dorset Local Plan will be available for consultation from 18th August until 13th October.

The continued use of the Blandford Day Care Centre is at consultation stage. Extended out of hours use by outside organisations is being considered.

25/82. Open Forum: Mr Kerlogue and Cllr Woodford are to meet to discuss the committee room repairs.

The dropped kerb by the School playground has still not been raised. Cllr Cooper will speak to Highways.

There are ongoing issues with overflowing bins, particularly at Layton Bridge. To be discussed at the September meeting.

Cllr Woodford proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Rutherford and others regarding the reopening of the Old Parlour as a hub for the village.

Items for Decision:

25/83. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 2nd June 2025 were agreed and signed by

Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Hall, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

25/84. Consider appointment of Karen Mann, Rosemary Bookkeeping as Internal Auditor: The clerk had held further meetings with Ms Mann and requested that her appointment is ratified. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Rutherford, seconded Cllr Woodford.

25/85. Consider purchase of Scribe Accounting software.: The clerk has carried out some additional research into this online accounting system. It will save a good amount of time and will be able to produce immediate summaries etc. A free trial will be undertaken and it is anticipated that the cost will be £24 per month. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Calnan, seconded Cllr Bew.

25/86. Old Priory Flat – consider options re internal improvements and marketing: The Letting Agents have advised that they have 3 suitable tenants. It was agreed that they are dealt with on a first come first served basis. There are some internal issues which will be dealt with by the agents re cleaning etc. Quotes have been received for upgrading the insulation and there will be some decorating to be carried out. Further quotes are awaited for the blown windows. Proposed Cllr Woodford, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

25/87. Residents' survey update: The results will be delivered to every household shortly. The ongoing updates will be discussed at the September meeting.

25/88. To Approve Financial Statement and list of payments and sign the same:

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

25/89. Correspondence and Clerk's report: A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Rights of Way Officer – meeting still to be held.

Martyn's Law – This anti-terrorism legislation applies to events with more than 200 attendees. However, vigilance is still required.

Village Hall Gas Supply – contract confirmed to 10th September 2025.

Planning Application P/NMA/2025/03920 North Farm Solar – advice of non-material amendment re internal changes received for information only.

The clerk attended a GDPR webinar and a Local Plan seminar.

25/90. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.