

SPETISBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Spetisbury Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 1st September 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

25/91. To Receive Apologies: None

25/92. Declaration of Interest and Grant of Dispensation: None.

25/93. Ward Councillor Report: Cllr Cooper advised that the new Dorset Local Plan does not have a direct impact on Spetisbury. However, infrastructure and renewable energy plans will have an effect.

He has not yet received a reply from Highways re raising of the kerb at the School.

25/94. Open Forum: Mr Moss raised the issue of the safety fencing around the field next to the Church.

Cllr Hall has received a complaint regarding a potential breach of planning conditions at Gowan Cottage. Clerk has emailed the Planning Authority.

A letter has been received from Mr Lauder regarding the signs at Home Plantation, Clerk to contact Dorset Rangers.

Mrs Henderson asked about progress with traffic matters at the School. Chairman to speak to Mr Rayner.

Items for Decision:

25/95. Minutes of the Meeting Monday 14th July 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Woodford.

25/96. Consider funding dog poo signs for water meadows: The clerk has received designs for some metal signs to go at the entrances to the meadows. Total cost is £114.37. Agreed to fund these. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Calnan.

25/97. Overflowing waste bins – discuss options: No longer an issue. No action.

25/98. Residents' survey updates: A meeting was held at The Mead recently and ongoing discussions are taking place re increasing usage etc.

The possibility of a milk machine at the Old Parlour is being investigated.

Signed

S Woodford

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25/99. Discuss response to Parish Council Survey on Local Government

Reorganisation and Dorset Local Plan: The clerk is to prepare a response to the Local Government Reorganisation survey and circulate to councillors prior to responding. Local residents are to be reminded to take part in the Local Plan consultation including the renewable energy plans.

25/100. National Pay Award:

The clerk's salary will be increased in line with the award.

25/101. Voluntary Registration of Village Hall Deeds:

The deeds to the Village Hall are currently unregistered and this can cause issues re storage etc. The clerk has investigated legal costs and these are around £1200 +VAT in addition to the HMLR fees. It was proposed that the clerk deals with this in house. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Calnan.

25/102. The Lodge Rent Review:

The Letting Agents advised that the rent review is due and, following discussion, the Council voted to increase the rent by 2.94% to £875pcm. Proposed Cllr Cheesley, seconded Cllr Woodford.

25/103. Scribe Accounting Software – discuss use and pricing:

The clerk reported on his video meeting with Scribe and relayed the advantages of using this system. Costs are £199 set up and £24 + VAT each month. Agreed. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Calnan.

25/104. To Approve Financial Statements for July and August and list of payments and sign the same:

A copy of the accounting statement for July was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Rutherford.

A copy of the accounting statement for August was displayed to Councillors and signed by Cllr Dunhill. Proposed Cllr Bew, seconded Cllr Cheesley.

25/105. Correspondence and Clerk's report:

A list of circulated emails was displayed.

Renter's Rights Bill comes before Parliament on 8th September.

Old Priory Flat – remedial work still being completed.

North Farm Solar community benefit contribution – agreement forms signed.

25/106. To confirm date of next Meeting as Monday 6th October 2025 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed

S Woodford

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